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## Congress Of Celts Held In Brittany Draws Many Irish

By Joseph J. Mooney  
(Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, Aug. 29.—The Faith is the chief bond between the Celts of Ireland and of Brittany," declared Miss Agnes O'Farrell of Dublin at the Pan-Celtic Congress held at Risc-sur-Ballon in Brittany, France.

This statement was made by Miss O'Farrell to the assembly round the Druidical Circle, where the Breton bards gathered to commemorate the memory of the great names of Breton literature, and to honor the rising poets and writers of the present day.

The ceremony was picturesque. Representative Celts from Ireland, Scotland and Wales gathered to meet the leaders of the modern Breton Renaissance. The Druidical robes of the Welsh and Breton bards, and the kilts of the members of the Scottish delegation, made a striking picture in the Druidical Circle.

The three blasts of the horn blown by the chief Breton Druid, followed by the presentation of a huge sword, half unsheathed, with the question put to the multitude: "Is it Peace or is it War?"—made a spectacle that the assembled Celts will not easily forget.

Irish Celts represented by Catholics. The Celts of Ireland were represented by a delegation of forty, all of whom are Catholics. Among them were Father Malachy Conlon of Dunston-upon-Tyne, England. Father Conlon, who is a native of the north of Ireland, has a distinguished record as a revivalist of Irish language, literature and music. Another member of the delegation was Patrick Fleming, who addressed 200 public meetings in the United States in 1920, when he was a refugee from the British forces in Ireland.

Professor Liam O'Brian of Galway University addressed 2,000 people assembled at a banquet in the city built hall, where they were the guests of Brittany. Loud speakers conveyed Professor O'Brian's words to every part of the building. He pointed out that the activities of Brittany in the revival of her literature, arts and commerce, are a valuable inspiration and comparison for the revivalists of things Irish in Ireland.

The Consortium Breton, headed by the Viscount de Seisy, is a society which unites all organizations devoted to the study and revival of all things Celtic in Brittany, whether pertaining to industry or arts. The various national delegations were the guests of the Consortium during the four days of the Congress.

Impressed By Breton Pity. Mass was celebrated during the Congress at the porch of a new chapel, built on high rocks near the Druids' Circle. The preacher, the Rev. C. le Treut, Rector of Placogney, referred to the pity of Ireland, and in particular to O'Connell's labors for Emancipation, as a good example for Catholics of every part of the world.

The Irish delegates were edified by the Calvaries, and by the simple granite crosses, standing along every part of the 200 miles of road, traversed by the delegation on their way to the Congress. Returning to Saint Malo, the delegates were delighted to find fresh evergreens and flowers laid before statues of the Blessed Virgin in the little Breton towns. In the beautiful village of Saint Meen, the Irish visitors perceived a procession of the Blessed Virgin advancing to the Parish Church for Benediction. They stopped their cars, descended, and joined with the surprise school children, nuns, and socialists, in the singing of the Lourdes Hymn.

The delegation then proceeded on their journey, deeply moved, and feeling that in the Pan-Celtic Renaissance, the words of Miss Agnes O'Farrell to the Congress bear the truth, that the Faith is the deepest tie between two of the Celtic peoples.

**Pagan Literature In Ireland Decried**  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Dublin, Aug. 29.—The Very Rev. Canon Crowe, addressing the Catholic Truth Society of Athlone, declared that about \$5,000,000 were spent annually in Ireland on imported literature which was mostly pagan and immoral. The influence of this, he continued would make a large percentage of the people rogues, liars and rascals.

## CURED BY FAITH, BOSTON LAWYER TO BE PRIEST

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 31.—In order to enter the priesthood because of his belief that a miracle saved his life during a recent illness, Robert J. White, Assistant District Attorney of Middlesex County, has resigned from that office, according to an announcement made yesterday by Robert T. Bushnell, District Attorney. Mr. White, whose home is in Watertown, plans to begin immediately his studies at the Catholic University in Washington.

Mr. White, who is now 34 years of age, left the Harvard Law School to enter the service in the World War. Injuries received in the service made necessary a serious operation a year ago. He failed to rally after the operation and for some time his life was despaired of. His cure is attributed entirely to prayer.

Mr. White expressed the firm conviction that a miracle brought about his recovery, and said he hoped to show his gratitude by a life of self-sacrifice in the priesthood. The recent death of his mother strengthened his purpose.

After the war, Mr. White was Chairman of the Massachusetts War Veterans and active in American Legion circles. In addition to retiring from the office of Assistant District Attorney, effective September 15, he has resigned as Legislative Counsel for the Legion and as an officer of many other war veteran and civil organizations.

In accepting his resignation, District Attorney Bushnell wrote Mr. White:

"I consider you one of the best men who has ever served the public of Massachusetts in this capacity. I can only say that any regret upon your leaving is tempered by the realization of the infinite good that can be accomplished by such men as you in the holy calling which you enter."

## BIG LOAN AUTHORIZED TO BUILD SEMINARIES IN MISSION LANDS

Rome, Sept. 1.—With the approval of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, the Central Council of the Pontifical Association of Saint Peter the Apostle at Rome has recently decided to contract a loan of at least three million francs to be used for the building of seminaries for the training of native subjects.

The Association of Saint Peter the Apostle has been able to supply a number of bursars for the support of native seminarians, but funds have not permitted the construction of the seminaries required. The loan has been decided upon in view of the urgent necessities of the Catholic apostolate. The seminaries aided by this loan will be those sanctioned by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda and the construction projects of which will have met with the approval of the Association of Saint Peter the Apostle.

A considerable portion of the loan has already been raised in Holland. The Association hopes to refund the entire sum within the space of twenty-two years. For this, it is trusting almost entirely to the generosity of the faithful. A number of European countries, notably France, Belgium and Holland, have shown marked zeal in their support of this Pontifical Association.

Within the last few months, the Association has made grants towards the construction of no less than forty-nine seminaries for the native clergy in mission countries. Sixteen of these seminaries are located in China. The Association announces that there are many other seminaries which must still be subsidized.

## Cleveland Hospital Direction Changed

Cleveland, O., Aug. 30.—Transfer of the management and care of St. Joseph's hospital at Lorain, from the Franciscan Sisters to the Sisters of the Humility of Mary will take place within a few days.

The change follows the recall of the Franciscan nuns to the Toledo diocese whence they came 25 years ago to manage the hospital. The institution is Lorain's only hospital and holds a high place in the affections of the residents of the city and nearby territory.

St. Joseph's was put to its greatest test in the emergency created by the tornado which swept over Lorain several years ago when scores were killed and several hundred injured and much material damage done. Day and night for several weeks the hospital was filled with the injured and the Sisters and their helpers established a record for efficiency and humane work that called forth unanimous praise from the entire community.

## Gives \$25,000 To His Parish

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Aug. 29.—Dr. J. Walsh Benson, K. C. S. G., who is identified with many Catholic works in the midlands, has just donated \$25,000 to his parish, St. Joseph's, Middleborough—a unusually large individual gift here during the lifetime of the donor. Half this sum was for the purchase of a site for a rectory, and half was for the fund for building a new school for the parish.

Born in Limerick, Ireland, Dr. Walsh Benson studied in his native country. He has lived in Middleborough for many years. When he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, he was the first Catholic magistrate ever appointed in Middleborough.

## Fr. Trollope, Formerly Noted English Actor, Joins Redemptorists

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Aug. 29.—Fr. George Trollope, formerly a noted actor on the English stage, entered the Redemptorist Congregation this week, after seventeen years in the secular priesthood.

He comes of the family of Anthony Trollope, the Victorian novelist and essayist.

Fr. Trollope was born of Protestant parents 18 years ago and became a Catholic in his youth. After leaving school he joined Ben Greet's famous company and played Shakespeare and other roles. He left the stage to study for the priesthood.

Ordained by the late Bishop Brindley, the Army Bishop who was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order, he worked on the mission for some time before being appointed in 1916 administrator of Nottingham Cathedral.

He maintained his interest in the theatrical profession and was one of the most active chaplains of the Catholic Stage Guild.

Fr. Trollope's reception into the Redemptorist Congregation took place at Perth, Scotland.

## Original Murillo And Van Dyck Are Discovered in Peru

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Lima, Aug. 8.—An event of international importance to the artistic world has just occurred in the Peruvian capital, where a magnificent Murillo original and two Van Dyck paintings, have just been discovered in the palace occupied for the last three hundred years by the family of Don J. J. Irujo, a descendant of the oldest Spanish nobility of Peru.

The Murillo, a painting of Saint Joseph and the Infant Jesus, is considered by the connoisseurs who have examined it as one of the great artist's chef-d'œuvre, and records discovered in the family archives show that it was purchased personally from the artist by the Marquis de Villafuente y de la Fuente when on a journey to Spain and Flanders three hundred years ago.

The two Van Dycks, one a Magdalen Distributing Her Jewels to the Poor, and the other, an Adoration of the Golden Calf, were, according to the family records, also purchased from the Marquis' journey to Europe, and both are considered authentic by a well-known Peruvian art critic, Teofilo Castillo. An English expert, accidentally in Lima at the time of the discovery, has estimated their value at 250,000 pounds sterling, or nearly a million and a quarter dollars.

## Italian Eucharistic Congress at Bologna

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Aug. 27.—All the diocesan authorities of Italy have been notified from Rome that an Italian National Eucharistic Congress will be held this year at Bologna, from September 7 to 11.

Great preparations are being made at Bologna for housing the delegates to the approaching congress and it is expected that the enthusiasm and profound spiritual quality that have characterized former Eucharistic Congresses will be repeated this year, especially since His Holiness Pope Pius XI has said that "the work of Catholicism will be developed and consolidated through the inspiration of the Holy Eucharist."

## CLEVELAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 75,000 REPORT SAYS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cleveland, O., Sept. 1.—Statistics prepared by the Rev. John R. Hagan, superintendent of schools for the Cleveland diocese, show an enrollment of 75,000 in the grammar grades in the diocesan schools. Nearly 50,000 of these will be in Cuyahoga county (Cleveland) and the remainder in cities outside that district.

Schools for higher education also report capacity enrollment. These include Cathedral Latin School, with an enrollment of 230, the largest in the school's history.

The Brothers of Mary are in charge of Cathedral Latin School. Registration at John Carroll University and St. Ignace High School, both in charge of the Jesuits, will be held September 11 and September 12 respectively, but the officials of these institutions expect last year's figures to be exceeded.

Changes in the faculty of these two latter schools include the return of the Rev. Thomas J. Smith, S. J., and the Rev. George Fickel, S. J., both former rectors of the university. Father Smith will be dean of the college and Father Fickel professor of science in the college. The former has been of the faculty of St. Xavier college, Cincinnati, and the latter of the faculty of Spring Hill College, Ala.

The Rev. Leonard Otlag, S. J., dean of John Carroll for more than a year, returns to St. Louis University for higher studies. The Rev. Augustine Ward, S. J., stationed here for some time, will go to Rome in November to take charge of the Jesuit library there.

## Jugoslav Pilgrims Pay a Visit To Prague's Shrines

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Prague, Aug. 23.—Catholic pilgrims who attended the reunion congress at Velehrad, came to Prague this week in order to visit the historical shrines here.

The visitors, 314 in number, are mostly Slovenes and Croats. They were led by four bishops: Monsignor Jeglic of Ljubljana; Dr. Karlin of Maribor; Monsignor Njard of Krizevec and Monsignor Bonafie of Split, Dalmatia. Arriving in Prague in a special train they were greeted by Dr. Svoboda, councillor of the city of Prague, Dr. Jan N. Sedlak, Bishop Auxiliary, by the representatives of the Yugoslav legation and consulates, and by Catholic corporations. The train was entirely blocked in the city quarter adjoining "Wilson Terrace" where the Yugoslavs arrived.

They inspected the National Museum and placed a wreath on the tomb of Saint Wenceslaus. Afterwards they were entertained at dinner by the Mayor of the city of Prague in the historical City Hall and prayed at the cenotaph of the unknown soldier.

The Yugoslav Catholics then visited the Loreto Church, the former Imperial Castle, the Strahov Monastery with the Piarist library, known the world over, and the Metropolitan Cathedral. At their request the internationally preserved tongue of St. John Nepomucene, put to death in the fourteenth century, and the relics of St. Wenceslaus were shown to them.

Many of the delegates also made a pilgrimage to Stars Bohemian Shrine, a Czech country seat near Prague where St. Wenceslaus was assassinated in 1230.

## Two Exiled Sisters Take Vows in Order

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cleveland, O., Aug. 30.—Two nuns exiled from Mexico more than a year ago made temporary vows in the order of the Immaculate Word of the Blessed Sacrament here yesterday. The ceremony was in connection with the profession and clothing of a number of other young women into the Sisters of Charity.

The former Mexican nuns are Sister Mary Gabriel and Sister Mary Raphael. Sister Gabriel was Mary O'Regan and Sister Raphael was Eileen O'Connor, both of Kankakee County, O'Connell.

The entire community of seven former Mexican nuns are Irish girls and in Mexico were of a larger group in teaching in an academy at Gomez Palacio, Durango.

The seven Mexican sisters came to the Cleveland diocese upon the invitation of Bishop Schrembs arriving here several months ago. Recently they were assigned to take charge of an Annunciation parish school and will also establish a mother-house of their community here.

## Pope's Birth Room Made Into Chapel

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Aug. 19.—With the consent of His Holiness, the room in which Pope Pius XI was born in the town of Dole, near Milan, has been converted into a chapel. The ceremony of benediction was held August 1, and at its conclusion telegrams announcing the inauguration were sent to the Holy See and to the Archbishop of Milan.

The newly consecrated room covers about twenty-five square meters of floor space, and is decorated with a simplicity which has in itself a certain elegance.

## Schola Cantorum To Be Organized At Catholic U

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, Sept. 1.—A Schola Cantorum, the first of its kind in the United States, is to be established at the Catholic University of America with the opening of the new academic year this month, the Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the university, has announced.

The Rev. Dr. William J. De Longchamps, professor of music at the Catholic University of America, will be at the head of the Schola, which is to be formed by combining the music departments of the University and the Catholic Sisters College. The Schola is to be housed in the home of the late Very Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Shields in Brooklyn, near the University campus.

Conrad Boesner, a pupil of Joseph Bonnet, the famous organist of Paris, has been added to the staff.

The curriculum of the Schola will include a complete course in the Gregorian Chant, a complete course in the Ward system, which is taught under the personal supervision of Mrs. Justine Ward, a complete course in harmony, counterpoint, composition, and instrumental music, especially the organ and piano; vocal culture, their training in strictly liturgical music and training of boys' voices.

The children of St. Anthony's School, where the complete Ward system is already taught, of St. Joseph's Home for Boys, and of St. Martin's School will be available for practical work in the vocal course, such as choir training. Moreover, the students of the Schola will be free to inspect St. Anthony's School, which is called "the model school," and will witness the practical application of the Ward system.

The Schola Cantorum will be open to students of the Catholic University and of the Catholic Sisters College, and to choirmasters and students made in the city of Washington and the country at large.

Bishop Shahan, the Very Rev. Dr. Patrick Joseph McCormick, head of the Sisters College, and Dr. De Longchamps collaborated in the development of the plans for the Schola.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Shields always planned this Schola, which is of ample size and well-adapted for the purpose to which it is to be put, should become a conservatory of music, particularly for the training of teaching Sisters, organists and choirmasters.

Gifts and benefactions from friends of ecclesiastical music are to be relied upon for the foundation and maintenance of the Schola.

## Old Stanford Ranch Purchased For Holy Names College Site

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Oakland, Calif., August 31.—Purchase of the old Senator Stanford ranch, south of Mission San Jose, for the new College of the Holy Names, now located on Lake Merritt, is announced. The 1225 acres in the estate were bought from L. A. Kelly, of San Jose, for \$125,000.

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be spent on the new college, it is reported. Golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts and other facilities for women's sports are included in the plans. Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held within thirty days and it is hoped that the first of the new buildings will be ready for occupancy for the first semester of the fall term, 1928.

John Santa Clara and Santa Clara, Calif., August 29.—Hunter S. Armstrong, for many years counsel for the Pennsylvania Hall, has accepted appointment to the faculty of law of the University of Santa Clara. Professor Armstrong will conduct courses in real estate and evidence. He graduated from

## Priests League Of The Eucharist Meets In Buffalo

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 1.—The fourth annual national convention of the Priests League of the Eucharist, an organization of priests and laymen, met here today.

The convention is the first of its kind in the United States. It is held in connection with the annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

This year's convention is held at the Buffalo Hotel. The program includes a series of lectures on the Eucharist, and a series of discussions on the role of the priest in the modern world.

The convention is presided over by the Very Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Shields, Archbishop of Buffalo.

The convention is open to all priests and laymen who are members of the Priests League of the Eucharist.

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