French Honor Joan of Arc, Re-enacting Her Entrance Into Compiegne Years Ago

Compiegne, France, May 23.—Last Saturday night the 500th anniversary of the entrance of Joan of Arc into Compiegne was celebrated here in a splendidly patriotic way.

It was before this city that Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians and the English in 1430.

The ceremonies were solemnly opened before representatives of the French Government and members of the diplomatic corps of Great Britain, Belgium, Italy and Canada.

The Maid of Orleans, impersonated by Mlle. Nelly Wilhelm, mounted and in armor, surrounded by her bodyguard, marched into Compiegne in the midst of a torch light procession the like of which had never before been seen in this part of France. About 7,000 persons, bearing 4,000 torches and lanterns, took part.

120 Silk Bannerettes

The slow-moving stream of lights passed across the open square and through the narrow streets of Compiegne they glimmered and shone on 120 silk banners, the fruit of many months of labor on the part of the women of Compiegne, each banner representing in bright colors the patron saint of the trade corporations taking part.

Besides their banners, the members of the corporations carried staves on the top of which were also carved effigies of their patron saints, many being ancient relics dating back to the days of Joan of Arc. The lawyers carried a figure of St. Yves, the comedians one of St. Genest, the grocers, St. Michael; the shoemakers, St. Crispin, to mention only a few.

Six War Chaplains

The light of the silk banners waving against the night sky or the background of houses in the light of the torches and lanterns was greeted with a long series of exclamations of surprise and pleasure, suddenly hushed as a number of choir boys and young girls in white and priests came into view. A blue and gold reliquary was borne above the slow procession by six padres, their breasts covered with medals won in the war.

All heads were bowed as the remains of St. Victor, St. Cupian and the Virgin Mary's veil, relics which were bequeathed to us by the Emperor Charlemagne and have been preserved in Compiegne since the year 876, were carried past. Cardinal Lucon of Rheims, Cardinal Binet, Archbishop of Besancon, and Mgr. Le Senne, Bishop of Beauvais, marched beside the reliquary.

Bodyguard of Scots

Then the light of lanterns and torches flashed on bright armor and trappings proudly borne by the young girl impersonating Joan of Arc, riding gracefully astride a white horse and carrying aloft a duplicate of the banner that was borne into battle in 1430, carrying victory in its folds.

The house of the narrow streets echoed to beating drums and shrill fifes and the wild notes of the bagpipes of the bodyguard of Scots, who had come especially in memory of the Scottish soldiers of fortune who fought in the ranks of the French against their old enemies.

The celebration was continued Sunday when there was a daylight costume profession and a medieval tournament reproducing all the ceremonies as well as the combats of the days of chivalry.

Slave Dealer Caught in China With 30 Children

(Fides Service)

Ningpo, Chekiang, China, May 23.—A modern slave dealer, who has grown rich on the sale of children while posing as a rich merchant, has been discovered by the police in the city of Ningpo, Chekiang, China. The expose took place following the arrival of a vessel in the harbor of this river town loaded apparently with a cargo of lumber for Fukien Province. A passerby, hearing strange cries emanating from the craft, told the local police, who discovered 30 small boys and girls hidden below decks.

Catholic missionaries in China have met other instances of this nefarious trade, by no means abolished even in this 20th century despite the efforts of the authorities. Christian charity and the proper evaluation of humanity by the principles of the Gospels, they say, are the only effective means to combat the evil.

Ningpo is in the Vicariate Apostolic of the same name. Catholics total 15,451 in a total population of 14,000,000. The priests of the Congregation of the Missions, (Lazarists) are in charge.

Says Mexican Church and State Are At Peace Now

Washington, May 23.—Friction between the Church and the State in Mexico has disappeared and the Catholic Bishops and clergy are cooperating loyally and cordially with the Mexican Government, according to William F. Montavon, of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Referring to the new period of harmony between the church and the Mexican Government, Mr. Montavon said this had been sealed recently by the official call which Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores paid on President Ortiz Rubio. This was the first time that an archbishop had been received by the President of Mexico for years, Mr. Montavon said, and since Archbishop Ruiz y Flores was the one who brought about the return of the church the event was considered especially significant.

President Ortiz Rubio was Governor of the State of Michoacan at the time Ruiz was Bishop of that Diocese, Mr. Montavon said, and they always got along well despite the fact that Ortiz Rubio belonged to the revolutionary party, which stood for the separation of church and state.

Tabasco Trouble Spot

Only in the state of Tabasco, Mr. Montavon said, are there any differences between church authorities and officials, and these are local in character and of relatively minor importance.

The Mexican bishops are not entirely satisfied with the laws, Mr. Montavon said, for there are some features to which they object in principle. However, open hostility between the church and the state is a thing of the past.

The clergy apparently have accepted the Mexican civil requirements with respect to registration of births and marriages, and even the requirement that children must be vaccinated before being baptized. There was some disposition to object to this latter requirement on the ground that it tended to make the priest act in the capacity of health officer, but now the disposition is for the priest merely to inform the parents of the regulation regarding vaccination.

Court Favors Home for Cancer In Its Decision

Elizabeth, N. J., May 23.—In a court decision filed Saturday at Newark Clarence D. Meyer, an Elizabeth attorney, was cleared of a charge of having unduly influenced the late Mrs. Julia Ward Pratt Babcock of this city in drawing her will by which she left her estate of more than $400,000 to charity. The decision sustains the probate of the will in Orphans' Court here and dismisses the attack on the will's validity made by two granddaughters who live in San Francisco.

The beneficiaries whose bequests were upheld are the Elizabeth Orphan Asylum and the Mme. Alphonsa Lathrop Rosary Hill Home for the Treatment of Cancer at Hawthorne, N. Y. The estate, appraised at $400,000 prior to Mrs. Babcock's death June 27, 1918, is said to have increased substantially in value since that time. It is to be divided equally between the two institutions.

White Is Color Used Sparingly for Interior

There is something nice about a white house with green shutters set down on a green lawn among green trees. But this whiteness represents a small area within the landscape. And likewise when it is carried into the house it must be used with restraint. For it is every bit as striking as cerise and must be as carefully blended with other colors.

With the exception of snow, which was obviously meant to drive us indoors, Mother Nature, who has been subtly influencing our tastes for ages, uses white very sparingly. Similarly we are most successful when we use it only as an edging for accent, like the crest on the waves, or as sheer veiling like the clouds; or the white should be faintly tinted, as in the white rose.

A colonial bedroom in the white house with green shutters will not be complete without wall paper with a white background, white bed draperies and white curtains. But the wall paper is enlivened with bright nosegays. And the draperies should be transparent. The logical reason for sheer hanglings is that they permit other colors to show through. And thus the white is adulterated and blended with the other tones in the room.

The woodwork should be painted a warm ivory rather than a dead white, and if the ceiling is not going to be papered in a design, the paper should at least be cream. As a guide in the use of white in other rooms it must be remembered that in the successful colonial room, for all of its abundance, white does not really predominate. The furniture is dark and heavy. The hooked rugs are bright and striking and the chintzes of decided character.

Irish Free State Bans Thirteen Books, Including Five by American Authors

Dublin, May 23.—Thirteen books by leading American and English authors comprise the first list of publications banned from the Irish Free State under the censorship act. No Irish authors are on the list.

The American books banned, as made public in The Dublin Gazette, are "Home to Harlem," by Claude McKay, the young Negro intellectual, and four books on birth control by Margaret Sanger.

The English works are Aldous Huxley's latest and best seller "Point Counterpoint," Radcliffe Hall's "Well of Loneliness," which was banned in the United States, "Conjugal Happiness" by Dr. Lowenfeld, and five more books on birth control by Dr. Marie.

Offending Public Morals

No detailed reasons have been made public concerning the first list of banned books other than "offending public morals," on which ground the censorship act permits the action taken.

It was stated here that the names of the 13 books were given to all booksellers two or three weeks ago, with a warning that all copies on their shelves should be returned immediately to their publishers and that heavy penalties would be incurred by failure to do so.

The Irish censoring authority is the Minister of Public Justice, Fitzgerald Kenney, who acted upon a report of the board of censors recently appointed under the chairmanship of the Rev. Canon Doyland of Maynooth College, a leading Catholic institution.

The first list of banned books follows by only a few weeks the death of the last of Ireland's intellectual weeklies, the Irish Statesman, which long and strongly protested against censorship in Ireland.

Youngest Archbishop In the World, The Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan, D.D., Consecrated in Canada at Age of 35

Edmonton, Alta., May 23.—The youngest Archbishop in the world, Msgr. J. C. McGuigan, D.D., was consecrated here on May 15. With solemn and impressive ceremonies attended by a notable gathering of ecclesiastical and civil dignitaries, he was made Archbishop of Regina, Sask.

In St. Joseph's Cathedral Msgr. McGuigan received his honor at the age of 35 years through the appointment recently made by the Holy See. Some 1,400 persons thronged the cathedral for his consecration.

Prelates and other dignitaries were present from various parts of Canada and took part in the solemn Mass which created a new chief pastor of one of the largest and most important dioceses in Canada. The consecrator was his grace, Archbishop O'Leary of Edmonton.

Mrs. George McGuigan, mother of the new Archbishop, was present and was given a place of honor in the church. She had come all the way from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, with other relatives.

The new Archbishop is a talented and capable churchman, and his consecration has brought him a world of congratulations and good wishes from all parts of Canada.

FATHER DAN'S COLUMN

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seemed brighter than that which flooded the room of St. John's Hospital when a white-garbed, soft-toned nurse opened the door of the operating room, and came to the little group—Bobby's father and mother, and Father Gerrigan.

"It is over," she whispered.

"And seems successful?" asked the priest.

"As far as we can tell, just now."

The tense hands of the mother relaxed now, and the father's stern set face felt into softer lines. Father Gerrigan's smile was one of benign peace and unwavering confidence.

The days that followed were ones of comfort and happiness for Bobby, though he begged more than once for his beloved Terry, and was refused. Mary Loughlin, his nurse, with her winning Irish smile and soft, tender voice, beguiled the long days by reading to him or telling him stories from a store that seemed endless.

As Easter was dawning near, she told different tales about the great feast—not forgetting to weave among the Easter lilies, the thorns of Good Friday.

"And Bobby, dear," she said one day, "do you know that the sun is so glad on Easter morning that it dances in the sky? St. Paul tells us that if we are risen with Christ, we must seek the things which are above. God makes the sun dance I think, to make us remember those things that are above, Bobby, dear for you know we forget very easily, somehow."

"Oh, Nurse Mawy, tould I see it?"

"If you are very good, and if you get up early enough on Easter morning, you will see it."

And then Bobby went home, back to his wheel chair, for a little while. He was not allowed to walk just yet, but the doctor always said "Soon!" in answer to his eager "When?"

At last, on Easter Saturday, when Bobby begged so hard to walk, he promised that on the morrow he might. The child could hardly sleep for excitement that night, and early next morning, he was awake, bright-eyed and eager.

As soon as he could be dressed Bobby sat on the edge of the bed and placed his feet on the floor. He rose, grasping the bedpost for support. He stretched forth one foot, took a little step another another—he let go of the bed—then went on slowly—four, five, six, seven, eight, till he reached the window, and turned, flushed with triumph. He gave a little cry—for Father Gerrigan stood at the threshold.

"Oh, Father, the sun's dancin', dancin'—just like Nurse Mawy said it would—Look! Look!"

The priest hastened across the room to take the little fellow's hand.

"My foots is well adain, Father. I tan walk! God gived me them back adain for Easter. I'se got to look for the things above—like Nurse Mawy said—now. 'Cause Mawy said if I got back my foots—I oughta do what God wants—and He wants that—'cause Mawy knows."

He finished his rather jumbled little speech and knelt down beside Terry, who raised his adoring, joyous eyes to the little boy-face above him and wagged his tail contentedly.

Above the little figure, Father Gerrigan's eyes met Warren's eyes, and in his soul the priest thanked the Risen King Who was giving Bobby the grace to begin so early to search for those "things above."

BOOK REVIEWS

AN UNUSUAL PRAYER BOOK

The Rev. T. Brady of 3115 West 44th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has just published a "Little Missal" which contains many new ideas for making praying of the Mass easy, interesting and devotional. For instance, the index in the shape of a cross, besides emphasizing by its very form the idea of Sacrifice, also shows the location of the priest during every part of the Mass. By the use of two different kinds of letters this cruciform index makes plain which prayers of the Mass are always the same, and which change. The names of those prayers which are sometimes omitted entirely are underlined. The position of the priest is further indicated also by initials alongside the prayers throughout the book. Clear directions as to when to stand, sit and kneel are given.

Another original arrangement is that throughout the book the prayers which are omitted from many Masses are surrounded by a line border. Since all of these prayers are left out of Masses for the Dead, this little book is very suitable for use even by non-Catholics at funerals and Requiem Masses. This is especially true since all the funeral prayers which the priest says at Church are given.

A very interesting chart in the center of the book gives the key to the various colors worn by the priest throughout the year.

The "Little Missal" bears the official approbation of the Most Reverend Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul, which carries the facsimile reproduction of His Grace's remarkable autograph.

C. J. Sellmayer Elected To Head Bank Institute

Clarence J. Sellmayer of the Central Trust Company was elected president of the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, at a meeting of the board of governors last Saturday.

Mr. Sellmayer succeeds Robert K. Faulkner of the Union Trust Company, who becomes a member of the board of governors.

Mr. Sellmayer is one of the best known of the younger employees of the Central Trust Co. Capable, efficient and courteous, he has made many friends, all of whom will congratulate him on the splendid honor that has come to him from his associates in the banking business.

Choral Society Concert Pleases Large Audience

The annual concert by the Knights of Columbus Choral Society—always a delightful musical event, as well as a social one—was given on Monday evening this week in the Auditorium of the Columbus Civic Center. There was a good-sized audience present, and an appreciative one. Prof. Frederick Pohl directed the concert, and in a creditable way.

The program was a well-varied one, and each number was interpreted with an excellence which indicated hard and intelligent study and training. The chorus sang with unity, and kept excellent harmony.

The soloist of the evening was Mrs. Louia Gates-Bootes, and she sang in a way that won the hearts of her audience at once. Her various numbers were heartily applauded, and the sweetness and strength of her voice were admired. Mrs. Laura Wilbur Remington played her accompaniments, and played them well. John Bogaski was the accompanist for the chorus, and his work was a joy to all lovers of music, every part of it splendidly done.

The Choral Society presented a fine appearance in evening clothes, and the stage was attractively decorated. Dancing followed the program, and it rounded out a delightful evening for the members of the Choral Society and their friends and patrons.

The K. of C. Chorus is to be commended sincerely for the time and thought it gives to the study of music. Year after year this organization has presented delightful concerts, and the members have sacrificed much time and recreation in preparation for these worth-while musical events.

In the Wuchow Mission

Wuchow, China, May 23.—Though the city of Wuchow, Kwangsi, China, has been three times captured by opposing armies and twice bombed by airplanes, a group of Maryknoll nuns will soon take residence there. Arrangements have been concluded with Mother Mary Joseph, Superior General of the Congregation, for the opening of a training school to educate native Catholic girls for catechetical work.—(Fides)

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