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President Baldus Of C. P. A. Praises Spirit Of Members

Savannah, Ga., May 28.—President Simon A. Baldus, president of the Catholic Press Association in his address to its seventeenth annual convention here, praised the cooperative spirit which the Association had begotten among its members...

"The opening of the seventeenth annual convention, marks the passing of sixteen important years in Catholic journalism. They were the pioneer years, the formative years, the years of development, during which our solicitous and natural question was: 'What can the Catholic Press Association do for us?'"

"For one thing, it has created among us a better spirit and feeling toward each other. One need not go far back into the files of some of our Catholic papers to find that there was a time when Catholic editors habitually thundered against each other, finding fault with each other, quarrelling, hypercriticism, vituperation and condemnation in blustering and sulphurous terms was, it seems, our favorite editorial indoor sport."

"There has also been a marked improvement in the character and variety of the news now appearing in our Catholic papers. A dozen years ago there was no central news gathering and distributing agency to which the Catholic editors could turn. And so it frequently happened that what was printed as news in the east on January 1, would slowly find its way westward, reaching the Pacific Coast by about July 4; and, perhaps, several months later be printed a second time as news, in the paper that originally published it."

"In other directions, too, much progress has been made. During the past few years great efforts and measurable strides have been made in an earnest endeavor to eliminate crooked subscription agents and to correct abuses of various kinds through the instrumentality of the Catholic Press Association."

"As regards advertising a good beginning has been made. The campaign inaugurated by the Association several years ago, to bring the force of the collective Catholic press and its value as an advertising medium, while emphasizing the purchasing power of Catholics, to the attention of national advertisers, is beginning to show results. I recommend that our efforts along these lines be continued and amplified."

"I am touching only the high spots; I haven't the time to tell the whole story as I see it. Suffice it to say that our annual conventions have been milestones of progress for the Catholic press generally."

300 Leper Patients Of Nuns Man Levee To Save Their Home

Carville, La., May.—With the raging Mississippi flood tearing at the levee only a few hundred yards from their homes, every able-bodied person among the 340 lepers being nursed here by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at the United States Leper Home has been working day and night on the protecting walls.

Meantime, while their patients ply shovels and carry sandbags, the Sisters, only 14 in number, are performing the work of heroines. In addition to caring for the bedridden patients in their hospital and ministering to the other sufferers, they have been spending long hours lending what aid and providing what comforts they could to the workers on the levees.

Staunchness of Sisters. So imminent has the danger been that the United States Public Health Service has rushed a large river boat to the vicinity of the home and it now lies anchored nearby, ready to take all the members of the colony aboard if the need should arise.

As the waters have risen steadily toward the top of the levees, the strange spectacle of the leper workers laboring to protect themselves and their nurses has become more impressive. One corps carries sandbags to the top of the walls, another shovels dirt into the waters, that it may be dashed against the levee and staunch small teams; still another carries and places planks to bolster up the defenses. Three miles of this planking have already been placed.

It is now believed that the colony probably will escape without having to be moved. However, when the danger was greatest the fourteen nuns who have consecrated their lives to ministering to the sufferers with the dread disease never once thought of deserting their posts. They only redoubled their labors.

Nuns' Record of Service. There is in fact, nothing new in the sacrifice and heroic devotion to duty of the Sisters at Carville. They already knew what hardship was when they first took over the Leper Home in 1894, a few years after its foundation. A little party of four, they were shown to a snake-infested, dilapidated and deserted old structure as their home. So ill-covered was it that the furniture had to be moved from place to place to avoid the rain which splashed through alternate apertures, according to the direction of the wind. When the first head of the little band Sister Bartolomee, lay during it was necessary to move her bed repeatedly to keep it dry.

For eight years the Sisters worked under these or slightly better conditions, but their coming was the salvation of the home and their patients, the lepers, were abjectly and tearfully grateful for their coming and their gentle ministry.

Big Medical Center At Georgetown U. Hope Of President

Washington, May 28.—Georgetown University hopes to begin the construction of a new medical center in the near future, the Rev. Charles W. Lyons, S. J., president of the university, declared in an address at a medical school alumni dinner held recently. The addition to the Georgetown University Hospital, which will increase that institution to a capacity of 450 beds and establish it as one of the largest institutions of its kind in the Capital, will be ready this fall and it would be well if the construction of the new medical center could start then, Father Lyons said.

Bishop Of Clifton Honored By Pope

London, May 26.—Completing 26 years in the episcopate, Bishop Burton of Clifton has been named by the Holy Father an Assistant at the Pontifical Throne. Now in his seventy-sixth year, Bishop Burton is one of the finest pulpits and platform orators in the country, and enjoys a European reputation as a Latinist. He is also a distinguished theologian and canonist.

Four Doctors Parties to Marriage

London, May 27.—Four doctors were directly concerned in a marriage at St. Peter's Church, Cardiff. The bridegroom was Dr. R. Allen Fitzsimons and the bride Dr. Patricia McKelvey. Dr. McKelvey gave his daughter away, and Dr. J. Fitzsimons, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

Editor Of 'Southern Cross' Dead at 61

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Tributes to Gerald D. Foley, for many years editor of The Southern Cross, well known organ of the Irish people in Argentina, who died in the British Hospital in Buenos Aires recently, have just been received here. Mr. Foley enjoyed the respect, confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Born in Ireland in 1866, he went to Argentina when he had barely attained his manhood. About 1892 he took up teaching as his profession, and he was engaged in that capacity for some years in St. Patrick's College in Mercedes.

Cardinal Mundelein To Visit Campion

Prairie du Chien, Wis., May 28.—Cardinal Mundelein, one of whose nephews, Arthur George Eppig of Long Island, N. Y., is to graduate from Campion Preparatory School here, will attend the commencement exercises at the institution June 6. The students are planning a special ceremony of reception to Cardinal Mundelein on his arrival. The R. O. C. unit under the command of Capt. Bernard F. Hurlless, U. S. Inf., will escort His Eminence from the station. The Rt. Rev. Alexander J. McGavick, Bishop of La Crosse, and a large number of the diocesan clergy, many of whom are alumni of Campion, will also be present at the closing exercises.

New Anti-Catholic Organization Active

Salt Lake City, May 28.—The activities of a new organization in the campaign of religious bigotry and intolerance against the Catholic Church in this country are revealed in a confidential bulletin lately sent broadcast by the International Protestant Foundation, Inc., with headquarters in New York City. Through the courtesy of a fair-minded resident of Salt Lake City the International Catholic, official publication of the Diocese of Salt Lake, has come into possession of a copy of this bulletin, which has been published in that paper. The bulletin teems with the old falsehoods about the political activities of Catholics. The recent letter of Charles C. Marshall to Governor Smith of New York is made the text of a long diatribe at the hierarchy.

Ajaccio's New Bishop Was World War Hero

Paris, May 28.—Mgr. Rodie, whom the Pope has just named Bishop of Ajaccio, is a former officer of the French Republic. After studies with the Benedictines, Jean Rodie entered the Polytechnical School where artillery officers and engineers are trained for the great services of the Republic. He came out an officer of colonial artillery and served several years in Indo-China. While there he resolved to enter holy orders. On his return to France he was received at the Seminary of Saint Sulpice and was ordained a priest in 1910.

He fought in the War of 1914 as a captain of artillery and was cited four times for his brilliant conduct. One of these citations reads: "He has always given proof of the greatest bravery and of an absolute contempt for danger. On September 25, 1915, perceiving that a violent counter-attack was being made by the enemy, he rushed upon them with a few followers, a company made up of fragments of infantry who had lost their chiefs, and carried on the battle with them. It was largely through his instrumentality that the advances of the enemy were stopped." Another mentions: "Always ready to go to the most dangerous places to control the execution of the plans of the artillery and to ascertain the needs of the infantry, even beyond the first lines."

After the war, the able Rodie became director of the little seminary of Hyeres. He devotes himself largely to theology and history, but he has not been neglecting the sciences, since recently he gave a lecture to the officers of the Toulon garrison on the Einstein theories.

Irish Prelates Go On Palestine Tour

Dublin, May 26.—The Most Rev. Dr. Gilmarin, Archbishop of Tuam, and the Most Rev. Dr. Naughton, Bishop of Killala, have left Dublin on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They are accompanied by a party of about twenty Irish clergy and by an equal number of laity. On their return journey the party will visit Alexandria, Cairo, Naples, and Rome, where they will make a considerable stay.

Irish Going to Lourdes

Dublin, May 26.—A pilgrimage of Irish speakers to Lourdes has been arranged for August. No figures are yet to hand as to the number likely to take part. From the welcome accorded to the idea of such a pilgrimage by the Irish Press, it is evident that Irish-speaking pilgrims will make the journey in large numbers.

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Church Insurance Concern In Free State Shows Gain (By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, May 26.—The Irish Catholic Church Insurance Company has just closed its most successful year's business since its foundation twenty-five years ago. Thomas Sexton, president of the company, announces that its income for the year was \$80,000, an increase of approximately \$10,000 over that of the previous financial year. While the income rose, the expenditure of the company decreased by one per cent. This enables the directors of the company to place large sums to reserves.

Irish Singer Buried On Day He Had Set For His Marriage (By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, May 26.—On the day fixed for his wedding, Jerome Murphy, one of the best-known Irish singers in London, was buried at Kensal Green cemetery. Mr. Murphy was 52. For many years he was choirmaster at the famous "Actors' Church" in Maiden Lane, and was a close friend of John McCormack.

Campaign to Make Washington K. of C. Headquarters Begun (By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., May 28.—An intensive campaign for the removal of the national headquarters of the Knights of Columbus from New Haven, Conn., to this city, was inaugurated here May 18th by the District of Columbia Chapter of the order. The state council of the District, meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall, adopted a resolution urging the change.

Literature presenting the advantages of Washington as the seat of the order's government has been prepared and will be distributed among Knights throughout the country. A letter from Archbishop Curley, who favors the removal, is included in the appeal.

A resolution inviting the supreme council of the order to hold its 123rd convention in the nation's capital also was adopted at the meeting. Charles W. Darr, Washington attorney, who has been active in the campaign to bring the headquarters here, was re-elected state deputy and chosen one of the delegates to the national convention at Portland, Ore., in August. Mr. Darr was authorized to present to the convention the proposal of the District of Columbia Knights to establish the order's supreme offices in Washington. Other officers elected were: J. Leo Kolb, secretary; John B. McGinty, treasurer; W. Mulligan, warden, and the Rev. Francis X. Cavanagh, chaplain. Delegates elected to the national convention, besides Mr. Darr, are James A. Sullivan and Thomas J. Fitzgerald.

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