Many Martins

In Chi**na S**ince

Vatican City, March 28 .- Twenty-

Vicariate of Shiuchow, Kwangtung

Province, approximately 150 miles from Canton. The Vicariate of Shiu-

chow lies in an area that has suf-

aries. Father Umbert Damasso, was

taken by the outlaws and subjected

to public obloquy, the priest secur-

ing freedom only by accident after

The roll of dead among the mis-sionaries of China includes citizens

of eight nations, as follows: Bel

gians, eight: Italians, four; Ameri-

cans, three; French, three; Chinese, two, Germans, two, Spaniards, one, Irish, one. The last prévious deaths were those of Bishop Trudo Jans, O.

F.M., and Fathers Bruno and Rup-

pert, O.F.M., Belgian Franciscans killed in Hupeh Province September

Gets a License

New York City, March 28, -- For-

mer Governor Alfred E. Smith ob

tained a license here the other day

authorizing him to buy, sell and lease metropolitan real estate, and

he also became an active member of

work as head of the Empire State,

Inc., which is erecting the tallest

building in the world on the site o

The real estate license certificate

called on Mr. Smith to notify him

that he had been elected an active

Thirty-fourth Streets.

the New York Real Estate Board. Both of these steps were taken, i

For Real Estate

Alfred E. Smith

14 days of suffering.

### Practical Suggestions Made for Reform of State Prisons by Elmira Chaplain Many Missionaries, Burned By Soviets Crusaders' Flag 4,765 Students

# Surrounded in China, Face Imminent Death

Sixteen Vincentian Workers, Including One Bishop, Several-Priests and Women Missionaries, Trapped in Kanchow by Army of Red Bandits-Their Situation Is Critical

REV. FRANCIS J. STAUBLE OF SYRACUSE IS AMONG THOSE IN THE DOOMED CITY

Shanghai, China, March 28.—Sixteen American Catholic in 1929, an increase of 55, making a missionaries, six of them women, are trapped in Kanchow, China, total increase of 678 by an army of Reds and bandits. They cannot escape, unless the Chinese army gives battle to the Reds and defeats them, and they cannot communicate with the outside world. All telegraph lines have been cut, and Kanchow is enveloped on every side by the and are prosecuting it with Vigor. Reds and bandits. No one is permitted to enter or leave the city. U. S. Urges Withdrawal

In response to an appeal from the

Southern Kinngsi, the province in

Evidence that the Chinese govern-

ment is trying hard to relieve the

missionaries is found in the fact

that last Friday 2,000 soldiers at

tacked the bandits in the province

of Kiangsi, killing 100 of them.

The battle lasted all day, but the

The Rev. Francis J. Stauble, the

Syracuse priest who is trapped in

Kanchow, was born and brought up

in that city. He studied at Niagara

University, entered the community

tion of the Mission and also the

munity. He is about 35 years old.

the bandits out of the province.

A small number of government ! roops is in Kanchow at the present time, and are protecting the mis. Rev. John J. Burke, general secretary of the National Catholic Weldonaries. But it is doubtful if the fare Conference, the U. S. State Detroops are strong enough to beat partment advised that all missionback the bandits, in case of a genaries be withdrawn at once from eral attack. Fear is felt that the which Kanchow is located, and stay missionaries-will-be-musdered-if\_the away ""until safe conditions are in nandits capture the city. Chinese and American officials are greatly

worried over the matter. Some of the Missionaries

The Kanchow mission was established by the Vincentian Order, the head of which is the Rev. Robert A Lennon of St. Joseph's College, Em-The Rt Rev John O'Shea, C. M., of Deep River. Conn., is head of the mission, and is one of the missionaries in Kanchow. Others with him include the Rev. Francis J. Stauble, C. M., of Syracuse; Rev. F. Leon Cabill, C.M. of Germantown, Pa.; Rev. James J. Corbett, C.M., of Boston, Mass.; Rev. Vincent DeLude, C.M., South of priests, known as the Congrega-

The women mission workers in Vincentian Fathers, 12 years ago,

For Priesthood Study in China

Peking, Cwina, March 28 - Despite adve se conditions students for the onesthood in China have advanced 678 in two years, according to the 1929 figures published from the Apostque Delegation. The 1927 figure of 4.087 has now risen to 4 765. Preparatory schools had 1.102 had 2,202 in 1927, and 2,465 in seminaries had 783 in 1927, and 838

Due to the imperativeness of a very clear program of development ed to open a preparatory school where promising boys are admitted and given careful training and as soon as the development of the territory permits each must likewise open a junior seminary.

For the major seminaries, the country is divided into regions in orhave as high quality a staff as possi ble and complete equipment for the proper moulding of the candidates. Fourteen such regions have been deseminaries are functioning, three are in construction, while two others are as yet only in project. Special problems of some sections of the country will require an atteration in this program but its adoption has meant soldiers did not succeed in driving an important advance in the perparation of the priesthood of China.

### Opera Nets \$10,000 For New York K. C.

(By N.C.W.C. News Service) New York, March 28. - About

\$10,000 was realized from the beneclude Mary C. Beggs, Clara Louise and went to the mission field in fit performance of Puccini's "La-Groell, Anselma Jarboe, Emily P. China, where he was ordained six Boheme," held in the Metropolitan Kolb, Helen C. Lucas, Sarah A. years ago by Bishop Dumond, a Opera House here under auspices of Opera House here under auspices of O'Neill, and Annie Strable, all of member of the Vincentian com the New York Chapter, Knights of

Benjamin Gigli ended his six weeks absence from the Metropolitan, during which he has been on a concert tour, to appear as Rudolfo, killed on or about February 28, concern not common to all good Lucresia Bori sang Mini, Nanette 1930, within the territory of the citizens. present, were among the box holders.





Of Sahara Desert Rt. Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, D.D. was stated, to facilitate Mr. Smith's

Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, D.D., is Bishop of Dallas. Texas. He has 52,850 square miles the old Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Fifth the American Federation of Labor, voyage of the new Chargeurs Reu- of territory in his diocese, more than Avenue between Thirty-third and who was to have spoken was sum- his steamship "Foucauld" along the seven times as much as the Roches. Thirty-third and nis steamship "Foucauld" along the seven times as much as the Roches-West African coast was somewhat of ter Diocese. There are approxiterday and his address was read by a festal occasion for missionaries, in mately 50,000 Catholic people in the view of the significance to them of Diocese; 84 priests; 108 churches; one college, one industrial school. 11 At Dakar, chief port of French academies, 32 parochial schools, and West Africa, a banquet of honor was nearly 7,000 children receiving given aboard the vessel. Among Gatholic education. Five Catholic those present was His Lordship hospitals are maintained in the Dioence" in the internal affairs of the Bishop August Grimault, C.S.Sp. M. cese, a home for working girls, a

Received at Vatican

Flying on Ship For Holy Land

New York, March 28,-Two thou-Alesia, when it sailed last Friday from the foot of 31st Street, Brooklyn, for the Holy Land, flying the hag of the Crusaders and carrying large number of Catholic pilgrims. The ship was the first to leave a port in the United States flying this lag, and so was the first to leave days of the Crusaders.

This flag, which was carried from Europe by the first Crusaders in the twelfth century under Godfrey de Bouillion, is white with five red crosses, one large one in the center ind a smaller cross in each corner. It is expected that the Catholic pilgrims from America will visit the Island of Rhodes, returning from Egypt, where there are many relies of the Grusaders, many of whom were buried there. Holy Week and Easter will be spent in Jerusalem, and Acre, the stronghold of the Cruanders, will be visited in addition to Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea the Jordan and Gallilee.

The pilgrimage is being conducted

# Among the ikons, or images, that the Soviets of Russia take delight in burning and desections, is that of the Virgin and Child's favorite ikon with the Russian people. Hundreds of these images have seen torn from church, trampled son, and then burned amid shows of derisive laughter. Form New Groups

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, March 28-Catholic nymen of Chifton-Forge and Covington, towns in the western part of Virginia, have organized with the surpose of spreading of information egarding the Church and of fostering "friendly relationable among Virginiana." The new myganisation will be known as the Alleghany Section of the Catholic Laymen's League of Virginia.

Rev. E. A. Brosnan, of Norfolk, fit was to raise funds to aid charities conducted by the chapter.

The latest Father Brosnan said that the Laymartyrs to duty are His Lordship men's Lengue had no new principles Bishop Louis Versiglia of the Sale- to teach, no new laws to propose, no sians of Don Bosco and a Salesian interest in any political party or priest, Father Calixius Caraverio, candidate, no old scores to settle, no

Each of the weekly papers published at Clifton Forge and Covington gave more than a column of its space to an account of the organizafered much from communists and tion of the League and Father Brosbandits, numerous missions having nan's address. No one connected heen completely destroyed during with either paper is a Catholic, 1929. In June one of its mission





JOSEPH A. GAVAGAN

Joseph A. Cavagan, of New York City, was elected to Congress in 1929 to fill the post left yadant by the death of Hon. Royal H. Weller. He which permits the former Governor was born in New York City and atto act as a real estate broker, was tended public and parochial schools in Untersumergau, and Mary Magpresented to him by his managing before entering Fordham University, dalene, in real life. Hanst Preising. After some years of law study, he er, daughter of the keeper of the was admitted to the bar in 1920 and tavern Alten Post, helps her father agent. H. Hamilton Weber. Later After some years of law study, he in the day a delegation- from the Real Sstate Board of New York, began his general practice. headed by President Peter Grimm. Representative Gavagan was

member of the New York Legislature from 1923-29, where he served on and voting member of the board of important crime commissions. Besides being prominent in po-

Mr. Smith told his visitors that he litical affairs, Gavagan is also an ac-

## Rev. Francis J. Lane Advises That Prisons Be of Four Classes

Says First Offenders Should Be Kept in One Prison, Second Offenders in Another, Third Offenders in Another, and All Hardened Criminals in the Fourth Class-Maps Out Feasible Plan

#### any port flying this flag since the HE RECOMMENDS THAT SHORTER TERMS BE GIVEN ALL FIRST-TIME PRISONERS

Elmira, March 28.—Four classes of State prisons, and shorter terms for first offenders, are among the reforms advocated by the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory, in a talk to the Kiwanis Club of Elmira on Thursday of last week. More attention should be paid to first offenders, Father Lane said, and they should not be permitted to become "prison hardened," or to associate with habitual prisoners who will teach and inspire them to commit more and worse

Father Lane's talk is based on more than eight years of experience and study in prison affairs. He spoke as follows:

"I am convinced that the long sentence may do more harm than attention is given to the first offendgood. When you place a man befr. Why does one become a fourib,
hind the walls for life without any
hope of ever getting out, even with
perfect conduct, you make him despersets. Take hope out of the heart perfect conduct, you make him to me, is the sore spot, me, is the sore spot, we sometimes hear it said the

"Furthermore, what are we going and I wonder if this is not in an to do with these men when we get respects, true! several hundred of them segregated is one prison? A guard or a keeper's life would never be sate. If he is alone or of his guard for a single second, he would likely be killed. Why wouldn't 20 years be leng brough. Then there weeks be bone hardy to the state of getting out, at least some day; form I would be and I am sure much of the riotons 12 to 15 mentis to at spirit, now so prevalent in the prisons, would subside.

Starting At the Wrong Bud "I think we are starting at the

wrong end in this matter. Everything is being done for the repeater, the second and third offender and no

nothing more than an animal, a ray if a lad is not a criminal when he ing animal, who will fight, tear or goes to prison, he certainly is when ing animal, who will fight, tear or goes to prison, he certainly is when shoot his way out if given the slight, he comes out; that we are making est chance.

First Offenders "I believe we are keeping the first offender too long and that he ought to be released before he becomes hardened and been training that

(Chattaned on Page Stx)

### the New York Chapter, Knights of two priests and two Bishops have Society of Virginia, he field to include the here been killed in China for their faith augurate the League and addressed the here. For Passion Play Opening; Several New Actors in Cast

residents of this little village are in lein Preisinger is engaged to be the company this year, and they are married, which is believed to have working with great seal for the influenced the committee, since there opening presentation on May 11th, is a tradition that the role of the as their ancestors worked for the Virgin must be taken by an unsurpast 300 years.

The play will be presented from May 11 to Sept. 28. There will be 32 main performances and 34 supplementary ones, which will be given at the peak of the season when more than two performances with more than two persons with the will be given weekly to care for the flocks of visitors. It is hoped to who were called upon had to appear have approximately 5,000 visitors on on the stage of the practice theater, every performance day. Therefore, not the least important phase of the preparations concerns arrangements to handle the guests. This work customarily absorbs all of the village's 2,500 persons who are not actively participating in the play.

Rehearsals Are Secret Because of the secrecy with which the rehearsals are guarded, it is most difficult to appreciate the fact that Director Johann George Lang is assembling his 700 charges nightly and putting them through two hours of strenuous choral, speaking and mass-movement drills.

It is expected that 300,000 visitors will come to Oberammergan between May 11 and Sept. 23, which number Director Lang estimates will be necessary to make up for the losses through inflation in 1922, when the Passion Play was last acted. Several New Actors

There are several new actors in the cast this year, all of whom work at commonplace tasks in life. The Christus, Alois Lang, works at fashioning a crucifix, while Anni Anni Rutz, who plays the Virgin Mary, goes to her secretarial work serve the guests. Alois Lang is a man of 38 years. He is a distant relative of the former Christus, An ton Lang, who had the role in 1900, 1910 and 1922, and is now considered too old to bear the strain. The new Christus, who is a woodcarver, is of somewhat more rugged type the murder of Fresiden

Oberammergau, March 28,—Re-tions for the cast last October, It hearsals are being held here every was a close race between Anni Rutz evening for the 1930 presentations and Hansi Preisinger, who received of the Passion Play. Nearly 700 the role of Mary Magdalese. Frauried woman.

It may seem strange that two Langs in a village of this sise are only distantly related, but there are about 180 Langs and 120 Rutin in the population of Oberammerga

Working with Real

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Dying



Conception is dying. It was membered that she was Martyrdom of Clergy Cited title "Foucauld" It was with the Martyrdom of Clergy Cited title "Foucauld" It was with the Martyrdom of Archive March 28.—Pope Fulls grainted an audience to the Rt. Rew. Magr. Joseph A. Breslin of New Mork with the legion of Africa's greatest missionary priests and laymen of the Russian Orthodox Church since the revolution.

"Fifty per cent of the Catholic Clergy of Russia have disappeared sionary in the Sahara, living a life ince the revolution through judical of heroic sacrifice as an example and murder, starvation, privation, exile or imprisonment," declared Fatter Walsh in the name of the Rt. Rew. Magr. Joseph A. Breslin of New Moratus, and an addience to the Rt. Rew. Magr. Joseph A. Breslin of New Moratus, and an addience to the Rt. Rew. Magr. Joseph A. Breslin of New Moratus, and the felt it was incumbent upon every clitical affairs, Gavagan is also an active member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles of Columbus. Sin of New York and Kniles of Columbus. Construction of the Interests of the string of the interests of the string of the industry, the past and present that the name of the Rt. Rew. Magr. Joseph A. Breslin of New Moratus, and present that the name of the string of the industry, the past and present that the name of the tit was incumbent upon every clitical affairs, Gavagan is also an active member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles in the felt it was incumbent upon every clitical affairs, Gavagan is also an active member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles in the felt it was incumbent upon every clitical affairs, Gavagan is also an active member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles in the felt it was incumbent upon every clitical in the desired of the string of the industry. New York and Kniles is of conducting the member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles in the felt it was incumbent upon every clitical affairs, Gavagan is also an active member of the Catholic Club of New York and Kniles in the felt it was incumbent upon every

## Reds Threaten to Bomb Opera House Where Russia's War on Religion is Scored Guillord played Museum, Outmerper de Luca was Marcello and Ezio Pinza portrayed Colline Cardinal Hayes and Mayor Walker, although not and Mayor Walker, although not

brate the 296th anniversary of the Landing of Lord Baltimore for the first time.

receipt of letters threatening that said but he performed his danger the opera house would be "blown to ous duty ably and well. pieces" and that those attending were facing "destruction." Members of the radical and bomb squade, mingled-with-the-audience,-while. 75 uniformed policemen stood outside

Threatening Letters The threatening letters were received by the management of the theatre and by Michael Williams. president of the Calvert Associates. a Catholic organization, which are of the government is given to those ranged the gathering. They were who are fighting religion. He said written on ruled paper and were religion is subject to every restrict the religion is subject to every restrict to the religion. signed only with crude drawings of a sickle and star, emblems of communism and the Union of Socialist Sov et Republica.

Those present in the great audience heard the Soviet Government attacked for intolerance and persecution by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass of Congregation Eman-El, the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., vicepresident of Georgetown University; District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain and Mr. Williams.

Matthew Woll, vice president of who was to have spoken was summoned hurriedly to Washington yes-William Collins, an A. F. of L.

organizer. His speech declared that religious persecution in Russia "is a world problem" that could be solved without "any intervention or interfer-Soviet Republic if the United States refuse all credits until the humanity.'

New York, March 28.—A mass Mr. Williams told how the Pope meeting of Protestant, Catholic and had Rev. Michael d'Herbingy, S.J. Jewish people was held in the Metro- an expert scholar, consecrated a politan Opera House here on Tues. Bishop shortly after the Russian day evening to protest against Rus-sia's war on religion, and to cele-Bishop in Russia had been killed or sent into exile, and sent him into in Russia in disguise, where he secret-America and the establishment by ly consecrated 12 Bishops, and him of religious liberty in this land through their help brought about the rebirth of the Church in Red The meeting was held under Russia. He was in daily and hour heavy police guard, following the ly peril of his life, Mr. Williams

Mr. Woll's paper urged that American business men be prevailed upon to hoycott Russia and refuse her credit until the religious perse-

cutions are stopped. Father Walsh told how 250,000 skilled propagandists are at work trying to kill religion in Russia. He said 700 anti-religious demonstra-tions were held at Christmas in 1928, and that the entire strength tion, limitation and penalty that human hate can devise.

There was no disturbance at the

### French Ship Named In Honor of Martyr

Dakar, French West Africa, (N.C. W.C.—Fides) -- March 28.-- The first the vessel's name.

Fabre, director of the line and pas- refuge home for girls, and two orsenger on the boat for her maiden phan asylums. Soviets return to the fold of civilized voyage, gave an eloquent address, in which he explained the choice of the title "Foucauld." It was with the intent, he said, of paying tribute to

