

Barrier To Catholic Missions Partially Lifted By Holland

Louvain, Belgium, Jan. 3.—Complete abolition of an obsolete article of Dutch colonial legislation prohibiting the simultaneous existence of Catholic and Protestant missions in a given district of the Dutch colonies may follow the partial success won through the persistent endeavors of the Catholics of Holland. Protestants have always construed that article to signify that, under no circumstances is a Catholic mission to be established in any territory in which a Protestant mission exists or has existed in the past. They themselves determine the boundaries of that territory. The Governor-General, often identified with Freemasonry, have, as a rule, sided with the preachers, keeping the Catholics missionaries out of large districts where no evangelizing at all is done, because there is no one to do it.

Two Catholic deputies brought a concrete case in New Guinea to the attention of the Chambers last year, and showed that the greed of the Protestant missionaries had but the one effect—to withhold the benefits of Christian civilization from hundreds of thousands of natives. The result of their pleading has been that the Minister of the Colonies, after consultation with the Colonial Government, has decided not only that the lines of demarcation arbitrarily drawn in New Guinea are to be maintained no longer; but also, that in the future the article in question shall be interpreted to signify that no mission is to be set up in a district where a mission of another faith exists, whenever such new foundation threatens to disturb the public peace.

This is the criterion for the authorization of new missions until the obnoxious article may be suppressed altogether, according to the Minister. This cannot be done now, he adds, because the Cabinet of which he is a member is a compromise Cabinet, formed with the understanding that all questions of a purely political character should be left in abeyance.

The Catholic members contend the plea is faulty, that the question is one of a political nature affecting the grouping of the different parties, because, in all parties, except in the communitarian group and in a group of two like rabbit preachers, there are deputies favorable to the abolition of an antiquated legislation that harmonized as little with the spirit of tolerance and liberty of which Holland prides herself.

Catholic Day Processions Closed

London, Jan. 3.—Another year's Catholic processions will be held in London on Sunday, Jan. 10. The Mayor, Sir Walter Hume, has ordered the processions to be held in the usual way, but has asked the Mayor to be present at the Catholic day processions.

HOW

PLANT FAMILY DEVELOPS SHOWN IN EXHIBITION.

In the largest botanical museum in the world, located in the New York Botanical Garden, an imposing Italian renaissance structure looking no unlike an imperial palace—one of the chief exhibits—shows natural plant families in the sequence of their development. It begins with a plant that has the appearance of a fern. It consists of a single cell and grows a usually into two cells, which continue to multiply, eventually developing into a "high-order" plant.

The exhibit contains a collection of the better-known plants used for the production of many of the necessities of life. The specimens include foods, drugs, gum, spices, oils, and many others. They are arranged in their botanical sequence, showing the lower order of plants first.

The fossil botany group shows the stages of evolution through which the ancestors of present day plants have passed. An exhibit that never fails to attract attention shows the varieties of plant life to be found within a hundred-mile radius of New York city.

The museum also contains laboratories where specimens gathered from all parts of the world by various expeditions, are classified and arranged. A large botanical library is maintained.

HOW Electricity Has Made Organ Supreme

The modern movie organ is its fundamental a true type organ, but it has all sorts of orchestral instruments added to it and played by it through the magic of electricity. This type of organ comes very close to being an orchestra and band all in itself, and still it is under the actual control of one player. Electricity makes possible on the modern organ the clearest and cleanest playing of the lightest and finest music. No more do players use flutes, or need they use forceful fingers to press down the keys, for electricity is transmitted to the keys and they respond like lightning to the touch. The push of a finger throws on an overwhelming torrent of tone, while another touch reduces the tone tempo to a murmuring saphyr. The organ was a mere price among instruments up to 1900. After that and up to fifty years ago, it was acknowledged king of instruments. But since the application of electricity to bellows, pedals, keys, swell, couplers and combination stops it is veritable "emperor of instruments."

How Snakes Lay Eggs

Eggs of snakes, unlike those of other animals, are not laid in a row. As a rule, all the eggs laid by an oviparous snake in any given season are laid within a very short period.

How Fast Raindrops Fall

The weather bureau says that raindrops never fall faster than twenty-five feet per second, many of them fall only about fifteen feet per second. Suppose then the height of the cloud is 2,500 feet, a fairly common height, and that the speed of fall is the greatest possible—very large drops; then the rate of fall will be 100 seconds. If the speed is fifteen feet per second, the time will be 166.7 seconds. A fair average velocity is twenty feet per second, and the time of fall two minutes.

How to Refresh the Eyes

The white of an egg is beaten until it is almost the consistency of meringue. After a few moments the vessel containing the white of egg is tipped so that a small amount of the slightly yellowish liquid can flow out. Two or three drops of this liquid in each eye are sufficient to soothe and clear the eye.

How Fast Storms Travel

It is a general storm, the kind that brings rain or snow for several hours. It is practically certain to go several hundred miles to the east or southwest by the next day. This is because that is the direction of the general air movement, as determined by the rotation of the earth.

How Blind Fish Feed

In a recent catch a trawler at Lowestoft, England, caught a wall-fish which was totally blind. Naturalists suggest that it found food by emitting its barbel, or beard, along the edge of the sea and so catching small crustaceans, worms, etc.

WHY

Parisiens Prefer Hats Which Expose One Eye

Boish manners have gone with boyish fashions, and now Parisians prefer hats which expose one eye, an aid to flirtation.

Much millinery is worn with the brim cut away abruptly in front or turned back in such a way that one eye is hidden and the other heightened.

Dancing Has Tendency to Improve Eyesight

If you feel that your eyesight is getting poor, don't buy a new pair of glasses until you've tried dancing, according to Miss Mary Dunderidge, specialist in eye education, who recently addressed a weekly discussion group in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Dunderidge first became interested in dancing as a means of upbuilding her general health. Soon she noticed that her eyesight was improving and tested the sight of other members of the dancing class. In every case she noted a definite improvement.

Why Rembrandt Lost Favor of the Great

Rembrandt's great painting, "The Night Watch," familiar to all visitors to Amsterdam, seems so unquestionable a masterpiece that it is difficult to believe that it led to the decline of the artist's fortunes.

Why Cats Purrr

In the cat there are two kinds of vocal cords—true and false. The true vocal cords are used by the cat in "meowing" and making other common sounds. The false vocal cords, according to Alvin Davison, author of "Mammalian Anatomy, With Special Reference to the Cat," are used in purring.

Why Varnish is Important

A Parisian violin maker claims that the tonal quality of a violin is not so much dependent on the construction of the instrument as it is on the quality of the varnish used in its finish.

Why "Verboten" is Disliked

The use of the word "verboten" in proclamations to the German people has recently been questioned. The lord lieutenant of Kassel has decided that the word is incompatible with the self-respect of the public, and has urged that the German equivalent of "request" be used instead.

Why Rings Turn Black

Tarnishing of the silver in white gold rings is due to the fact that they are brightened by the use of a metal polish.

WHY

Old Pharaoh Giant of Financial World

Herodotus, Diodorus and Plutarch give us a few dazzling glimpses of wealthy men in antiquity. First of them, almost lost in the mists of legend, was the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramesses III—also known as Rhampsinitus—who reigned about 3,000 years ago. He surpassed all predecessors in the wealth he possessed and in his fondness for his accumulation. Diodorus estimates this pharaoh's fortune at 400,000 talents, which would be about \$300,000,000 in actual money today.

How Vanderbilt Earned First Hundred Dollars

Cornelius Vanderbilt, later to be the commodore, was a strong, big, healthy boy who worked on the farm and tended his father's boat. He was a great lover of horses and when he was six years old raced bareback with other boys. He played truant to go sailing and swimming and gallivanting across the countryside and sometimes talked of running away to sea.

Parisian Boutonnere Wee Cluster of Buds

The real Parisien boutonniere is a wee cluster of buds in different, harmoniously assembled colors. These are composed of all the Dresden flowers—in blue, pink, yellow, mauve, with touches of silver and gilt and little green leaves to form a border.

A Walk With Thoreau

To take a walk with Thoreau, one must rigidly adhere to the manners of the woods. He could lead one to the ripest berries, the hidden nest, the rarest flower, but so plain life could be so carefully destroyed, so another bird lost her egg.

The Insult

The elderly lady entered the room where her husband lay on his bed of sickness. She was trembling with suppressed wrath and indignation.

Subtle Color Schemes

There is a revival of interest in artificial flowers for street wear. One of the most charming combinations consisted of a large bunch of violets dyed a pinky beige and worn with sheer silk stockings the exact shade of the flowers. These violets now come in a number of shades of beige and fawn and gray.

Cross-Stitched Slip-Over Liked for Campus Wear



The newest of tricks in the sweater world, says the Woman's Home Companion, is to work a cross-stitch design on a plain knitted background to form a kind of all-over pattern.

WHY

Catholic Directory Of Ireland Costly; Explanation Given

Dublin, Jan. 3.—Complaints have been made in the Irish press that the Irish Catholic Directory, which is a smaller production than the corresponding directory for England, nevertheless costs over twice the money. The Irish Directory costs \$1.85, while the English costs only seventy-five cents.

The publishers explain that the cost of producing each copy of the Irish Directory is actually \$2.40, and that the difference between the selling price and the actual cost of production, has to be made up in the prices charged for advertisements.

Irish In Scotland Is Called Problem

Dublin, Jan. 4.—Sir John Gilmour, Secretary of State for Scotland in the British Parliament, declares that Irish immigration into the West of Scotland is a problem occupying his attention.

Abbot Dolan, O. S. B., Head, Is Installed

Boston, Jan. 7.—With the solemn blessing and installation of his first abbot, the Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., of Worcester, Mass., recently the Abbot of St. Anselm's of the ancient order of Saint Benedict, began his career as the first Abbot in New England.

Aisace Priest-Editor Suspended by Bishop

Paris, Jan. 3.—By order of the Bishop of Strasbourg, Mgr. Ruch, the Aisace Fashauer, editor of several of the "autonomous" newspapers in Alsace, has been placed under the ban of suspension as a divine.

Parisiens Fond of Tea

Tea drinking is a universal social habit in Persia. One of the social institutions of great attraction to the tea-house, some of which are furnished quite elaborately, while others are rude in their surroundings.

Ancient Stone Unveiled

The "Brus Stone," which dates from 1904, and was lost for 150 years, was recently installed permanently in the staircase of the town hall at Annan, Scotland.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

BUXER'S GUIDE

Advertisement listing various businesses and their addresses, including: NASH & CO., 776 Culver Road; BBS & NORMAN'S (Garage); HAMMERS; AMVETS Book Shop; BUNNY SPECIALISTS; CHEMISTS; BAKERIES; SWEETENERS; SOAP & OILS; DRUGS; MEATS; MEAT MARKET; GROCERIES; FISH MARKET; BUTCHERS; RESTAURANTS; HOTELS; TRAVEL AGENCIES; LAWYERS; ENGINEERS; ARCHITECTS; ACCOUNTANTS; BANKERS; INSURANCE; REAL ESTATE; EDUCATION; HEALTH; SPORTS; ENTERTAINMENT; SERVICES; MISCELLANEOUS.

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