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Priests Hurt By Soldiers In Roumania

Bucharest, April 9.—At Targu Muresch in Transylvania recently, a street procession of 5,000 members of the Uniate Church in protest against the proposed law on religious cults, refusing to halt at the command of the prefect, was charged by soldiers with fixed bayonets. Crosses and standards were broken, fifteen priests were wounded and one barely escaped death.

The affair caused grave disturbance in Transylvania and was brought before the Senate here despite a conspiracy of silence upon the part of the Roumanian press. The Minister of the Interior, M. Duca, deplored the unfortunate occurrence, but said that the action of the authorities was in keeping with instructions he had issued. He explained that freedom of thought does not include public political demonstrations.

The Uniate Church, which pays allegiance to the Holy See but retains the ritual and customs of the Eastern or Orthodox Church, is prospering in Transylvania and embraces four dioceses. It is greatly feared that if the new law goes into effect, the Uniate Church will be in danger of losing some of its property to the established Roumanian church, because certain persons having a somewhat superficial knowledge of Catholicism and seeing no difference in the ceremonies of the Uniate and Orthodox churches, may be led to believe that nothing is lost and everything gained by becoming a part of the Roumanian Orthodox Church.

Msgr. J. J. McMahon To Be Consecrated At Buffalo, Apr. 26

Buffalo, April 13.—The consecration ceremonies of the Rt. Rev. John J. McMahon, D. D., Bishop-elect of Trenton, N. J., will take place on April 26 in St. Joseph's New Cathedral, this city. Delay in fixing this date has been due to the fact that Bishop-elect McMahon desired to be consecrated on the date mentioned, which is the Feast of St. Mark, patron saint of his parish church on Woodward Avenue, here.

Ordinarily bishops are consecrated only on first-class feast days, as on a Sunday or the feast of an Apostle, and special indulgence of the Holy See was necessary to permit the consecration ceremonies to take place on April 26. This permission had just been transmitted through the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D. C.

The Rt. Rev. William Turner, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo, will act as consecrator, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, D. D., Bishop-elect of Newark, N. J., and the Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D. D., Bishop of Albany, will act as co-consecrators. Bishops Walsh and Gibbons were formerly priests of the Buffalo diocese.

Bishop-elect McMahon has taken for his episcopal motto: "Nos non per gratiam," (freely translated "We are made new through grace"), from the hymn "O Salutaris Infantia."

The date of Monsignor McMahon's installation as head of the Trenton diocese has not as yet been determined.

Catholic Alumnae Meet At Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, Ontario, April 12.—The eighth biennial convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will be held at Hotel Clifton, Niagara Falls, Canada, August 24 to 29, 1928. It is officially announced here. The alumnae associations of the various schools of the Loretto Order, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will act as official hostesses.

Miss Florence Mullin, president of Loretto, Niagara Alumnae Association of Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, has been appointed general chairman of arrangements. Assisting her is an executive committee. The members of this committee are: Mrs. Rae Mackenzie, Loretto Abbey, Toronto, Ont.; Miss Rose Sylvester, Loretto College, Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. E. C. Sweeney, Mount St. Mary's Academy, Hamilton, Ont.; Miss J. Egan, Loretto Academy, Stratford, Ont.; Miss Margaret Day, Loretto Academy, Guelph, Ont.; Miss Norma Muirhill, Loretto Academy, Englewood, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. James P. Galligan, Loretto Academy, Woodlawn, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Hayes Kennedy, Loretto Academy, Joliet, Ill.; Miss Teresa Cprooran, Loretto High School, Joliet, Ill.; Mrs. R. E. Danaher, Our Lady of Victory Academy, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Mrs. Mary D. Chambers, Loretto Abbey, Dublin, Ireland.

German And Irish Atlantic Fliers Are Catholics

Dublin, April 13.—Virtually the last acts of two of the German-Irish trio who took off early yesterday morning from Baldoneel in the grey all-metal Junkers plane "Bremen" for Mitchell Field, New York, was to make their peace with God. Commandant James Fitzmaurice, chief of the Irish Free State Air Force, and Captain Hermann Koehl, German war flier and night-flying expert, both made their confessions to Father O'Riordan and received Holy Communion in the little Catholic church near the field.

Capt. Koehl was radiant when he left the church and assured friends that the plane would reach America in safety.

Commandant Fitzmaurice was none the less enthusiastic over the success of the venture. Having already kissed his little 8-year old son, "Pat," good-bye at an earlier hour, the daring young aviator embraced four dioceses. It is greatly feared that if the new law goes into effect, the Uniate Church will be in danger of losing some of its property to the established Roumanian church, because certain persons having a somewhat superficial knowledge of Catholicism and seeing no difference in the ceremonies of the Uniate and Orthodox churches, may be led to believe that nothing is lost and everything gained by becoming a part of the Roumanian Orthodox Church.

Ruins of Cistercian Abbey Purchased By An Anglican Board

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, April 10.—Apparently with the sole purpose of preventing its return to Catholic worship, the Blackburn Anglican Diocesan Board has purchased Whalley Abbey, founded by Cistercians in the year 1236. The price paid is about \$90,000.

No one troubled about the Abbey until Catholics bought a comparatively small portion of the ruins a few years ago, but now the Anglicans have suddenly discovered the need for a diocesan country house for meetings of Anglican organizations as well as for "refreshment" courses for parsons, lay readers and Sunday school teachers.

The portion of the abbey property in Catholic hands consists of what was the lay brothers' dormitory, a part of the cloister garth, four acres of land and a farm house, which is now used as a presbytery. A school-chapel has been erected and dedicated to the English martyrs.

Anglicans have no reason to be proud of their record of work at Whalley Abbey. In 1536, their religious ancestors ordered the arrest and trial on a spurious charge of treason of the abbot and several monks. The monks were found guilty and hanged, drawn and quartered. The abbey was then seized and the rest of the monks were scattered.

Alabama University Catholic Students To Publish Paper

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 10.—An ambitious undertaking, which is in the least successful, is virtually assured the support of the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Tonon, Bishop of Mobile, has been launched here with the publication of "The Catholic," a six page paper, issued by students of the Alabama house of the University of Alabama, with the Rev. Thomas A. Lenahan, an alumnus of the institution, director.

The first edition appeared several days ago, and according to the present plans of its publishers, the newspaper will appear at intervals to fill a local need. Expressing in part the objects of the new publication, one of the articles in it says: "The Catholic is always glad to defend the rights, whether they be police or students, the poor or the rich, Protestant or Jew, friend or enemy."

Father Lenahan is pastor of St. John the Baptist's church here, and Knights of Columbus secretary for ex-service men. He is enthusiastic over the prospect of the new journal.

Motor Chapel For Patagonia

Buenos Aires, April 1.—The Salesian missionaries in Patagonia now have a motor-chapel by means of which the most remote plateaus of the region will become accessible.

The motor-chapel was consecrated by Monsignor Gaudentio Monachino, the Superior of the Salesian missionaries in Patagonia. The Secretary of War and other high government officials were present at the ceremony.

\$60,000 Raised For Aid of Converts

London, April 10.—Since the Converts' Aid Society started a campaign of publicity in the Catholic press and elsewhere it has increased its income from \$1,000 in 1923 to nearly \$60,000 for the year just concluded, the annual report shows.

The cost of collection was less than 20 per cent of the total.

Grants to ex-Anglican clergymen and to convert Anglican nuns during the year amounted to \$30,000.

Women's Exposition To Contain Catholic Religious Statues

Chicago, April 13.—The influence of the first Catholic missionaries who made converts of the Indians in the sixteenth century will be manifested at the Woman's World's Fair in the Chicago Coliseum, May 19 to 26, by an exhibit of relics from the first churches among the primitive red men. The Illinois club for Catholic Women has contracted for space at the exposition, and Rosary College, Lake Forest, is one of six Catholic institutions that will take part in the programs planned for the fair.

Images of the Blessed Virgin, St. Francis, St. Anthony of the Child Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Joseph, the Virgin of Guadalupe, and San Ramon, cherished through four centuries by Chiniquy Indians of the Santa Cruz valley, will be central features in a display from Indiana in the Southwest.

Close examination of the images throws an interesting light on the clear conception of Christianity the primitive tribes inherited from the priests who came along with Cortez, Pizarro and other Spanish conquerors. The statues were carved by hand from the roots of cottonwood, treated with yucca, a salt resembling gypsum, to harden them, and then painted with dyes obtained from desert plants.

The Woman's World's Fair, where this witness to the enduring hold of the Catholic faith even among people not civilized will be shown, is an annual exposition by women which grew up four years ago out of the dream of Miss Helen M. Bennett, who is still managing director. It has nearly two hundred exhibitors every year, representing countries, organizations, institutions and individuals from all over the world.

Nun Is Elected Member of Alsace Education Board

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Strasbourg, April 9.—Sister Marie Clarence, of the order of the Teaching Sisters of Ribeauville and director of their school at St. Amarin, has just been elected to the Educational Council of the Department of Haut-Rhin. Of 644 votes cast, Sister Marie Clarence received 387.

The Journal de l'Est, the organ of the Protestant bourgeoisie, contains the following reference to the election: "One can only rejoice at the election to office of a zealous teacher of the French language to little Alsacians. She will defend in this important assembly the best traditions which have always assured to the Sisters of Ribeauville a high place in the educational work of French Alsace."

Crack English Train Stops For Cardinal

London, April 9.—The Cornish Riviera Express, one of the country's crack fliers, was specially stopped for Cardinal Bourne when His Eminence travelled to Hayle, Cornwall, in search of a milder climate after a severe chill.

The Great Western Railway company went further in its consideration for His Eminence's comfort by arranging for his auto to be run up to the train, on the departure platform. Fish caught at Dover the same morning was rushed to London by air and served at a special meal in His Eminence's compartment.

Famous Old Tower At Tours Collapses; Church Unscathed

(By N. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, April 9.—"Charlemagne's Tower", the oldest monument in Tours, has suddenly craved in. It was the last remaining portion of the ancient Abbey of St. Martin and was quite near the new basilica where rests the body of the holy thaumaturgist.

The tower was 165 feet high and was constructed about the year 800. It got its name of "Charlemagne's tower" from the fact that it contained the sepulchre of Hildegarde, one of the wives of the great emperor.

When the catastrophe occurred, a great crack was suddenly observed in the side of the tower. This was several hours in advance of the crash so that the municipal authorities had time to order evacuation of the houses in its vicinity and to forbid anyone entering the neighboring streets. Thanks to these precautions, not one person was injured and, fortunately, the Basilica of St. Martin escaped unscathed.

The famous Abbey of St. Martin, of which this tower was originally a part, had a long and troubled history and was eight times destroyed by fire and seven times reconstructed by the faithful. Established close by the tomb of the illustrious apostle of the Gauls, the abbey enjoyed an extraordinary reputation and fortune. Two hundred monks lived here and in groups of twenty sang the office for an hour, and in this fashion it was possible to continue the chants without interruption. At times the abbey had twenty-two dependent churches. It was enriched with gifts from the kings of France up to the end of the fifteenth century. Religious wars, however, soon reduced these riches. Although reduced in circumstances, the abbey continued to exist until the time of the Revolution and at that time had in its group 51 canons, 18 honorary canons, 14 priests, 14 lay brothers, 11 dignitaries and 15 novices.

The collapse of "Charlemagne's Tower" was a complete surprise to the architects who had recently repaired it. It is very likely that it will be restored.

New Heflin Outburst Of Bigotry In Senate

Washington, April 13.—In a new outbreak in the Senate today, Senator Heflin of Alabama asserted that Catholics "are really not entitled to participate in a Democratic primary or convention or to have one of their number run as a candidate on the regular Democratic ticket." He gave as his reason his own assertion that Catholics had "boiled the last three national Democratic tickets."

Then, after repeating many of his out-spoken strictures about "Roman Catholic political machine" in connection with the candidacy of Governor Smith of New York, a Catholic, for the Presidential nomination, he turned for ammunition in his anti-Catholic campaign to the Daignault case in Rhode Island.

Heflin gave his own outline of the Rhode Island situation, where a group of French Catholics have been excommunicated because they brought their Bishop into court, charging that he had improperly used parish funds to construct certain Catholic schools. A civil court in Rhode Island, to whom the dissidents appealed, already had held that the Bishop was wholly within his rights in his actions, before the excommunication was announced.

Heflin chose to distort the case so as to make it appear that the Vatican was usurping the rights of American courts. "Which government is in authority here—the American Government or the Roman government?" he shouted.

While Senator Heflin attacked Catholic authorities in Rhode Island as un-American he failed to bring out that it is largely over a Bishop's insistence on American schools for his diocese that the entire difficulty has come up. The Bishop erected central high schools where the customary American Catholic classes would be held. The dissidents rebelled because they wished to perpetrate the French character of their individual parish schools.

Hoover's Cousin Marries

Berkeley, Calif., April 11.—Miss Virginia Harned Hoover, cousin of J. Edgar Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and Dr. Olaf Anderson, of the University of California Hospital, were married at St. Peter's Catholic church here last night.

American Oriental Society Meeting At Catholic U.

Washington, April 14.—The Catholic University of America was host Wednesday to the American Oriental Society which held its 140th meeting in this city. All of the sessions on that day were held in the Mahoney Laboratory auditorium and at noon the delegates were guests of the University at luncheon. The Catholic University had previously entertained a meeting of the Society in 1914.

The Rev. Dr. Bonaventura Hulla, S. M., Professor of Semitic Languages and Literature at the Catholic University and recently returned from Jerusalem where he was annual professor and acting director of the American School of Oriental Research, was a prominent figure at the meeting. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Hulla, who is the first Catholic priest to hold such position at the American school in Jerusalem, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Recent Excavations in Palestine."

Other important figures at the meeting were the Rev. Dr. Philo Luce, S. M., of the Catholic University of America, who presented a paper on "The Journey of Gilead to the Isles of the Blest," and the Rev. Dr. Patrick J. Temple of New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dr. Hulla's lecture enumerated a number of the older excavations and dealt chiefly with the later discoveries. Dr. Hulla also revealed to the meeting some of the details of his finding a new portion of an ancient wall, which is the north of the City of Jerusalem. This discovery has caused an interesting debate among scholars as to whether it is the wall of Herod, Aeneas, which is yet unestablished, or a wall of the City of Jerusalem about which no clear traces were preserved.

At the morning session held at the Catholic University, John W. Lee of the University of Philadelphia declared that an exactly dated prophesy of the World War and the restoration of Jerusalem is to be found in the last two verses of the twelfth chapter of Daniel. His point was made by interpreting the word day to mean a year.

"This chapter of Daniel," he said, "makes specific mention of 'deposition of the Holy Land by an abomination which would hold sway for 1,290 days and at the end of that time the deliverance would be effected' by Michael, the great prince. A special blessing is pronounced upon him that cometh at the end of the 1,335 days."

"I had some Egyptian coins on which the English date 1917 was stamped together with the corresponding Mohammedan date 1335. Now 1917, or 1335, was the year in the Great War when the Balfour declaration was made in favor of Palestine as the Jewish home land, and the events then in progress resulted in the deliverance of Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Turkish domination. . . . Slides by slides with the decay of Mohammedanism has been the growth of Zionism, a movement which started in 1897, exactly 1,260 years after the Caliph Omar captured Jerusalem and erected on the temple site the mosque which bears his name."

Congregation Insures Life of Pittsburgh Priest For \$200,000

Pittsburgh, April 9.—Probably the most heavily insured priest in the country is the Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D. D., rector of the Sacred Heart church of this city, whose life has just been insured for \$200,000.

In spite of the fact that Sacred Heart parish is a small congregation of not more than 700 families, and that money is never mentioned from the pulpit, the parish is now engaged in erecting a \$2,000,000 church which will be one of the finest parish churches in the United States. It is for this reason, following the example of large corporations, that the Church Committee of the parish decided to insure Dr. Coakley's life.

Another interesting feature in connection with the financing of the new edifice is an Easter gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Emily Lauer, a member of the parish, on condition that a like amount be raised by other members of the congregation not later than Sunday, May 6. There is no doubt but that the desired amount will be raised as the parish has never failed to raise large sums of money previously for similar purposes.

American Money Helps To Build An English Church

London, April 10.—American Catholics took a hand in the building of the new St. Mary's Church, Horsforth, Leeds, which was opened today for Fr. Curran, the pastor, recently underwent a trip to the United States that came back with about \$17,000.

About forty years ago the few Catholics then at Horsforth had to walk more than four miles to Mass. An attorney who lived there rented them a plot, and together they reared a dilapidated mill. There Miss was said occasionally. This was the beginning of the parish. When a larger church was required, begging appeals were sent out and one of them found its way in to the hands of a Mrs. Maitland, a Cork lady, who promptly sent \$15,000.

Among the money raising stunts adopted by Fr. Curran and his flock was one which took the form of a "donkey derby." Famous lambs volunteered to ride the animals and the amount of people were counted. Last year \$1,500 was raised in this way.

C. U. Student Finals In French Prize Competition

Washington, April 11.—The Department of Architecture of the Catholic University of America has been placed as one of the five finalists for the current Prix de France Competition. This prize, by far the most important open to students of architecture throughout the United States, is an annual competition under the auspices of the French Institute of Design. The students are chosen by means of a series of elimination contests, and the winner of the final is awarded the prize of two years study abroad, at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Mr. Loretto recently won the first prize offered by the French Institute of Design for the best architectural diploma for the year 1925, awarded by a student of the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Another student of the Catholic University, Mr. James F. Haggerty, of Buffalo, N. Y., recently won the second prize. This year he was awarded for three months travel study abroad, all expenses being paid by the donor of the prize. Mr. Haggerty will attend the lecture course at Fontainebleau and also to studying and the making of measured drawings during his stay abroad.

Three of the seven scholarships awarded during the past three years have been won by the students of the Catholic University Department of Architecture.

Ku Klux Blackmail To Gain Members Minister Swears

Providence, R. I., April 11.—The Ku Klux Klan ministers of "blackmail" in every State of the Union, and that St. Francis' is promising thousands of dollars to draw to their parents to join the ranks, was one of the statements made under oath by a prominent minister and member of the Klan here today.

The Rev. Otis Brown of Providence made the statement, while testifying before the committee of the Rhode Island Legislature which is investigating the activities of the Klan in obtaining control of the State's schools. The Rev. Mr. Brown is former "grand klunker" of the Klan in Rhode Island and Connecticut, and also has been "klunker" of the Klan in Massachusetts.

Telling of the "blackmail" operations, the witness said that a man is put on the Klan rolls of all States, who in turn transmit it to local units. Testifying about Klan methods to force men to join the order, he said that if a "klunker" man had a son or daughter in high school the child was called to a schoolhouse where a compromising picture was taken, and publication of the picture was held as a threat over the parent.

Other Klan secrets revealed by the witness were that no Klunker will testify against another Klunker in court unless the defendant is charged with treason or murder; and that the Klan told members they belonged technically only when they wore their robes, and that they could be ordinarily expelled from membership when such a denial was convenient. The Klan calls in most instances take precedence over any other obligations, he also asserted.