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American Priest Writes About Causes of Revolt in Haiti (Continued from Page One) playing on the Haitians the joke of appointing an illiterate as cabinet officer who had charge of education and the relations of the government to religion. Our occupation officers have done many good things in Haiti. Anyone who condemns all their actions closes his eyes to evidence clear and gains takable. But their work has gone to the bottom of the Haitian mind and must be despised. The other side of the same medal, they know what is best for Haiti and they will see it by force, by diplomacy or by chicanery that they will accept. These statements are taken into consideration the good things they have actually accomplished. Contempt for Haitians and cock-sureness also have been tempered somewhat by longer association with the Haitians and familiarity with the people and the country. How have these two qualities worked out in our efforts to control the use of Haitian soil and the use of Haitian talents? First they took steps to change Haiti from a land of peasant proprietors into a land of plantation employees. They did this by forcing through a constitution—the constitution General Butler spoke of—which would wipe out the Haitian ban on foreign-owned land; then they positively encouraged foreign-owned corporations to get themselves up in the sugar, the fruit and the lumber business. Later their technical services experimented with rubber to see if they could not make a success of that. They ordered the eviction of several thousand farmers from one tract of land and transferred for its transfer to a sugar company.

Proceeded on Mistaken Men Their intentions were in line with their mistaken idea of a prosperous and happy country and their unjustified contempt of the Haitian custom of peasant farming. They thought a country was prosperous when there were many corporations and many wage workers and many foreign exports of money crops and much importation of consumable goods, including food. They would prefer the Colorado sugar beet fields in Iowa villages. They wanted to make an other Porto Rico of Haiti, though Porto Rico was moving rapidly towards its present poverty wherein Governor Roosevelt says three-fifths of the children are underfed. The Haitians would become landless and laborers of the year on foreign owned plantations and condemned to straining idleness for months on end. Apologists of the American occupation point out that the plan has not worked out, that the big sugar company has not succeeded and that none of the companies has done well. Haitians reply that this is not the fault of the American officers and that their idea may still succeed, but that their idea of what should be done in Haiti is wrong.

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Around the Diocese

CORNING

Sister Berchmans, Loved by Everyone, Dies on Feast Day Corning, Dec. 27.—Sister Mary Berchmans, 48 years of age, beloved teacher and principal in St. Mary's Parochial School in this city, died at 4:15 a. m. on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and was buried from St. Mary's Church on the following Wednesday morning.

Sister Berchmans was born in 1853 at Tonawanda, and entered the Order of Mercy at Batavia when 15 years of age. Her first year was spent as a teacher in Batavia, then she was transferred to the school at Albion where she taught the following 12 years. Sister Berchmans came to Corning then, and had since given her whole life to the children she loved and to the Church she served so faithfully and devotedly. Sister Berchmans made her final profession of vows in 1871 and in 1921 celebrated her golden jubilee as a nun at St. Mary's Convent, when priests, sisters, former pupils, felicitated her on a half century of devout and faithful service to church and school. She was a gifted teacher, keen, alert and greatly interested in everything she taught; interested, most of all, in the students themselves, and in their temporal and spiritual welfare. For 35 years she was principal of St. Mary's School here, and under her able direction the school grew and prospered in its work. Parents and pupils loved her, and she exercised an influence for good in their lives that was of incalculable importance.

During recent years Sister Berchmans had cared for the library of the school, and for the altar and sanctuary of St. Mary's Church. Many exquisite pieces of linen were the results of her handwork. Her death closes a life of piety, charity and unselfish devotion.

Especially to the weak and the ill was her great kindness expressed, in thoughtful deeds, in prayers offered, in words of encouragement, and in those loving and delicate ways that were found in her ministrations. Her frequent visits to the sick, her remembrance and love for the many people, and the prayers that will be said for her will reflect the love she planted in numberless hearts.

The surviving relatives of Sister Berchmans include her father, John Sindens, of Bellevue, Ohio; her brother, Robert Howay, of Tonawanda; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

MRS. A. H. WOEPPEL Corning, Dec. 27.—Mrs. A. H. Woepffel died December 16, at her home on Park Avenue. During her 41 years' residence here Mrs. Woepffel achieved a wide reputation through her work in assisting her husband in his extensive florist business. Mrs. Woepffel was a native of Dorst, Alsace-Lorraine, where she was born April 17, 1865. Her maiden name was Catherine Schetter. At the age of 19 she came to the United States, first going to Owego, where she spent for the next four years in this country.

From Owego she moved to Corning where her marriage to Aloisius H. Woepffel was solemnized in St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. Dean Colman, on the brides 23d birthday. A devout Catholic, Mrs. Woepffel was a member of St. Mary's Church until the organization of St. Patrick's parish. She belonged to the League of the Sacred Heart and was one of the first members of St. Raymond's Guild of St. Patrick's Church.

Her life was an example to her associates of Christian charity, piety and unselfish service to her church, her home and her family. She was the mother of 10 children and lavished upon them a deep love and devotion. Besides her husband she leaves six daughters. Sister Catherine Aloisius, of Rochester, a member of the Order of St. Joseph; Joanna, Martha, Theresa and Mary, of Corning; Mrs. Edward Shaffer, of Elmira; four sons, Oswald, James, Aloisius P., and Bernard, of Corning; one brother, Peter Schetter, of Long Island. The funeral was held Thursday morning from St. Patrick's Church. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Rev. Rawlinson, the deacon was Rev. George V. Burns of the Sacred Heart Church of Rochester, and the officiating minister, Father Hayes of St. Owego, formerly pastor of St. Patrick's. Rev. Arthur Smith of St. Patrick's, was in the sanctuary at the grave the last blessing was given by Father Burns.

ELMIRA

St. Casimir Choir Elects Officers For Coming Year Elmira, Dec. 27.—The Harmonia choir of St. Casimir Church held its annual meeting last week, and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Siegfried Stepanek; vice-president, Andrew Kamas; recording secretary, Angela Stizenzinski; financial secretary, Wanda Kamas; treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Kosmicki; trustee, Chester Konieczinski; organist, John Boszark.

The membership of the choir now numbers 26 members, according to the report of the secretary. President Stepanek outlined plans for the choir for the coming year, and said he hoped the choir will take part in several benefit performances in addition to the regular church work. The members are enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming year.

K. of C. Degree And Dancing Party Are Being Planned

Elmira, Dec. 27.—Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, will exemplify the first degree of the order upon a large class of candidates on Thursday evening, January 9th. The Knights have completed plans for a Christmas ball, to be held on Monday, Dec. 30, in the ballroom of The Mark Twain Curley Johnson's Rhythm Kings will play for the dancing from 9:30 to 1:30. John T. Nugent is chairman of the general committee in charge of the ball and he and his associate workers are working hard to make the event a great success.

Christmas Party Of the C. D. of A.

Elmira, Dec. 27.—The Catholic Daughters of America, Court of St. Rita, held a Christmas party Sunday afternoon in the club rooms. A choir composed of the following girls sang religious and secular songs: Miss Marie Hudley, Miss Ellen Patella, Miss Marie Splana, Miss Edwina Butler, Miss Margaret Holton, Miss Helen Clary, Miss Theresa Costello and Miss Alice Paul. Miss Splana was also heard in a solo.

MORAVIA Class Confirmed By Bishop O'Hern In St. Patrick's

Moravia, Dec. 27.—The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, confirmed a class of 43 children in St. Patrick's Church here at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The class had been well prepared by the rector of the church, the Rev. Francis Moffett, and they presented a fine appearance. Eighteen priests were present in the sanctuary for the ceremony, and the church was filled with relatives and friends. Bishop O'Hern gave an excellent talk to the children, and urged all to be faithful followers and good soldiers of Jesus Christ. St. Patrick's Church, organized 51 years ago, has a remarkable record for service and accomplishment in the cause of religion. Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas F. Healy, D.D., was pastor of the church at one time, and the people treasure happy memories of his work and his kindness. The parish has sent several sisters and a number of priests into the religious world. The priests include the Rev. Joseph V. Curtin, rector of St. John's Church, Clyde; the Rev. Dennis V. Lane, chaplain at industry; the Rev. Cornelius A. Sikko, rector of St. Mary's Church, Rexville; and the Rev. Father Hawkins, St. Patrick's Church is proud of these apostles of the Faith, and Bishop O'Hern expressed that pride in a happy way at the Confirmation services Tuesday. It was the first visit of the Bishop, to Moravia since his consecration, and he was given a most hospitable welcome by pastor and people.

Card Party Held By Altar Society Well Attended

Moravia, Dec. 27.—On Thursday evening, December 12, a card party was held at the rectory on South Main Street under auspices of the Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church. It was largely attended. Five hundred was played. Prizes among the women players were won by Mrs. Lucy Heffernan, Mrs. Frank McDonald and Mrs. E. J. Cotter.

AUBURN

C. D. of A. Buys The Remig Home For a Club House Auburn, Dec. 27.—Court Auburn C. D. of A. bought of Anand and purchased the Remig residence at 44 South Street and will fit it up as a club house and future home for the Court. It is a splendid residence, and will make an ideal home for the Catholic Daughters. The purchase was made by the Board of Directors and the grand president, Mrs. Genevieve Cunningham. The deal was closed through J. J. Lawer, real estate agent. Possession will be given some time next month, after legal proceedings have been completed.

A three-car garage goes with the property. This will be rented a few rooms in the spacious residence will also be rented to nuns and women. The Board of Directors, who with Grand Regent Genevieve Cunningham decided on the purchase of the Remig property, consists of Gertrude Smith, Isabelle Goss, Grace Wilde, Mrs. Sarah Myers, Mrs. Dora Mansfield, Jane Lang, and Miss Elizabeth Harmon.

John Martin Dead, Oldest Employee Of Auburn Prison

Auburn, Dec. 27.—John Martin, assistant principal keeper, and former head keeper of Auburn Prison, died at his home, 1 Perry Street, Sunday morning. He was buried from St. Mary's Church at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday morning, and his funeral was attended by an unusually large number of friends. Mr. Martin's death is attributed to the recent prison riots. He was preparing to head a detail of prison guards and employees for the funeral of Head Keeper George A. Durford last Saturday afternoon, when he was stricken with apoplexy in the prison office. He was removed to the prison hospital, then to his home.

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Mrs. Martin had been employed at Auburn Prison nearly 40 years. He was a powerful man, fearless in his work, square and straight with everybody, and the prisoners respected and trusted him. He knew more notorious convicts, and more police officials, than any other man in the State. Mr. Martin was a devout Catholic, and a member of St. Mary's Church. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Bernadette Martin, both of Auburn.

F. HARRY WOODHEAD

Auburn, Dec. 20.—F. Harry Woodhead, aged 45, of 147 Osborne Street, died Sunday morning at Mercy Hospital. He had been ill only a week with pneumonia. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bernadette Lapine Woodhead, and a sister, residing in England. The funeral was held at 9:30 Wednesday morning in St. Alphonsus Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

Moravia, Dec. 27.—The Children of St. Patrick's Parish were entertained at 2:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon at the rectory. Members of the Bible History Class and of the Altar Society were in charge of the event, and it was a very pleasant affair.

HORNELL Legion to Honor Rev. Dr. Kettell With a Banquet

Hornell, Dec. 27.—Arthur H. Cunningham Post, American Legion, is making arrangements to hold a banquet about the middle of January in honor of the Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell of Macedon, National Chaplain of the American Legion. The Rev. Ward B. Flexington, chaplain of the local post, will be toastmaster; Dr. E. Mark O'Neill is chairman of the banquet. A. L. Blades, county commander, will be in charge of the entertainment; John S. Bennett in charge of invitations; M. R. Johnson, county co-operation; William J. O'Meara, decorations and Charles McDermott, tickets. Commander Leroy Kimmel expects the event will be a great success. The Hornell Legionnaires launched Dr. Kettell's candidacy for National Chaplain, and naturally they feel proud of the results of their work, and are anxious to show this pride by honoring Dr. Kettell.

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