

"In vain will you round missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press."

"We are not interested in our own success, but in the success of our country, and we would not be satisfied until we had secured the best possible government."

Practical Suggestions Made for Reform of State Prisons by Elmira Chaplain

Many Missionaries, 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 missionaries, six of them women, are trapped in Kanchow, China, 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.

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, Emmitsburg, Md.

Reds Threaten to Bomb Opera House Where Russia's War on Religion is Scored

New York, March 28.—A mass meeting of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish people was held in the Metropolitan Opera House here on Tuesday evening to protest against Russia's war on religion, and to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Landing of Lord Baltimore in America and the establishment of the first religious liberty in this land for the first time.

The meeting was held under heavy police guard, following the receipt of letters, threatening that the opera house would be "blown to pieces" and that those attending were facing "destruction."

Threatening letters were received by the management of the theatre and by Michael Williams, president of the Calvert Associates, a Catholic organization, which arranged the gathering.

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

Martyrdom of Clergy Cited. The addresses of Father Walsh and Mr. Williams dealt with the martyrdom of Archbishops, Bishops, priests and laymen of the Russian Orthodox Church since the revolution.

4,765 Students For Priesthood Study in China

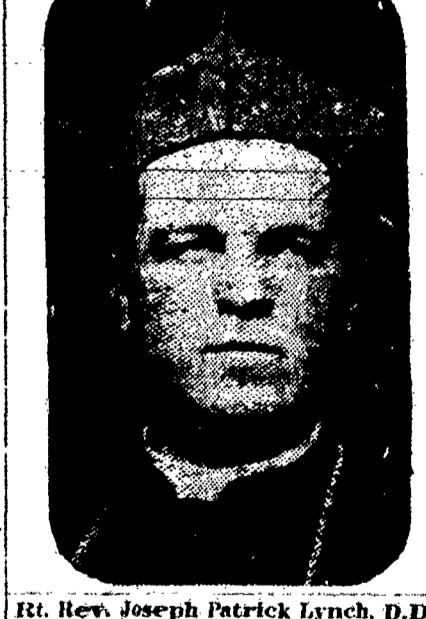
(Fides Service) Peking, China, March 28.—Despite adverse conditions, students of the priesthood in China have advanced 678 in two years, according to the 1929 figures published from the Apostolic Delegation. The 1927 figure of 4,087 has now risen to 4,765.

Due to the imperativeness of a strong native clergy in China, Church authorities have drawn up a very clear program of development and are prosecuting it with vigor. Each ecclesiastical division is expected to open a preparatory school where promising boys are admitted and given careful training.

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 benefit performance of Puccini's "La Boheme," held in the Metropolitan Opera House here under auspices of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus.

Meet the Hierarchy



Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, D.D.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, D.D., is Bishop of Dallas, Texas. He has 52,850 square miles of territory in his diocese, more than seven times as much as the Rochester Diocese.

Burned By Soviets



Among the icons, or images, that the Soviets of Russia make doubly burning and desecrating, is that of the Virgin and Child, a favorite icon with the Russian people.

Many Martyrs In China Since The Year 1923

(Fides Service) Vatican City, March 28.—Twenty-two priests and two bishops have been killed in China for their faith since the year 1923. The latest martyrs to die are His Lordship Bishop Louis Vorstgilla of the Salesians of Don Bosco and a Salesian priest, Father Calixtus Caravario.

Alfred E. Smith Gets a License For Real Estate

New York City, March 28.—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith obtained a license here the other day authorizing him to buy, sell and lease metropolitan real estate, and he also became an active member of the New York Real Estate Board.

Mr. Smith told his visitors that he felt it was incumbent upon every citizen to devote some of his time not only to the interests of the State but the upbuilding of the industry, the profession or the business to which he belonged.

Crusaders' Flag Flying on Ship For Holy Land

New York, March 28.—Two thousand people cheered the Fabre liner, Alesia, when it sailed last Friday from the foot of 81st Street, Brooklyn, for the Holy Land, flying the flag of the Crusaders and carrying a large number of Catholic pilgrims.

This flag, which was carried from Europe by the first Crusaders in the twelfth century under Godfrey de Bouillon, is white with five red crosses, one large one in the center and a smaller cross in each corner.

Western Virginia Catholic Laymen Form New Groups

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, March 28.—Catholic laymen of Clifton Forge and Covington, Iowa, in the western part of Virginia, have organized with the purpose of spreading of information regarding the Church and of fostering "friendly relationship among Virginians."

Rev. E. A. Brozman, of Norfolk, spiritual director of the Holy Name Society of Virginia, helped to inaugurate the League and addressed its first meeting. In his address Father Brozman said that the Laymen's League had no new principles to teach, no new laws to propose, no interest in any political party or candidate, no old scores to settle, no concern not common to all good citizens.

Each of the weekly papers published at Clifton Forge and Covington gave more than a column of its space to an account of the organization of the League and Father Brozman's address. No one connected with either paper is a Catholic.



JOSEPH A. GAVAGAN

Joseph A. Gavagan, of New York City, was elected in Congress in 1929 to fill the post left vacant by the death of Hon. Royal H. Weller. He was born in New York City and attended public and parochial schools before entering Fordham University.

Rome, March 28.—Kink Vietro Emanuel received a formal visit from the former papal secretary of state, Cardinal Gasparri, on Tuesday, the cardinal choosing the Feast Day of Annunciation to thank the monarch for bestowal of the Collar of Annunziata.

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

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.

Starting At the Wrong End. "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 attention is given to the first offender."

First Offenders. "I believe we are keeping the first offender too long and that he ought to be released before he becomes hardened and has become a professional criminal."

Working with Seal. Every evening since Dec. 28 all who were called upon had to appear on the stage of the practice theater.

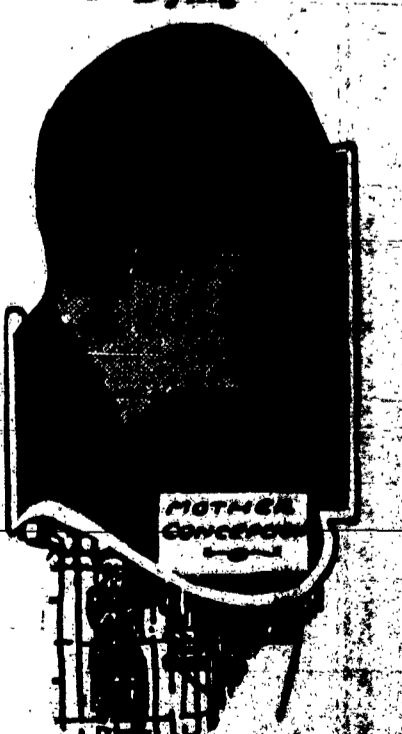
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Oberammergau Prepares For Passion Play Opening; Several New Actors in Cast

Oberammergau, March 28.—Rehearsals are being held here every evening for the 1930 presentation of the Passion Play. Nearly 700 residents of this little village are in the company this year, and they are working with great zeal for the opening presentation on May 11th, as their ancestors worked for the past 300 years.

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

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 in Unterammergau, and Mary Magdalene, in real life, Hansl Preisinger, daughter of the keeper of the tavern Alten Post, helps her father serve the guests in the inn.



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