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AGED BISHOP WAS BEATEN AND ROBBED, THEN HE AND YOUNG PRIEST WERE SHOT

Vatican City, May 2.—(Fides Service)—A thrilling story has just been received here from the Rev. W. Gallagher, S.J., missionary priest in South China, describing the recent martyrdom of Bishop Aloysius Versiglia and a newly-ordained priest, the Rev. Callistus Caravario, at the hands of Chinese Communists. Bishop Versiglia is the second Bishop killed, and Father Caravario the 22d priest, in China in the past six years.

Father Gallagher's story of the martyrdom of these two heroic missionaries is a graphic one. It follows: A little after 2 p. m. on the evening of March 12th, I reached the town of Long Kong Hau, where there was no cloud in the sky, and the rain of the previous days had made the landscape sparklingly clear. A low range of mountains stretched away to the West. At its foot, fringed with a thick growth of bamboo, flowed the river. If ever a face was painted on the face of nature, it was here, and yet, but a few days before, within that valley, occurred one of the most terrible of grim tragedies which have lately been taking place in China. With suddenness, which, actually, was the end of the grand figures of the Catholic Church of Kwangtung, and a most recently-ordained priest.

Tributes to the Bishop

We got to Shingchow at 6 a. m. The chief of the Salesian Fathers attended the funeral of this their first bishop, Mgr. Aloysius Versiglia. We went at once to the little room where the body lay in a massive, blackwood Chinese coffin, dimly lighted by flickering candles, and surrounded by the banners and wreaths which had been sent by both Catholics and pagans. The inscriptions were very beautiful, particularly the two sent by the Cantonese government. Standing, for there

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Nocturnal Society Has Its Communion Breakfast And an Inspiring Program

The members of the Nocturnal Society of the Diocese of Rochester received Holy Communion at a body at the 7:30 Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday morning. After which they went in a body to the Powers Hotel, where a Communion Breakfast was served and an inspiring program carried out. More than 400 members were present, and it was the first event of the kind ever held by the society. The effects were inspirational.

The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D., Bishop of Rochester, celebrated the Communion Mass and assisted the distribution of Holy Communion. The Rev. Charles F. Shay, rector of the Cathedral and spiritual adviser of the society, welcomed the members in a fine way, and told of the growth in numbers, and the inspiration of their example and sacrifices. Bishop O'Hern spoke briefly and apply to the conclusion of the Mass. He commended the society in the highest terms, and praised the members for their zeal and their devotion. The center aisle pews were reserved for the members at the Mass, and they were filled in a way that was good to see.

The Communion Breakfast

A most appetizing Communion breakfast was served in the ballroom of the Powers Hotel, under the personal direction of Joseph Smith, manager of the hotel. The ballroom was filled to capacity. At the speakers' table were Bishop O'Hern, Father Shay, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Nolan, Chancellor of the Diocese; the Rev. Joseph S. Cameron; Hon. William P. J. O'Meara of Ottawa, Canada; Hon. Daniel Skuse of Los Angeles, formerly of Rochester; and James P. B. Duffy, President of the

Meet the Hierarchy



RT. REV. JOSEPH H. ALBERTS

The auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Alberts. This Diocese has 12,000 square miles of territory, 508 priests, 235 churches, four seminaries, four colleges, four normal schools, 10 academies, 14 high schools, 134 parish schools, 50,000 children receiving a Catholic education, and more than 25,000 people were cared for in Catholic hospitals in the Diocese last year.

Ten Cardinals Plan To Attend Congress May 7

Vatican City, May 2.—Ten Cardinals, headed by Cardinal Lepicier, Papal Legate, will attend the Eucharistic Congress opening at Carthage on May 7. The others are Cardinals Verdier, Charost, Ascaceli, Lavitrano, O'Connell, Honn, Van Rooy, Fauthauer and Macory. Cardinal Verrier, who has been audiences with Pope Pius Monday, will sail on the French Episcopacy abroad the steamer Naples on Saturday.

Al. Smith Joins Cardinal Hayes In Charity Talk

New York, May 2.—Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith joined Cardinal Hayes in the 11th annual appeal for the Catholic Charities of Greater New York, speaking at a mass meeting held here on Monday evening in the Metropolitan Opera House.

The gathering was under the auspices of the Cardinal's committee of the laity, and invitations were issued in the name of the Cardinal himself. The chairman of the meeting was George MacDonald, a Marquis of the Papal court. Between the speeches the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra played.

The audience was reminded that the canvass would be made for annual subscriptions in all the 370 parishes of the archdiocese from May 4 to 11.

The Opera House, which was used for the first time for an appeal of this kind, was crowded. On the stage, grouped about the Cardinal, were members of his committee and virtually every Monsignor in the Archdiocese of New York. Behind the dignitaries were hundreds of priests.

Many Non-Catholics Present

Both tiers of boxes were filled with leading Catholic laymen and their families, and there were many non-Catholics who attended by personal invitation from the Cardinal.

The orchestra and galleries were filled with representatives of virtually every parish under the jurisdiction of Cardinal Hayes.

The meeting celebrated the 10th anniversary of Catholic Charities, organized by Cardinal Hayes shortly after he succeeded the late Cardinal Farley as Archbishop of New York. It was explained that an effort would be made this year to "go over the top" of the total received last year, which, including legacies, was \$1,545,788.74. An average of more than \$1,000,000 has been obtained each year during the decade.

200 Catholic Agencies

Catholic Charities is a supervising organization which directs and subsidizes 200 Catholic agencies operated in the archdiocese. Last year 209,321 persons were aided by the organization. More than 20,000 volunteers, men and women, will canvass in the campaign.

Cheers for Al

When Ex-Governor Smith arose to speak he was greeted by a storm of cheers. He gave a vigorous talk in support of the campaign, paid fine compliment to Cardinal Hayes and told the audience: "When you give to this campaign you are giving not only to the poor and needy, but to the Church and to God."

Cardinal Hayes received an ovation from the audience, and the meeting was a great success—one of the most enthusiastic ever held for the Catholic Charities in this city.

Robber Bands Supreme

On the morning of February 25th they all embarked in a covered boat to begin the 11-day journey to Yenn-Shan and Linchow. China is at war and robber bands reign supreme.

Madonna Missing Three Centuries, Is Being Sought

Naples, May 2.—Italian art detectives, galleries and students are hunting for a missing Madonna by Raphael. Their search is complicated by the fact that the painting has been missing since the 16th century, and knowledge of its existence was made known only a few weeks ago by Professor Genaro Monti of the Royal University of Bari, who made the discovery from records of the work in the archives of the noble Piccolomini family.

In 1542 Pier Francis Piccolomini, a Sienese noble, gave his daughter Silvia in marriage to Innocio Piccolomini. The records show that among the treasures in the bride's dowry was "a round painting of the Madonna, the infant Jesus, sleeping, and St. John, the work of Raphael of Urbino, which is valued at more than 200 crowns." The archives yield the fact that the painting reached Naples. What happened to it is the present-day puzzle.

Chinese Bandits Take Five Priests Within One Month

(Fides Service)

Paris, May 2.—The capture of Father Waguette of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, announced by telegram under date of March 28, brings the total of captures in this society to five within the last month. Father Waguette remains captive while the other four have been released after severe hardships. Father Waguette was stationed at Hoi-tien in the Vicariate of Swatow, Kwangtung, China. His four confreres were taken prisoners in the province of Kwangsi.

Raskob in Vatican City

Vatican City, May 2.—John J. Raskob, American financier, arrived here Saturday and was present at the episcopal consecration of Msgr. Pizzardo, Under-Secretary of State for the Holy See.

Holds Rally Want Hospital In Porto Rico For Children

New York, May 2.—Following the receipt Wednesday of a communication from Bishop Aloysius Willinger, of the Diocese of Ponce, Porto Rico, emphasizing the need of a hospital on the center of the island as a definite method of bringing permanent relief for hundreds of needy children, Rev. Frederick J. Toomey stated that conferences would be held among Catholic laymen here this week to push plans to assure such a hospital as part of the program of the Catholic Porto Rican Child Welfare Association.

Dr. Toomey said that the immediate necessity for such a children's hospital, especially to serve the great number of undernourished babies and children of school age, has also been stressed by others, who have reported to him on conditions in Porto Rico. An effort will be made to obtain sufficient support from Catholic laymen in the United States to make such a hospital possible, Dr. Toomey explained.

Dr. Toomey is secretary of the Catholic Porto Rican Child Welfare Association, an organization of Catholic laymen recently organized to aid destitute and needy children on the island. It has headquarters at 50 Union Square and has Joseph P. Grace as chairman of its national committee and John G. Agar as chairman of its board of trustees.

All Religions Are Protected Fully in Italy

Rome, May 2.—Regulations of the law concerning religious rights in Italy, which have been made public, confirm full freedom of worship of members of all religions, and authorize non-Catholic religious, the regulation provides, are to be exempt from military service, and may provide religious aid to non-Catholic soldiers. Students in non-Catholic seminaries and rabbinical schools may postpone their military service until after their graduation, and parents of non-Catholic pupils in the elementary schools are entitled to claim exemption for their children from religious instruction.

Provision also is made for instruction in a special religion within the school premises when the number of non-Catholic students is large enough to warrant it. Schools in non-Catholic communities may be subsidized by the State or by the municipality.

Mourning

Frau Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, and daughter of Franz Liszt, two of the world's greatest composers, died recently at Bayreuth, Germany, in her 92d year.



BISHOP O'HERN

Friends of the late Rev. Thomas Daniel Kennedy, S.T.L., formerly of Rochester, who was chancellor of the diocese of Peoria, Ill., have received word that Pope Pius had appointed the Rt. Rev. Mons. Joseph H. Schlarman, pastor at Belleville, Ill., since 1909, bishop of Peoria.

The See has been vacant seven months following the death of Bishop Edmund M. Dunne who succeeded the first bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spaulding, noted theologian and essayist. Bishop Spaulding named Father Kennedy rector of the Peoria cathedral and also chancellor of the diocese which has a Catholic population of 200,000.

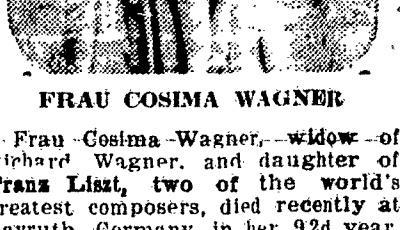
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Tablet For War Dead

New York, May 2.—A tablet in honor of deceased war veterans of the parish was unveiled at St. Veronica's Roman Catholic Church, Christopher Street, Sunday afternoon. The tablet was presented to the church by the Private Michael J. Lynch Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Corporation Counsel Arthur J. W. Hilly delivered the presentation address.

Pioneer Knight Dies

Nashville, Tenn., May 2.—Ferdinand E. Kuhn, who aided in the organization of Knights of Columbus councils here and in other parts of the South, died recently at the age of sixty.



FRAU COSIMA WAGNER

Al. Smith Favors Changing Name Of Mothers' Day

New York, May 2.—Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith has come out in favor of changing the name of the second Sunday in May from "Mothers' Day" to "Parents' Day," according to an announcement made yesterday by George J. Hecht, chairman of the board of editors of the Parents' Magazine, 255 Fourth Avenue. Mr. Hecht, in the May issue of the magazine, strongly supports the idea of the change.

"I am glad to endorse the idea of changing 'Mothers' Day' to 'Parents' Day,'" Mr. Smith wrote in a letter to Mr. Hecht. "I believe it will emphasize the responsibility of fathers to families. I am also in accord with the idea that such a day should be started not alone for the expression of appreciation from children to parents but for a realization of the interests and responsibilities of parenthood. No greater pleasure exists in life than the realization and fulfillment of parenthood."

U. S. Supreme Court Approves State's Act As Educational Aid

Washington, May 2.—The Supreme Court of the United States Monday upheld the constitutionality of the statute in the State of Louisiana under which free text books are furnished to private schools in the state, in an opinion handed down by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

The enactment in Louisiana in question is Act 140, passed in 1922, creating what is known as the Severance Tax Fund, devoted to the purchasing of text books for children attending private schools, any surplus remaining after that purpose has been carried out to be turned in to the general school fund of the state.

Injunction Is Sought

Emmett Cochran, William Giles, Jr., Henry Steinau and others brought suit against the State to restrain the State Board of Education and other Louisiana officials from expending funds afforded under the Severance Tax Law for buying school books on the ground that the statute was in violation of the State and Federal Constitutions. The trial court in Louisiana refused to issue an injunction and the appellants brought the case before the United States Supreme Court.

The appellants claimed that the action of the State in enacting the law was against the following clause in the Louisiana Constitution (Section 13, Article 18): "No public funds shall be used for the support of any private sectarian school."

The Supreme Court in Louisiana held that the expenditure of the State fund for the purpose of providing free text books for private schools was a lawful exercise of the police power of the State and a violation of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

In affirming the judgment of the Louisiana Court, the Supreme Court said in part:

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Impressive K. C. Degree Featured in Fine Way By Patriotic Talk by Bishop

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus—one of the most beautiful, impressive and inspiring degrees ever conferred by any organization—was exemplified in a never-to-be-forgotten way in the ballroom of the Columbus Civic Center, Sunday afternoon, upon the 15th anniversary of the Degree Team of the Fifth New York District, Calvert Province, with John F. Barrett of Syracuse, the Master in charge, conferred the degree. One of the candidates was the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, and in his honor the class was named "The Bishop O'Hern Class." Old-timers did it without exception, the finest and best degree ever given in this section of the State.

Outstanding Features

There were many outstanding features. Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., was present and gave an inspiring talk.

Bishop O'Hern gave a talk on "Patriotism" that was surprisingly fine, eloquent and appealing.

A beautifully engraved sword—emblem of the sword of the Crusaders of old—was presented. Bishop O'Hern by Frederick J. Miry, and with it a life-membership in the Fourth Degree Assembly, engraved Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, engraved upon a sterling silver card.

More than 500 Fourth Degree Knights were present, including Charles R. Barnes, one of the few original charter members of the Fourth Degree. Mr. Barnes was a member of the first Fourth Degree Chapter and he received his degree in New York City 30 years old.

Delegations were present and candidates initiated from Syracuse, Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Oswego, Auburn, Newark, Geneva and Canandaigua, and there were Knights in attendance from Utica, Oneida, Rome, Buffalo, Dunkirk, and many other places. All in all, it was an event of rare inspiration, and it brought out in a fine way the splendid accommodations of the monumental Columbus Civic Center and sent hundreds of visitors away delighted and inspired with what Rochester possesses.

Pope Appoints Third Bishop of Peoria Diocese

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Suit Was Brought Against State of Louisiana to Prevent It from Providing Free Text Books For Pupils in Private Schools—Action of State Is Upheld And Books Will Be Supplied

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Rev. P. H. Boland Formerly of Utica, Dies In Worcester

Worcester, Mass., May 2.—The Rev. Patrick H. Boland, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, died here Monday at the age of 60. Bishop O'Leary of Springfield officiated at his funeral on Wednesday. Father Boland was born in North Adams on Jan. 21, 1870, and was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1890. He was ordained in Montreal in 1893 and served as curate in Utica, N. Y.; Blackstone, Springfield, Worcester, Greenfield and Holyoke until 1913, when he became pastor of St. Ann's Church in Southboro. He came here in 1919.

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Catholics in Congress

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