

### Scientist Invents New Storage Battery For Electrification of the Railroads of the Irish Free State

Attention Will Revolutionize Railroads, It is Claimed, and Will be Used on the Lines of the Irish Free State—Perfected by a Young Irish Scientist.

bilu, Aug. 8.—An electric battery that it is claimed revolutionize the electrification of railroads of the world has been invented and perfected by James Drumm, a young scientist of University College, Dublin. The battery will soon be used on the railroads of the Irish Free State.

Drumm has been working on laboratory behind locked doors more than two years. The invention has now undergone successful tests and the final tests heavy loads will be made in a few days. If successful, the general electrification of Ireland's railroads is expected to follow.

Mr. Drumm's invention is described as a "low resistance alkaline battery of robust construction," with a voltage of fifty higher than that of any existing alkaline battery. The energy liberated is officially given as 75 per cent of the intake. The invention is in a compact case resembling a standard battery box.

The electrification of the Irish railroads would lower the present estimated working cost to one-tenth, but would consume the full output of the Shannon electrical undertaking. Against this it would make the country independent of imported coal.

Mr. Drumm is only 34 years of age. He is a native of Dumbur, County Down, and has had a distinguished scientific career.

Government Approves It The first official statement to Mr. McGillicuddy says the tests of the battery have proved "eminently satisfactory and support the claims made for it." The statement adds that the battery possesses a great advantage over all others in that it can be charged in from eight minutes to an hour, as compared with the five to eight hours required for other batteries.

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### L. C. B. A. Forms A Junior Branch; Officers Named

First Meeting of Newly-Formed Society Will be Held in Columbus Civic Center on August 25th.

Under the direction of Mrs. Cora McParlin of 340 Newcastle Road, the Juvenile Auxiliary of the Advisory Senate of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association was organized at a meeting of the association in Columbus Civic Center last week. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Frances Strougan; first vice-president, Miss Marie Schreiber; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Fuehrer; recorder, Miss Mary Louise Geyer; financial secretary, Miss Sarah Horans; treasurer, Miss Marion Walsh; guard, Miss Dorothy Lane; marshal, Miss Betty Conway.

The society will hold its next meeting in the Columbus Civic Center on Monday, Aug. 25.

### Corpus Christi Plans Festival for Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23

Midsummer Event Will Be Held on School Grounds—Peter Connelly and A. J. Cunningham Are the Chairmen.

Plans have been completed by Corpus Christi Church for holding a big midsummer festival on the grounds of the parish school on the evenings of August 20, 21, 22 and 23. Peter Connelly and A. J. Cunningham were chosen chairmen, and "Gus" Hall purchasing agent. Other committees were named as follows: Door, H. B. Reynolds, Miss Blanche Reynolds.

1930 Model Automobile, Mrs. Elias Loos, Miss Helen Loos, Miss Margaret Oberst, Mary Frances Loos.

Refreshments, Bert Boyle, Francis O'Meara, Patrick Gaffney, John Lennon, Robert O'Beirne.

Cooked Food and Ice Cream, Grace Lynch, Cecilia Lynch, Mrs. C. Casaretta, Mrs. August Hall, Mrs. Bert Boyle.

Blankets, Louis Houck, Fred Houck, Patrick Lynam, Harold Behr.

Candy and Novelty Booth—Mrs. William Lawa, Miss Julia Klein, Lucille Oberst.

Bingo Game—Thomas O'Neill, Joseph Mader, John M. Hodges.

Groceries, Knights of St. John, Fancy Work Booth, L. C. B. A., Fish Pond, Corpus Christi Cantata Club.

Music and Entertainment, John Lyons, Mrs. John Lyons, Mrs. J. Monahan.

Miniature Golf Course—Dennis Tani.

During the week the committees communicated the members of the parish and placed in their hands tickets to be used in connection with the festival. Arrangements will be made to furnish surplus tickets to those who are not reached through the mailing list.

Great enthusiasm is being shown over the festival, and it gives good promise of being one of the best events ever held by the parish. The Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, rector of the church, will welcome all friends to the festival.

### Knights of St. John Coburg Cruise Was Successful Event

The Fourth Annual Cruise of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and affiliated Ladies Auxiliaries, was held on Saturday, August 2nd, and it was successful in every way, said Thomas Mostyn, one of the members of the committee in charge.

It was some outing. Continuing he had the following to say: "Long before the appointed time for the departure of the train from the B. & P. Station a crowd had gathered, and it was some lively crowd at that. The First Regiment Band, under the leadership of William C. Schwab, started the day's festivities by playing several numbers before the party boarded the train. Again at the dock before going on the Ontario II, the band was heard, and it added materially to the life of the celebration.

"After all were aboard and getting acquainted the guessing contest and other sports were held, and this again proved the joviality of the picnickers, who all proclaimed the outing a big success. While the weather and the water was a little rough in crossing the lake, nevertheless, there were not many who felt the effects of the boat's swaying and rocking. Good cheer prevailed at all times.

Band Plays Two Concerts "Our band was active, also, both in the afternoon and evening, when in addition to playing a concert, they also played for dancing. Our organization surely ought to be proud of the work of the band and its capable and amiable leader, William C. Schwab, who helped to make the picnic a success.

Held Lively Ball Game "The ball game in Coburg was well played and all who took part claimed they had a good time, although the time was very short. The evening was spent in dancing, card playing and other indoor sports and amusements, and after a day of activity the party landed in Rochester, all proclaimed it a day of days for the cruise, and hoped to attend again next year."

### Blessed Sacrament Will Raze Building Built 1901; Used as Church and School

Two-Story Brick Building on Monroe Avenue Will Make Way for Parking Station—Five-Thousand Persons Attended the Laying of Cornerstone.

The first Blessed Sacrament Church, a two-story red brick building on Monroe Avenue, erected in 1901, the year the Blessed Sacrament parish was founded, is to be razed, and the site will be used as a parking station for the automobiles of the parishioners of the church. This building was the 19th Catholic Church in the city of Rochester, and its cornerstone was laid by the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, on November 3, 1901, in the presence of 5,000 persons.

The building was a combination church-and-school, and it had meeting rooms in the basement for church societies. It was built by the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, first and only pastor of the Blessed Sacrament parish. Ground for the building was broken in October, 1901, and the structure was completed in a few months. For 10 years it served as church and school for the parish, then the present fine Blessed Sacrament Church was erected and the old building was given over entirely to school purposes. But the parish quickly outgrew it, and two years ago the present Blessed Sacrament School, one of the finest parish schools in the country, was erected. With a new church and school, the old building is needed no more, and it must make room for present necessities. A parking station for the church has been badly needed for some time, and the removal of the old building will supply one.

Hitching Posts Gone No church was complete 30 or more years ago unless it supplied hitching posts for the horses of parishioners who had to drive to church. A number of these were erected in front of the first Blessed Sacrament Church. One by one they disappeared, as automobiles came and horses disappeared. One post remained, however, until about a year ago, when the last horse and buggy parishioner died. Then the post was removed.

Many parishioners will recall the great day when the cornerstone of the first church was laid by Bishop McQuaid. It was a notable occasion. Father Connors had been an assistant priest at St. Mary's Church, and 24 altar boys came over from that church for the ceremony, wearing red cassocks and white surplices, and took part in the procession.

Many Priests Present Bishop McQuaid was assisted by the late Rev. J. J. Leary, M.R., of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. D. J. Curran of Corpus Christi Church, afterwards Vicar General of the Diocese.

Tendency of the Times The sermon by Bishop McQuaid at the laying of the cornerstone was influenced by the tendency of the times, a growing spirit of irreligion which evidenced itself in many ways, and particularly in the criticism of the Bible and other revealed truths of God. Bishop McQuaid said in part: "So I come today to bless the new edifice, consecrating it to God's honor and glory, the offering of the people who live in the neighborhood. Never in the history of the republic has there been greater need of such work. You know and I know the need today of the saving powers to hold the people to God, to right and to justice. Our country, of all the countries on earth, needs the protection of the Supreme Law of God.

We Must Stand for God "We are living in days when men in the pride of their hearts will admit no one to compare with themselves, not even God, who made them. Therefore we who hold to the old faith, should use all our strength in asserting the rights of the Creator. We must stand for God in the face of His own right and dignity. But we have a duty. We need to testify our love and reverence. Should we fail, Almighty God is capable of upholding the dignity of His right and the majesty of His power.

In these days we Christian people who still hold to the truths of revelation and the Bible, it is necessary to speak thus because all do not hold steadfast, we must stand by the word of God as found in the Holy Writ. Men are picking the Bible to pieces, they are eliminating passages, placing it on a par with men's work, which they think they can improve. When Divine revelation is denied, when Christ is treated simply as a man, when the God-head is denied, when the doctrine of redemption from death is set aside, we need to stand openly and boldly for all the holy truths, for the church that Christ has established to last until the end of time.

Proselyting of Methodists Not Fruitful in Rome

New York, Aug. 8.—The recent protest of Pope Pius XI against the proselyting of Protestant bodies in Rome has caused quite a bit of comment in religious circles. Many think that his remarks were addressed chiefly against the Methodists, who have been bitterly offensive at times in their treatment of the Holy Father and in their references to him. Representatives of this church have been actively engaged in proselyting work in Rome for many years.

But says Arnaldo Cortesi in the New York Times, the efforts of the Methodists to make converts in Italy have met with relatively scant success. Cortesi writes in the Sunday Times: "They have spent considerable sums of money, but the converts have been few. Certainly the Vatican cannot assert that the Methodists are regarded with sympathy by the Italian Government. It is recalled, in fact, that Methodists many years ago purchased a large plot of ground on Monte Mario, a high hill on the northwestern outskirts of Rome, intending to build a church there. The project caused lively apprehension at the Vatican because the church would have overshadowed St. Peter's, which the Holy See considered in the nature of an affront. The government refused permission to build the church on the pretext that it would spoil Rome's architectural beauty. Nor was permission granted since, though the request has been repeated.

### Medical Missionaries, Nurses And Doctors Are Badly Needed In Foreign Mission Countries

(Fides Service) Valcan City, Aug. 8.—How many Catholic medical missionaries have we? If by medical missionaries are meant lay nurses and doctors, Catholic missions have relatively few. Doctor Havet, professor at the University of Louvain, in a conference at the Convain Missionology Week of 1926, estimated Catholic missionary doctors at 20. Confronting this low figure with the statistics of the World Missionary Atlas of 1925, we find Protestants with 1769 doctors of whom 1157 were foreign and 612 natives. It is evident that Protestants have given much more attention to the subject than have we.

The Church, assuredly, has few societies sending out medical workers. The Medical Mission Institute of Wurzburg has given a bare score of doctors to the field, and the Catholic Medical Missionary Society of Washington has its pioneer bands of women doctors and nurses in India. But there are doctors and nurses in the mission field unorganized in societies. Upon glancing at the latest statistics of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide, we wonder if it is not possible that there is another explanation for our low Catholic figures. Is it not reasonable to suspect that the estimates made in the past have been based on incomplete information? For the first time the Propaganda, the Holy See's ministry of missions, asked each mission ordinary two questions: "how many doctors labor for your mission? How many lay nurses? The total

for the territory of the Propaganda in June, 1927, was 226 doctors and 855 lay nurses. Lay medical workers are a crying need in the missions but Catholics have no reason to hang their heads as regards medical activities of the Church in foreign lands.

### Vatican City Is Coining Money Of Its Own Now

Vatican City, Aug. 8.—Coining of Papal specie coins started here last Friday.

Working from Vatican engravings, employees at the Italian state mint began striking off bronze and nickel coins similar to Italian pieces of the same denominations.

A pact was signed Saturday between the Italian finance minister, Mosconi, and the governor of Vatican City, recognizing each other's currency.

### K. of C. Pilgrimage To Make Oberammergau

New York, Aug. 8.—A committee of inspection of Knights of Columbus playground and recreation centers in Rome will be made by the Knights and ladies who leave here August 23rd, and from Boston August 24th, to attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau and to visit the outstanding Catholic shrines of Europe.

Delegations of Knights from all parts of New York State will be included in the party which is being made up of members and their ladies who will attend the supreme convention of the order in Boston the week of August 18th.

A special invitation to Oberammergau has been issued by Anto Lang, famed portrayer of the part of the Christ in the Passion Play.

Ireland, England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and France will be visited by the Knights, who are sailing on the "Laconia" August 25th and returning on the "Lancastria" October 4th.

Thomas A. Broderick of Salve Regina Council has been designated as secretary of the New York delegation with headquarters at 551 Fifth Avenue. He anticipates that 100 men and women from the Empire State will be included in the party.

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