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## Sharper's Victimize Four Hundred Priests, Six Thousand Laymen

### Sold Them Two Million Dollars Worth of Stock in Company Formed to Make "Clean" Films—Operated in Six States, and Used Names of Prominent Catholic Prelates and Laymen

### FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS SEVEN MEN AND WOMEN CONNECTED WITH FRAUD

New York, March 6.—Four hundred priests and 4,000 Catholic laymen were victimized to the extent of \$2,000,000 by a company organized to promote "clean pictures," and a Federal Grand Jury has just indicted five men and two women for participation in the alleged fraudulent sale of stock to these priests and laymen. High pressure salesmen were used in the alleged widespread swindle, it is alleged, and the names of high prelates of the Church and of noted Catholic laymen, were exploited as sponsors of the company, all such exploitation being false, it is charged. A picture entitled "Mary the Virgin" was to have been produced, but was never started, it is claimed.

Seven are indicted at the expense of persons with religious and moral ideals.

The company was the National Diversified Corporation, with offices at 1,440 Broadway. The seven indicted are officers or employees, as follows: Otto E. Goebel, voting trustee of the corporation; Frank J. Matre, vice-president and sales manager; Thomas A. Lynn, secretary and treasurer; Elizabeth M. Flautt, accountant, bookkeeper and assistant secretary; Irene C. Flautt, contact woman and James F. Caskey and Jerome D. Kline, salesmen.

Kline, according to Mr. Medalle, used his own name when addressing German-American Catholics, but he became "J. D. Kane" when he attempted to sell stock to Catholics of Irish descent.

Priests were victimized. The defendants, it is charged, obtained the confidence of priests by false representations. The priests advised their friends to purchase stock in the corporation, and, it is alleged, also addressed meetings of church, society and religious groups where stock was sold.

The stock-selling scheme was described by George Z. Medalle, United States Attorney, as "one of the boldest racketeering ventures that ever

## Says Irish Free State Prosperity is Increasing And Industries Improving

### Excellent Progress Has Been Made in Nine Years of Governmental Life—President Cosgrave Tells About Conditions.

Dublin, March 6.—The Irish Free State is nine years old now. Out of the terror of the Black and Tan regime, with its saturnalia of arson and murder—the last expiring blow of British barbarity—the Free State grew into a reality, and the task of making their own laws and governing their own country fell upon the shoulders of the Irish people themselves. There were many who prophesied that the Irish would fail at this task. They did not fail, but made instead remarkable progress, according to facts just made public by President William T. Cosgrave.

Notter Than Britain Now. While Britain is groaning under a burden of unemployment, disappearing trade, and political unrest, Ireland has become one of the most prosperous and most stable states in Europe, or even in the world, according to observers.

Our national loans are at a premium, and the Irish farmer has less to grumble at than other farmers. The reason for all this was explained by President William T. Cosgrave in an interview here. Ireland's great advantage, President Cosgrave says, is her agricultural economy. Instead of growing grain to feed her people and her animals, as England does, Ireland has concentrated on producing first grade cattle, swine and sheep, and on butter and dairy products. For these she has an inexhaustible market at her doors in Britain and is now reaping the profit from a combination of high prices in this market and the world slump in grain.

The Irish farmer, President Cosgrave says, is a particularly strong position. It is true that the price of fat stock and dairy products have declined, but they are only down 10 per cent, while the price of cereals used for feeding both man and beast, are down fifteen to thirty per cent. The result is that the farmer has a wider spread between the price he pays for his raw materials and what he gets for his finished products.

Jobs Total Reduced. "Our system of selective protection has added to the number of men and women employed in industry. Irish manufacturing industry is employing 40,000 more people than it was eight years ago.

"We have 35,000 officially unemployed, but about 1,000 of these are army and police volunteers. Four hundred are in the management. The

## Women's College New President Male Educator

ST. LOUIS.—For the first time in this section of the country a layman has been named head of a Catholic college for women. George F. Donovan, of the Department of History of St. Louis University, becomes president of Webster College at Webster Groves, Mo. Mr. Donovan is the second layman in the United States to be named head of a Catholic women's college. He is the first being Dr. Barry, president of Marygrove College, Detroit.

## Edsel Ford For A Shorter Week For All Workers

### Henry Ford's Son Says This Will Meet Problems Arising From Unemployment In This Country.

Miami, March 6.—Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford of Detroit, advocated a shorter week for American industries, in an interview here this week. He said he believes this will be necessary to meet the problems arising from unemployment.

"Industry has demonstrated it can more than supply the demand, which naturally will leave a surplus of labor and, at present, putting pressure in the immediate horizon which can absorb this surplus," he said.

He expressed the opinion that business was showing gains, but said he did not know when it would reach "the position of former years."

Saying that about 50,000 men were now employed by the Ford Company in this country, he said that the tariff had not affected its business in Europe, where cars were being assembled in France and "in the near future" would be manufactured in France, Germany and England.

## In Prison Colony



## MOTHER CONCEPTION

Mexico City, March 6.—After two awful years in the terrible Mexican convict prison colony of Tres Marias, serving a twenty-year sentence on the charge of being the "intellectual author" of the murder of General Obregon, Mother Conception is now seeking to be transferred from the colony to a jail in Mexico.

Perfido Ortega, her attorney, said that she was forced to work as a prostitute at the prison colony. Father Ryan continues to live in the prison colony, her attorney says she would prefer to spend the rest of her days in a cell.

The conviction of Mother Conception was brought about by open and violent threats of death to the jury that heard her case, armed men flocking to the courtroom and intimidating the jury. Her trial was a farce, and her conviction a great wrong if a good man.

## Rev. E. P. Curran Dies, An Alumnus Of St. Bernard's

Hartford, March 6.—The Rev. Edward Patrick Curran, former curate at St. Patrick's Church here and until recently pastor of St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Oakville, died on February 28th, at St. Francis Hospital. Father Curran was born in Middletown 48 years ago and was ordained at St. Bernard's Seminary in Raleigh, N. Y.

Nothing will give a secure foundation for the spiritual life except abiding prayer for us.

## North Carolina Gives Al. Smith A Great Welcome

### Former Governor Spoke at Joint Meetings of Legislature—Thousands Flock to Hear Him Talk in Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 6.—A joint meeting of the Legislature of North Carolina was held in a theater on Monday evening—one of the few times the Legislature has ever met in formal session outside of the Capitol. The purpose of the meeting was to hear Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York State, talk on "Reorganization of State Government, and Protection of Women and Children in Industry." The theater was jammed to the doors, and more than 10,000 people assembled outside to hear the address through loud speakers. It was a great tribute to "Al."

## Strong Protest By Strickland In Malta Matter

London, March 6.—Lord Passfield, the Colonial Secretary in the MacDonald Government, recently decided to give an interview to Lord Strickland, Prime Minister of Malta, with the result that Strickland appeared before the House of Lords on Tuesday, complained about Passfield and made new charges against the Catholic Church authorities in Malta, with whom he became embroiled several months ago. He said the Catholic Church authorities in Malta had called work week from 50 to 55 hours and to prohibit the night work of women and children.

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## Oregon Stirred By School Fight

### Bill For Free Textbooks in the Elementary Schools Passes House—Another Bill to Block Religious Text.

Portland, March 6.—All of Oregon is stirred by fights on matters relating to the schools of the State. The bill providing for free textbooks in the public schools of the State was passed by the Assembly, but was amended so that high schools were eliminated. Only 14 votes out of 50 were mustered against it, though it was bitterly fought by the Catholic people of the State and others.

The day the textbook bill was passed the Legislature received another bill affecting the schools—a bill designed to block religious tests in hiring teachers. This bill provides:

"After the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any director or directors of any public school district to require as a test or condition of employment of any teacher that such teacher belongs to any particular religious order, sect or denomination or to require such teacher, by questionnaire or otherwise, to disclose that he or she belongs to any particular religious order, sect or denomination."

## Pay His Ransom, Or Priest Dies, Say Communists

Peking, China, March 6.—The Communist captors of Father C. Therry, superior of St. Columban's Mission at Kienchang, are threatening now to kill him unless a ransom is paid very soon.

British authorities have made strong representations to the central and provincial governments, but said they have no satisfactory results. He has been held a prisoner since November.

Happy in the month, because he has time before him to do good.

## Missing Priest Found With Flu At Mother's Home

PITTSBURGH.—Very much in the headlines for a few days recently was the Rev. Francis Clougherty, O. S. B., chancellor of the Cathedral of the University of Pittsburgh, Pa. A radio announcement brought word from Detroit that he was missing and his friends feared he was an airplane victim. He was found in Detroit at the home of his mother in Bradenton, Pa. He will leave shortly for Boston.

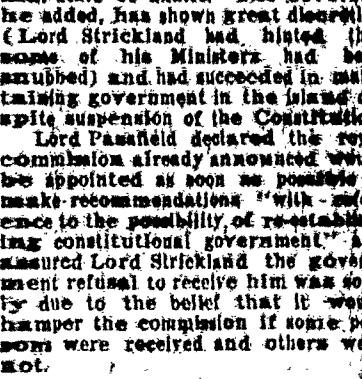
## Governor of Ireland Presents New Charges Against Church Authorities and Criticizes an Official.

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## Directs Play



REV. E. REITHMEIER, O.S.B.

One of the oldest Passion Plays in America is that presented every Lent at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa. The director of the production is the Rev. Bonaventure Reithmeier, O. S. B., and he has a capable cast of the play.

Brooklyn, March 6.—The Rev. Herbert F. O'Donovan, pastor for the last 12 years of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Church and Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, died on Thursday last week in St. Joseph's Hospital, Far Rockaway.

Father O'Donovan was born in County Waterford, Ireland, January 28, 1872. He attended Mount Holyoke College in Dublin, and was ordained in All Hallows' Rectory, Dublin, December 22, 1897. He came to America soon after his ordination. His body was taken to Ireland for interment.

## First Presentation Of The Passion To Be Given

### Nazareth College Will Present Apparition of Columbus Auditorium on March 15th, 2nd and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

Three presentations of what is known as the "Passion Play" will be given by Nazareth College in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on March 15th, 2nd and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

## PERMANENT ORCHESTRA IS FORMED TO PROVIDE MUSIC FOR

Thousands have seen St. Joseph's Church of Union City, N. J., to many thousands of people. The great dramatic production, also known as the "Passion Play," was written by a priest who is a native of Father Bernardine Deane, O. S. B., of Nazareth College. The play is presented in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on March 15th, 2nd and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

## 664,000 Pilgrims Venerate Grotto of Lourdes Coming From Many Countries

More Than One Million Communion, Shrine, and 65,000 Masses Celebrated Invalids Among Pilgrims

Lourdes, March 7.—The shrine of Lourdes attracted a great army of pilgrims from many countries all over the earth during 1960—a total of more than 664,000. More than 65,000 Masses were celebrated at the shrine, and more than 1,170,000 Communion were distributed to the pilgrims.

Belgium sent 20,000 pilgrims; Spain, 11,700; Italy, 11,000; England, 8,000; Switzerland, 1,000; Germany, 1,100; Holland, 1,100; Ireland, 2,000 and America, 400.

There were 5,611 invalids from France and 1,125 from other countries. It was impossible to determine exactly the total number of pilgrims, but crowds arrived by bus and private car as well as by train. The total given as 664,000 but that is certainly far below the full total.

Last year 1,170,000 Communion were distributed and 65,000 Masses celebrated.

The invalids were cared for during the same period by 540 volunteer nurses, 5,000 stretcher-bearers and 300 scouts.

## New York Knights Will Hold Games On 14th of March

New York City, March 6.—The annual indoor games sponsored by New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, will be held on March 14th at Madison Square Garden. The program will include the famous "Knights of Columbus" and the "Knights of Columbus" 500" for which the Knights of Columbus have donated a trophy every year ago. There will also be the usual High School and Parochial School Relay, drama, chess and other special events.

Harold Osborn, of the Hudson A. C. world's outdoor high jump recordholder, entered the world high jump competition which will be one of the features of the event. The 22-year-old college professor will seek to regain his indoor record, which George Zito took from him in the Millrose meet. He being the only Osborn jumper in the world, he landed the 4th time in succession in the world high jump competition in 1959. He has broken the world record in the world high jump competition in 1959.

## Nuns Save Child When Drowned At Sea

New York City, March 6.—The story of a child saved by nuns when he was drowned at sea is being told in a play to be given by the Knights of Columbus at the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on March 15th, 2nd and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.