

Betting Becoming Danger to Nation, Says Irish Bishop

Dublin, Feb. 13.—The recent campaign against gambling inaugurated by the Irish Catholic press has culminated in the issue of a pastoral letter on the subject by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of Meath.

The publicity given to the subject has been excited by the licensing of betting saloons or shops under the Free State Gaming Act of 1926.

Under the new Act bookmakers pay a license duty for themselves and their premises, as well as a percentage tax on bets received.

The following are extracts from Bishop Gaughran's pastoral: "Theologians commonly require four conditions that gambling may not be sinful. (1) What is staked must belong to the gambler, and must be at his free disposal."

"The public do not yet realize that the evil threatens to become a national danger. We may take hope, however, in the crusade against gambling from the recollection of what has taken place in reference to drink.

"This passion of gambling is as difficult to cure as the passion of drink; and it is more dangerous than drink to the employer of the gambler. Drink cannot long be concealed; gambling may continue long before it is discovered."

"The police courts disclosed in the past that drink was the most fruitful source of crime in our country; and I am of opinion that the same could be made use of to-day to prove that betting and gambling are the most prolific cause of drunkenness."

Bishop Gaughran's pastoral has been published almost in extenso in the Free State press of all religious denominations.

Priest Once Pupil of Don Bosco Dies On Way to London

London, Feb. 13.—A pupil of the venerable Don Bosco, founder of the Salesian Congregation, Father Eugene Kabiglati, died this week at the Salesian college, Chertsey. He was on his way to the railroad depot when he collapsed.

His oldest brother is said to be well known in certain parts of South America on account of his work for the leper settlements in Colombia.

Pioneer Sacramento Priest Remembered

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 8.—The Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Keane, Bishop of Sacramento, celebrated the solemn requiem Mass on Tuesday at All Halows church, San Francisco, for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan, pastor of that church for thirty years and formerly a missionary in what is now the Sacramento diocese.

Red Cross Praises St. Louis University For Tornado Relief

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Officials of the local chapter of the American Red Cross have written to the Rev. Charles H. Cloud, S. J., president of St. Louis University, their acknowledgment of the services of that institution in providing shelter and other aid for those who suffered in the tornado here a few months ago.

This testimony of the Red Cross is an additional recognition of the work performed by St. Louis University for the city and the nation in time of war, pestilence and disaster.

The letter of the University's latest public service is as follows: "My dear Father Cloud: I am attaching to this letter the final report of the Citizens Disaster Relief Committee. The report would not, however, be adequate without an additional word from Mr. Lang and from me of our deep appreciation of your instant and cordial cooperation in the loan of the new gymnasium to house the victims for canteen service and for any other need. The success of the Red Cross in handling this disaster was only made possible by the example of such cooperation as the St. Louis University extended, and as the Red Cross is the Federal agency for such work, we believe that the demonstration that St. Louis has given has carried out thoroughly the idea that the Congress of the United States had in designating the Red Cross for this work. For your part in this, please accept our deepest appreciation."

"Cordially yours, (Signed) 'Virgilio C. Hammar, Mrs. Frank V. Hammar, Acting Chairman, Bort H. Lang Chairman Citizens Disaster Relief Committee. Mr. Lang is chairman of the local committee appointed by Mayor Miller to gather and distribute relief."

New Scranton Bishop Is Consecrated in Cleveland Feb. 16

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, Feb. 20.—The consecration here on February 16 of Rt. Rev. Mgr. C. O'Reilly as bishop of the diocese of Scranton, Pa., was the first ceremony of its kind that was ever held in the cathedral of this city. The selection of Mgr. O'Reilly to be a bishop was also the first time a priest born in this city has been selected for a place in the episcopate.

His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, was chief consecrator and the two assisting consecrators will be Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrems, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland, and Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg.

Mgr. O'Reilly was forty-four years old on February 22, six days after his consecration. He has spent all of his priesthood in Cleveland, having filled the office of professor and several other posts in the diocesan seminary. He was secretary to Bishop John P. Farrelly and chancellor and vicar general of the diocese under that bishop. For fifteen years he was pastor of St. John's cathedral here. The sermon at the consecration was delivered by Mgr. John T. O'Connell, V. G. P. A., of Toledo. Archbishop A. A. Sinnott of Winnipeg, Manitoba, accepted an invitation to attend the consecration. Twenty-five bishops, fifty monsignors and five hundred priests from the Cleveland and Toledo and other dioceses attended.

City officials and representatives of clergymen and rabbis of Protestant and Jewish congregations also accepted invitations to attend.

The bishop-elect of Scranton will remain in Cleveland until the morning of March 7 when he will leave for Scranton on a special train. Plans are under way to send a delegation of 1,000 men from Cleveland with him.

High School Pupils Aid Catholic Press

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Escanaba, Mich., Feb. 14.—The students of St. Joseph high school here have set aside February 23 as a day on which they will bend every effort to increase local interest in the Catholic press. The children of the school, who were taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, are canvassing all possible sources of information and assistance in an effort to produce the most convincing and persuasive arguments when they present their plea to the public.

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Archbishop Commends Membership Plan

Most Reverend John P. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, in a letter commending the Selective Membership Extension program, writes: "I view with pleasure and approval the present purpose of the Knights of Columbus to increase their membership by bringing into the distinguished fraternity as large a number as possible of the younger Catholic men."

"Your success in this regard will not only be beneficial to the Order, but also to the young men who have the good sense to join, and indeed, to the Church at large. The Knights of Columbus have shown throughout their entire history, and perhaps more pointedly in these later years, their devotion to the Catholic Church, to Catholic truth and to its intelligent promotion. The activities for the Church at large; the Church locally—in nation, diocese and parish—as well as their devotion to national ideals and the service they have rendered in the achievement of the same; their devotion to education—all these would take up more space for the recording than is at my disposal."

James Cummings Now on N. C. W. C. Staff

James E. Cummings, until recently a prominent figure in the educational activities of the Knights of Columbus, has become a member of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Education staff. Mr. Cummings became identified with the Knights of Columbus educational program some 10 years ago. His services covered all of the war and postwar period and extended up until the time when all of the work for the education of veterans was completed.

When he first entered upon this work, Mr. Cummings undertook the organization of all the evening schools conducted by the Knights of Columbus in the Southeastern States. Over a period of five years he traveled as educational supervisor through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, in all of which he is well known.

Following this, Mr. Cummings went to the headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, where he was assistant educational director in direct charge of all the instructors in correspondence work. In the course of the five years during which he held this office Mr. Cummings was the author of "Beginning English for Adults" and "Applied Arithmetic," books which were used in the courses he supervised and which have gained wide popularity.

Dr. Crane's Oversight

In a "Daily Editorial" entitled "Let Us Forget," Dr. Frank Crane laments the plight of the World War veterans still in hospitals and apparently altogether forgotten. Dr. Crane, apparently, does not know that the Knights of Columbus attend ex-service men in hospitals from the close of the war until last June. The work had to be given up then, because the fund which carried it on was exhausted.

Get Your Picture of "Constitution" Now

Beginning March 1, the price of the ten-color pictures of the U. S. Constitution will be increased from 25 cents to 50 cents. These pictures are being sold to raise funds for the rebuilding of the historic fighting ship. The increase in price is necessary in order to complete the amount required by July 1. After March 1, a commission of 20 per cent, that is, 10 cents for each picture sold, will be paid to any person who wishes to undertake the sale of them. The pictures are worth many times the price asked for them, and will make a most attractive addition to the furnishings of your Council or of your own home. The project of reconditioning the Constitution is a patriotic work that merits your co-operation. Remember—the pictures are 25 cents now, 50 cents after 50 March 1. To obtain the pictures, communicate with Rear Admiral Phillip Andrews, U. S. N., Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

News Sheet Anniversary

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Belfast Catholics Move to Preserve Franchise Rights Dublin, Feb. 13.—The Catholics of Belfast have decided to form a Catholic Union to safeguard the interests of Catholics in that city, following the step taken by Lord Craigavon's Government for the abolition of proportional representation. Catholics constitute 35 per cent of the population both of Belfast City and of Ulster as a whole. Nevertheless, they cannot obtain even 20 per cent representation on public boards. This is caused by the gerrymandering of the boundaries of wards and constituencies. Even the much enjoyed by Catholics will be further decreased by the abolition of proportional representation.

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4th Degree for 100 at Buffalo One hundred candidates were received at an exemplification of the Fourth Degree at Buffalo, New York, Monday, February 20. The Degree was given under the auspices of the Sixth New York District, Calvert Province, of which Joseph W. Glenn, Buffalo Assembly, is Master. The degree ceremony was followed by a banquet and ball attended by all Sir Knights and their ladies.

Aurora Council Silver Jubilee Aurora Council, No. 736, Aurora, Illinois, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its institution with a Silver Jubilee Banquet. Rev. Joseph Loneragan, of Rockford, former national chaplain of the American Legion, was the principal speaker. Brother Frank O'Neill, a charter member who has held the office of Chancellor since the institution of the Council, was toastmaster.

Unveil Memorial Tablet Several hundred persons attended, on Lincoln's Birthday, the unveiling of a bronze tablet on the south wall of the Knights of Columbus Club-Hotel's library, New York City, in memory of the late Right Rev. Francis H. Wall, who was rector of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo and Chaplain of the Holy Sepulchre, No. 268 Grand Knight John F. DeAngel presented the tablet on behalf of the Holy Sepulchre Council to Joseph J. Drake, who received the memorial tablet.

Knights Cause Arrest of Nuns' Defamer Mrs. Neva Miller Moss was arrested at Clarendon, Virginia, on February 8, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, after she had delivered an anti-Catholic lecture. Mrs. Moss, who told her audience she was a former nun of the Detroit House of the Good Shepherd, was arrested after the meeting on a warrant sworn out by Thomas F. Dolan, Jr., who had been in the audience. Edward Douglas White Council, No. 2473, of Clarendon, has offered a reward of \$500 for proof that Mrs. Moss was ever a nun. When she was arranged in the County Court, the prosecutor asked for a continuance of the case because an important witness was out of town. Mrs. Moss cashing in on bigotry in a small change way. The price of admission to her "lecture" was only 35 cents.

Question for Debate At the convention of the Southern Methodist Educational Association, on February 9, at Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. E. M. Glenn, conference education secretary from North Alabama, said: "I think it's time some one roused the cry of 'down with rum, Romanism and rebellion' once more." The Association passed a resolution against the possible Presidential candidacy of Governor Smith of New York. It is respectfully suggested that the Atlantic Monthly, now engaged in a circulation-booming treatise on the Catholic Church, devote a few of its sprightly pages to an investigation of Dr. Glenn and his chums. The good doctor himself is of slight importance, but a very interesting shindig might be stirred up by a debate on the question, "Can a Methodist Be An American Citizen?" There is much material for the negative side.