

Bowl At Hollywood Scene of Great K. of C. Mass; 18,000 Attend

Hollywood, Cal., May 24.—More than 18,000 visitors gathered in Hollywood, the streets and boulevards were decorated with the national and papal colors, and the city was swept with enthusiasm as the annual State convention of the Knights of Columbus of California formally began here Sunday.

'Elmer Gantry' Play Revised at Request of Cleveland Divine

Cleveland, May 21.—At the instance of Edwin D. Barry, Director of Safety, there will be a revision of several scenes and elimination of references to religious demonstrations in the play "Elmer Gantry," a dramatization of the novel of that name, now being presented here.

American Breaking Church Ties, Priest Tells Retreatants

New York, May 15.—That Americans are getting away from church institutions which were regarded as of paramount importance by the founders of the Republic, is the opinion of the Rev. Paul J. Blakely, S. J., associate editor of America, as expressed in an address at the opening of a three-day retreat for lawyers at St. Andrew's church here yesterday.

Irish Town Council Condemns Mexico's Anti-Catholic War

Dublin, May 19.—The latest municipal corporation to join in the protest against the Mexican atrocities is that of Drogheda, which has unanimously adopted a resolution urging protests by the peoples of various countries. The resolution proposes that:

'Christ the Worker' Feast Petitioned For By 70,000 In France

Bordeaux, May 21.—The diocesan petition directed by Cardinal Andrieu, Archbishop of Bordeaux, asking the Church to establish a feast of "Christ the Worker" is arousing interest throughout France. The subject has been discussed at various times in the last ten years, but the endorsement of the venerable cardinal has given new impetus to the movement.

T. P. O'Connor Will Promote Cause of Catholic Education

London, May 21.—Rumors that the famous Irish member of the House of Commons, T. P. O'Connor, is to retire at the end of the present Parliament next year are denied by Alderman Harford, leader of the Irish party in Liverpool. Mr. O'Connor represents a Liverpool division.

Card. Hayes Speaks Of Plans For New Cathedral College

New York, May 23.—His Eminence Cardinal Hayes was the principal speaker at the silver jubilee luncheon of Cathedral College, preparatory seminary of the Archdiocese of New York, in the Hotel Roosevelt here yesterday noon, following the celebration of a pontifical Mass of thanksgiving in the Cathedral. More than 350 alumni, lay and clerical, were present.

Eucharist Congress Ceremonies May Be Broadcast To Europe

San Francisco, May 24.—Some of the important ceremonies at the Twenty-Ninth International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, Australia, are likely to be broadcast as far as Western Europe, according to information received here by the Knights of Columbus Information Bureau.

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Rev. John J. McGivney is New Supreme Chaplain

Rev. John J. McGivney has been appointed Supreme Chaplain of the Order, succeeding his brother, the late Monsignor P. J. McGivney. Father McGivney, who is pastor of St. Aidan's Church, New Haven, is the third of his family to hold this office and is the last surviving brother of the founder of the Order, Father Michael McGivney.

Ohio Knights of Columbus Re-elect Old Officers

All officers of Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus, were reelected at the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the organization at Marion, Ohio. Official reports show the Order has in the state a membership of 30,000, of which number 11,897 are insurance members and 27,103 associate members. There are 120 Councils in the state, and in the amount of insurance written during the month of April, Ohio ranks third in the nation with \$354,000 in life policies.

North Carolina State Convention

T. E. Rea of Charlotte was elected State Deputy of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus at the annual convention held at Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. Rea succeeds Francis J. Heasel, Asheville attorney, who with Mr. Rea, will represent the state at the national convention in Cleveland in August.

Tennessee State Officers

John E. Champion of Nashville was elected State Deputy at the annual convention of the Tennessee State Council, Knights of Columbus, held at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Other officers elected included J. J. Sutherland, Nashville, State Secretary; Paul T. Phillips, Jackson, Treasurer; James J. McNulty, Memphis, Advocate; Neil J. Crowley, Chattanooga, Warden.

12 Members of Family Knights

St. Leo Council, No. 1294, Tacony, Philadelphia, boasts of one dozen members of one household belonging to the Order. This honor goes to the Gerke family. The members are as follows: Christopher, Herman, E. Samuel, Dr. George A. Joseph, and Robert, all brothers; Daniel J. and James, sons; Frank Gerke, Edward Farrell and Edward Caranough, nephews; and John C. Costigan, brother-in-law. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Gerke, D. D., Bishop of Tucson, Arizona, is a brother to the first mentioned.

Washington Knight Honored

Dr. A. D. Wilkinson, Financial Secretary of Council No. 374, Washington, D. C., was appointed Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Pensions, May 19th, by Hon. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior Department.

Bishop Tihen Endorses Membership Program

In a letter to Grand Knight John J. Sullivan, of Colorado Council, No. 538, Denver, Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, D. D., Bishop of Denver, said: "I am very heartily and earnestly in favor of the movement on foot in Denver Council."

Kansas Knights in Unique Tribute to Leader

An unusual incident took place shortly before the closing of the recent convention of the Kansas State Council at Topeka. On the day before, Supreme Director Gibbons had been slightly indisposed but took part in the exemplification of the Fourth Degree and presided at the banquet in the evening. On the following afternoon, while the Chairman of the Resolution Committee was making his report, the speaker announced that he would yield to a member who had a resolution which he sought to present to the convention personally. The delegate explained that his resolution was out of the ordinary, and that it had been submitted to and had passed the scrutiny of ecclesiastical authority. The substance of the resolution was that, inasmuch as money, jewels, apparel, etc., were of a transient nature, he resolved that the Knights of Kansas offer up Holy Communion, Sunday, May 27th, in honor of the Mother of God, that she intercede for health and long life for the loved and able leader of Kansas Catholicism. Speaker followed speaker, pouring out sentiments of affection for an appreciation of the man who had personally initiated fifty per cent of the elder membership and was personally and gratefully known to almost the entire thirteen thousand membership of the state. Director Gibbons, sitting on the rostrum, was overcome with emotion. Responding to the demonstration, he half arose, with bowed head, and could only say, "I wish I were worthy of this." The demonstration of respect and affection lasted half an hour. The result was that Holy Communion was received for the intention indicated in the resolution.

Iowa Knights Continue Charitable Work

C. C. Ries of Iowa City was re-elected State Deputy at the 27th Annual Convention of the Iowa State Council in Waterloo, May 21 and 22. Joe McCormick of Cedar Rapids was re-elected State Secretary for the eleventh time without any other name ever having been placed in nomination against him. Martin J. Wade, Jr., of Ottumwa, was re-elected State Advocate. Jas. E. Gaters, former State Treasurer, who had been filling an interim term, was again selected as "watch dog of the treasury." The only new officers J. F. Maher of Sioux City as State Warden. All were elected by acclamation.

Three Pilgrimages From Eastern U. S. To Sydney Congress

Priest's Will Gives \$3000 To Charities

Baltimore, May 25.—By terms of the will of the late Rt. Rev. Marcellus J. Whalen, one of the oldest priests, both in years and point of service, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, who died at St. Secours hospital here on May 16, \$1,000 each is left to Mother Ethelbert, of St. Joseph's and St. Bridget's Convent, Philadelphia; and St. Joseph's Seminary, and St. Secours hospital of this city.

New Alabama State Deputy

Hugh McEhan of Montgomery was elected State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus at the twenty-fifth annual convention held at Prattville, Alabama. He succeeds James E. Glennon of Mobile who, with him, will represent Alabama at the Supreme Convention in Cleveland in August. Other officers elected included Neil Frank McGowan, Birmingham, State Secretary; Hugh Gallagher, Montgomery, Treasurer; John A. Hughes, Mobile, Advocate; Rev. P. J. Delahunty, Huntsville, Chaplain; and P. L. Geisen, Cullman, Warden.

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N. Y. World Retracts Take About Killing Of Nuns in Spain

New York, May 23.—Expressing regret that its columns should have been used for the publication of "such an innuendo," the New York World, in its issue today, acknowledges that a special despatch from its Paris bureau reporting the suspension of the Spanish newspaper Vos de Gaspouzon for having published a story that an army officer had avenged the suicide of his daughter in a convent by killing four nuns of the institution, which appeared on the front page of the World on April 29, was unfounded and untrue.

The newspaper Vos de Gaspouzon yesterday notified the World that, while it had been suspended by the official censor, it was not for the publication of such a story. The story itself is said to be without foundation.

The same story was also printed in London by the Daily Chronicle, which with drew it and apologized on May 1, saying that W. P. Marquand, secretary of the Westminster Catholic Federation, had had special inquiries made and was "satisfied there is no truth in the report."

Washington, D. C., May 23.—In its news release for May 14, 1928, the N. C. W. C. News Service carried a special dispatch from London giving details of the scurrilous article, which appeared as early as last August in several European publications, and presenting full proof of its falsity.

By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, May 25.—Three large pilgrimages to the Twenty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Sydney, Australia, September 6 to 9, are being organized in the eastern United States, the Rev. Dr. John T. McEhan, official representative of the Congress in this country, has been informed. Dr. McEhan also expects that a great number of pilgrims will go from California to the Congress.

The first of the three eastern pilgrimages is the George W. Crowley cruise, which sails aboard the Munargo from New York on July 6, and from Philadelphia July 6. Some 300 persons already have reserved accommodations on this pilgrimage.

The Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will head the second group, which sails from San Francisco aboard the Ventura August 14, under the management of Thomas Cook and Son. The third pilgrimage, managed by the American Express Company, will be headed by the Very Rev. James Anthony Walsh of Maryknoll. It, too, will sail from San Francisco aboard the Ventura.

Canada will be represented by two large national pilgrimages. Dr. McMahon has announced. Cardinal Rouleau, Archbishop of Quebec, will head a great contingent of French Canadians to the Congress, and the Rt. Rev. Michael F. Fallon, Bishop of London, will head the Canadian national delegation, he said. Both parties, he announced, will sail from Vancouver aboard the Niagara.