

Mgr. J. Noel Heads Philosophy School, Louvain University

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Louvain, Feb. 25.—The Very Rev. Canon Leon Noel, who was a delegate to the Congress of Philosophy at Harvard University in the summer of 1926, has just been chosen by the Holy Father to be president of the Higher Institute of Thomistic Philosophy of the University of Louvain.

He succeeds the late Mgr. Deplolige, member of the Belgian Senate, later the successor of Professor, later Cardinal Mercier, who was the first president of that Institute, and its creator, under the auspices of Pope Leo XIII.

Canon Noel was one of Mgr. Mercier's early pupils at Louvain University and, when the latter was raised to the episcopal dignity, he succeeded him as lecturer on that branch of philosophy most cherished by his master viz: "The Theory of Knowledge."

He lectures also on "Religious Philosophy" and has written many learned treatises, of which the best known in the world of philosophers are: "La Conscience du Libre Arbitre" (The Conscience of Free Will) and "Le Determinisme", which latter was crowned by the Belgian Academy. That learned and exclusive body elected him to membership after the death of Cardinal Mercier, whose seat he occupies in it.

Impressions of Professor Noel's visit to the United States appeared in the "XIXe Siecle" and in "La Revue des Idées et des Faits," of Brussels.

Several professors of American universities and seminaries were at one time Canon Noel's pupils at Louvain; others were his classmates.

Fr. Campa, Jailed By Calles, Freed; Once Exile Here

ARREST THOUGHT PLAN OF GOVERNMENT TO FORCE REVELATION OF BISHOP'S HIDING PLACE

Mexico City, Feb. 28.—Father Manuel Campa, who had been placed in charge of diocesan affairs by Bishop De La Mora of San Luis Potosi, when the latter was forced into hiding, and who was arrested a few days ago charged with violation of the Calles anti-religious laws, has been released.

Fr. Campa at one time spent six years in exile in the United States, where he acquired many friends and became well and favorably known.

For weeks now, Calles agents have been seeking Bishop De La Mora frantically. They have even gone to the extent of circulating falsehoods about him, saying that he had been designated Archbishop of Mexico City.

Y del Rio, now in exile in the United States. These assertions were immediately denied in authentic quarters.

ARREST BELIEVED RUSE The arrest of Father Campa was by many believed to be a move to find out the hiding place of Bishop De La Mora. Such ruses are frequent with Calles' agents; the hope is that information may be obtained from the person arrested or that the fugitive will betray his hiding place by coming to the rescue of the imprisoned man.

Charges reported brought against Father Campa were that he had kept a register of births, deaths and marriages, which under the Calles law is to be kept by the state. It is also reported that a charge of saying Mass was preferred. He was brought to Mexico City for trial. Reasons for the release have not yet been given.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Father Manuel Campa, whose release from a Calles prison has just been reported was a few years ago an exile from Mexico living here. He spent about six years in and near Philadelphia, and won the highest esteem by his pupils and his scholarly attainments. There was much sorrow when news of his arrest reached Philadelphia.

Those who know Father Campa here say that there is not the slightest doubt about his loyalty to his country and high sense of patriotism. Accordingly, they could not reconcile any charge of disloyalty with the character of the man as they know him.

Prelates Libelled By French Paper, Editors In Court

By N. C. W. C. News Service) Angers, Feb. 27.—Editors of the Revue Democratique de Maine-et-Loire, in which appeared an article entitled "The Exploitation of the War Dead by the Church," have been summoned before the court of Angers.

His Eminence Cardinal Binet, Archbishop of Bourdeaux, and Bishops Ghor of Versailles, Rich of Strasbourg, and Glinzky of Verdun are named in the article which says, in part: "The sight of these hangmen, in golden robes and with mitres, crowning heads, daring to bless the graves of their victims, fills all republicans with indignation."

The alleged prelates are represented in court by M. Georges Plot, a prominent attorney of Paris.

World Challenging God And Authority, Philip Gibbs Says

Dublin, Feb. 26.—Lecturing at the Theatre Royal, here, on "The World After the War as I See It," Sir Philip Gibbs said that one saw in all parts of the world revolt against authority and against belief in God and the Church, and declared this is the greatest danger that civilization faces today.

His statement that "the Irish people had a great chance to lead the world, because in Ireland they did believe in God," was loudly applauded.

"Looking back on ten years," he declared, "one hardly realizes how near we all were to slipping into a great abyss of anarchy, desolation and despair." In many countries in which he travelled this spirit of evil and of anarchy seemed to come out of dark places to challenge not only civilization but the Christian faith and the very structure of their civilized life, he said.

"All over the world, especially amongst the younger generation, authority is challenged," he continued. "There is a revolt against the old traditions and old ideas, and, unfortunately, this applies to all forms of religion. The Irish people are, perhaps, the most spiritual in the world today and they have a great chance to become missionaries to Europe and the world."

Sir Philip was the guest of the Catholic Writers Guild at a luncheon in Wynne's hotel, here. Mr. W. H. Brayden presided, and there were over sixty members and their friends. Eloquent tributes to the work of Sir Philip were paid by Mr. M. J. Murray, chairman of the Guild; Mr. Colm O'Loughlin, who spoke in Irish; Mr. A. Le Brocqy, and the chairman.

Amongst those present were Messrs. F. O'Reilly, executive secretary of the Catholic Truth Society; T. J. Fullerton, chairman of the Central Catholic Library; Seamus Clandillon, director of the Broadcasting Station; the Rev. Myles Ronan, C. C., the Rev. S. J. Brown, S. J., and Mrs. Stephen Gwynn, wife of the well known writer.

The proceeds of Sir Philip's lecture were given to St. Anthony's Boys Club, which is conducted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

N. Y. Chapter Plans Investiture of Squires

Under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus plans are now under way for the formal investiture of Columbian Squires, the first junior organization of Knights of Columbus in New York City.

Although the exact date has not as yet been determined upon, the investiture will take place early in April and will be held in the auditorium of the K. of C. Club-Hotel, Eighth Avenue and Fifty-first Street.

The Chapter comprises the forty-two councils of Manhattan and the Bronx, each of which will be sponsor for one boy for charter membership in the initial circle of Squires here. There are but sixteen such circles in existence. They are composed of boys between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, inclusive, who will some day take their places as leaders in Knights of Columbus.

Under the direction of the Boy Work Bureau of the Supreme Council, and with the co-operation of the Chapter a course of training for leaders of groups of boys has recently been completed, approximately 200 men studying under experts in psychology and physical training.

On the committee in charge are John J. Costello (Chairman), Albert N. Lily, Clarence DeWitt, Dr. John J. Connelly, August E. Dezel, Eugene J. Fancelli, Thomas O'Brien, Alan Cameron, John J. Downing, John J. O'Hara, Matthew G. Murtha and Dr. John G. Coyle.

Brussels Observes Pope's Coronation Date As Festival

Louvain, Feb. 24.—Brussels, the capital of Belgium and the residence of the Apostolic Nuncio, this year as in the past took the lead in commemorating the coronation of Pope Pius XI. Mgr. Micara kept open house on the anniversary, and the Catholics of the city went in crowds to express to the representative of the Holy See, their sentiments of devotion and fidelity to the successor of the Apostle.

It was an impressive sight, the evidence of the filial homage paid to the reigning Pontiff in the person of his ambassador by representative men of Brussels—Catholic diplomats, statesmen, artists, politicians, magistrates, lawyers, writers, priests and soldiers, and delegates from the Catholic workmen's guilds, from charitable and mutual aid associations, from the press and from students' clubs. All afternoon the salons of the manure were filled.

In the grand Church of St. Gudula, the scene of so many religious manifestations during the seven centuries of its existence, Cardinal Van Roey presided at a solemn Te Deum of Thanksgiving. The three naves of the immense edifice were crowded by the faithful from all sections of the city and its suburbs. In the sanctuary all the reserved seats for the delegates from the royal family, for the diplomatic corps, the members of the Cabinet, the military authorities, the bar, the courts of justice, for the Pontifical Zouaves, etc., were occupied to the last, as were also the choir stalls reserved for the members of the clergy.

In all the other cities of Belgium, the day was commemorated with great splendor in the churches, and the houses were almost everywhere belagged.

Envoy At The Hague Likely To Be French Minister At Vatican

Paris, Feb. 27.—M. de Marilly, Minister from France to the Hague, it is expected will be named ambassador to the Holy See, replacing M. Doucet, who died suddenly on Sunday February 12.

French opinion has been very much touched by all the marks of sympathy which have been expressed by the pontifical court in memory of the deceased ambassador. Not only did a great number of cardinals come to pray beside the body of M. Doucet and Cardinal Gasparri preside in person at the funeral ceremony, but at the services held at St. Louis of the French, Mgr. Borgognini-Duca told Madame Doucet that the Holy Father wished her to consider him as present in spirit and that His Holiness had that morning offered the Holy sacrifices of the Mass for the repose of the soul of the diplomat.

M. Doucet had established relations with the religious world and was constantly engaged in furthering cordially between the French Republic and the Holy See. His brother, who died in July 1916, belonged to the Pontifical order and was made an archbishop.

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Knights' Aid Asked in Tuberculosis Fight

During the month of March, the early diagnosis of tuberculosis will be made the subject of special emphasis by the national, state and local tuberculosis associations, some 1500 of them, scattered throughout the United States. Over 10,000,000 pieces of printed matter, circulars, posters, etc., will be distributed. Hundreds of motion pictures have been sent to all parts of the United States. Thousands of talks and lectures to the general public will be given. In these ways and through the newspapers it is hoped that many persons who now have tuberculosis and who do not realize it may be urged to go to their doctors for proper physical examination.

Councils of the Knights of Columbus are urged to cooperate in this campaign. Through the state and local tuberculosis associations in every part of the United States, local Councils may secure health talks, motion picture showings, circulars, posters and other printed matter. It is urged that special attention to this subject be given during the March meetings.

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Chief Justice Flannigan Fourth Degree, Dies

Hundreds of mourners gathered at Marquette, Michigan, on February 20, to pay their last respects to Chief Justice Richard C. Flannigan, of the Michigan Supreme Court, who died on February 17 in a Chicago hospital after a long illness. Shortly before his death, Justice Flannigan was decorated with the Papal Order of the Knights of St. Gregory for outstanding work on behalf of the Church. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Justice Flannigan was appointed to the supreme court in September, 1927, by Governor Fred Green. Mr. Flannigan was born in Ontonagon, Michigan, December 12, 1857, and studied at home and for one year at the University of Michigan, being admitted to the bar at the age of 21.

"The Dove" Parboiled in Hollywood

Theatre-goers will recall that "The Dove" played last year on the legitimate stage, portrayed a murderous, bustling, hard-drinking roisterer who playfully shot all who challenged his claim that he was the "best dam' caballero in all Mexico." The ruffian who swaggered through the play gave audiences a fairly accurate picture of Senor Calles, supposing—against all the evidences—that Calles is subject to momentary attacks of generosity and good nature.

Now "The Dove" is in the movies. We have the hero and the heroine and the scenes of sudden death. But the sub-titles explain that all this takes place not in Mexico, but in a mysterious land called "Costa Roja," on the shores of the Mediterranean. Holy Hollywood fears to offend Calles by insinuating that such goings-on could take place in Mexico. This piece of silliness is farthest North in the generally ally attempt to sanctify the bandit ruler of Mexico. It is also one of the season's six best laughs.

"America" Praises K. of C. Work The Jesuit weekly, "America," in its issue of February 25th mentions the splendid work of Brother D. J. Daze and Cabrillo Assembly, Fourth Degree, in the distribution of Catholic literature to the prisons, institutions and out of the way places. California Knights have been carrying on this activity for many years and the Assembly has voted a per capita assessment of fifty cents upon each member to support the work in the future.

Texas Knights Celebrate State's Independence

Copies of "Texas, My Texas," the official state song, were mailed to Catholic schools, churches and fraternal organizations by the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission as part of a program to stimulate more widespread celebration of Texas Independence day, March 2.

In addition to the songs, suggestions for programs were sent to every parish priest and to the grand knight of each of the seventy Texas councils of the Knights of Columbus, as well as to the courts of the Catholic Daughters of America.

"Texas Independence day should be a time of proud rejoicing for all Texans," said the chairman of the historical commission, "a time in which we recount the brave deeds of the heroes that have given their lives that future generations might enjoy the liberty and good government which we today possess."

Extension Program in Brooklyn

Off to a flying start, with the most encouraging prospects for a successful campaign, the Councils of the 16th New York State District have made real progress already. The District Deputy entertained the Grand Knights and the Chairmen of the various Councils, who are working in connection with the membership extension, at a dinner. Here the plans of all the Councils were discussed, so as not to have any conflict as to dates or activities. One Council expects, through its Committee, to interview two thousand prospects within the next thirty days.

Archbishop John Hughes Council, No. 491, held a smoker, with boxing bouts and vaudeville. Their club was crowded to the doors, and when the evening's session was finished, thirty-four applications were in the hands of the Financial Secretary.

The other Councils comprising this District are: General Phil H. Sheridan No. 398, Baron de Kalb No. 1073, and Thomas Dongan No. 1261.

Maine Bishop Endorses Membership Extension

The Right Reverend John Gregory Murray, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, has recently extended to the officials of the Knights of Columbus a letter commending the Order in general and endorsing the selective membership campaign.

Bishop Murray has been a staunch friend of the Knights of Columbus not only in Maine but throughout the Nation, and has given his endorsement and his blessing to their local and national efforts.

The kind and generous effort on the part of the Right Reverend Bishop will be a medium of good and a great factor in the development of the Order in the jurisdiction over which he presides.

The selective membership campaign is now in full progress in the State of Maine under the direction of the State and District officials and Grand Knights. Portland Council held, recently, the largest meeting it has had in a number of years, to open their campaign. The State Deputy of Maine, Chaplain F. A. Monaghan, United States Army Chaplain at Fort Williams, Rev. J. A. Greene and other speakers of prominence attended.

Similar meetings are in order throughout the entire jurisdiction and the spring will witness the greatest number of Third Degree exemplifications in recent years.

PANAMA KNIGHTS INITIATE

Brother A. P. E. Doyle, Territorial Deputy of the Order in Panama, reports that a class of 79 candidates received the honors of the Third Degree on February 12 at the Knights of Columbus home in the city of Panama. The class was formed of candidates from the two Councils located at either end of the canal. Several lapsed members have been reinstated and the outlook for continued growth is encouraging.

NEW YORK LENTEN LECTURES

The first of a series of six Lenten Lecture-sermons under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus was held Sunday, February 26, in the auditorium of the K. of C. Club-Hotel, 51st Street and 8th Avenue.

The entire series, taking place on the six Sundays of Lent, will be given by the Rev. Fr. Alexis, famous Passionist and one of the most noted orators of the Catholic Church. They will be open to both men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics, and will be free of charge. An exceptionally fine musical program will supplement the lecture.

FOURTH DEGREE AT ATLANTA

March 25 has been definitely set as the date for the exemplification of the Fourth Degree under the auspices of the Patrick Walsh Assembly at Atlanta, Georgia. The degree will be exemplified under the direction of Master Richard A. Magill, Augusta, Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Columbia, Charleston and other cities will have candidates.

"SEMINARY CLASS" AT DENVER

Denver Council recently initiated the first "all-seminarian" class in its history, when 28 students of St. Thomas' Seminary became members of the Order. The ceremonies opened with a Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Thelen.

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