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## Catholic Influence In Political Life Is Almost Negligible

Number of Office Holders and Men in Responsible Positions Bewilderingly Slight, Says Non-Catholic Writer, Former Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Who Reviews Political Situation.

WITH A POPULATION OF 25,000,000, CATHOLIC INFLUENCE IS VERY SLIGHT

New York, Aug. 7.—Catholic influence in American public and political life is "bewilderingly slight," according to John F. Moore, a former Y. M. C. A. secretary who has just published a book entitled "Will America Become Catholic?" Mr. Moore is a Protestant. He finds that the charges often made that Catholics are dominating the political life of America are "wholly without foundation," and that on the contrary "one cannot fail to wonder why the number of Catholics in public life should be so few," when their voting strength is so powerful. In the present Congress Mr. Moore says there are only 35 Catholic Congressmen out of 435, and six Catholic Senators out of 98, although one-fifth of the population of America is Catholic, and that there is not a single Catholic governor in any one of the 48 states.

In his book, after an extensive survey of the role of Catholics in American political life, Mr. Moore, who was a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and is careful to stress that his book is written by a Protestant, declares that the number of Catholics holding important political offices is "ridiculously small" as compared to the numerical strength of "that great religious body." Consequently, the author contends, the claims heard in some circles of the papal power here

### Nailing the Lies

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## Bishop Cannon Predicts Nomination of Al. Smith For the Presidency in 1932

F. Scott McBride, Superintendent of The Anti-Saloon League, Joins His Political-Religious Partner in the Same Prediction.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is out on the front page and on the ocean waves again. The other day he appealed to the courts to stop the Senatorial committee from investigating any further into what he did with some \$40,000 contributed to him for political purposes in 1928, when he was tearing up the sods down South in an effort to defeat Al. Smith for the Presidency.

Almost in the same breath the Bishop predicted that Al. Smith would "in all probability" be the Democratic nominee in 1932, or that he would decline the nomination of another well-known Governor, Roosevelt, "neither of whom would be supported by dry Democrats," said the Bishop. With this off his chest he sailed for Europe.

An Echoing Voice.—An echoing voice, trembling with the same prophecy, came from Little Pointe, Mich., where Dr. F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, predicted at his Summer home that Alfred E. Smith and Herbert Hoover would be the major party Presidential candidates in 1932.

Dr. McBride's prediction came at

the conclusion of a conference with the conclusion of the league from several mid-Western states. Plans for the Presidential and Congressional campaigns were discussed. "Herbert Hoover unquestionably will be the Republican candidate," the league chief said. "The only man to keep him from the nomination is Herbert Hoover himself, if he should decline to run."

"After working for some time on the party machine even Roosevelt's strongest supporters will become weary and will turn the full force of their support to Alfred E. Smith, who will be brought forward as an emergency man. He will carry the convention easily, so the Presidential contest of 1932 will be practically as it was in 1928."

Dr. McBride said that neither Smith nor Roosevelt would be acceptable to the Anti-Saloon League.

## New Basilica is Being Erected At Shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre In Place of One Burned in 1922

Structure, Commenced Eight Years Ago, Will Replace One Destroyed by Fire—Exterior Work Will Be Finished This Year—Millions Go There.

St. Anne De Beaupre, Aug. 7.—A new Basilica, to replace one destroyed by fire, is rising at this "Lourdes of America," as this famous shrine is sometimes called.

The exterior work probably will be completed within the next year. Construction of the foundation was begun in 1923, and the blessing of the cornerstone took place on July 23 of that year.

The new Basilica will be 325 feet long. The nave will be 135 feet wide and the transept 200 feet long. There will be two 245-foot towers and the five aisles will terminate in six converging chapels.

Pilgrims Keep Coming.—More than a half million pilgrims have visited the shrine so far this year, a large percentage of them from the United States. Last year's attendance during the entire pilgrim

age season was 550,000. The banner day this year was July 25, when 15,000 persons came to worship. More than half of that number approached the communion rail.

Attendees at the shrine say the first miracle occurred there in 1856. Since that time more than 10,000,000 persons have come here for spiritual and physical aid.

A Place of Prayer.—Beaupre (Beautiful Meadow) is essentially a place of prayer. All forms of amusement are prohibited, and the deep religious fervor of the whole setting strikes the pilgrim at once. Many remain for three days to make a triduum, others for nine days to complete a Novena.

Nearly all, except the infirm, participate in the evensong at the Scala Sancti. This two-story building recalls the Passion of Christ. On the upper floor there is a reproduction of the Holy Stairs, now in Rome, that the Savior ascended to appear before Pilate for judgment. The 28 steps may be ascended only on the knees.

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## Central Verein's Able Director Staunch Worker

PORT STAUNCE, Ind.—The seventy-fifth national convention of the Catholic Central Verein, to be held here August 23-25, already gives indication of being the largest ever held.



FREDERICK P. KENKEL, Director of the Central Verein, will welcome the delegates and will formally open the meetings with an address.

## Notre Dame Gets Students From The World Over

Forty-Eight States and Twenty Foreign Countries Represented in Registration—New York Has Many Boys There.

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 7.—Students entering the University of Notre Dame this past school year from private preparatory schools were nearly equal in number to students who received their secondary-school education in public schools. Of the total enrollment of 3,227, private schools in each of the 48 states and 20 foreign countries sent 1,458 students, and there were 1,769 pupils who entered the University from public schools. Sixty-five students failed to designate the place of their preliminary education.

Illinois sent the most students of any state, 164, followed by Ohio, 148, and Michigan, 147. The largest number of students came from public schools and 348 had previously attended private institutions.

Although many miles distant from Notre Dame, New York State has heavily represented in the student body. With the exception of Illinois and Indiana, New York had the most students at the University, the Empire State sending 468 students. Of that number, 246 came from public institutions and 222 had attended private schools.

Ohio had 185 students at Notre Dame. Other states heavily represented were Wisconsin, 158; Pennsylvania, 187; New Jersey, 134; Michigan, 148; and Massachusetts, 71. Of the foreign countries, Mexico sent the largest number of students—34.

## Priest-Author Pictures Pope As Hard Worker

Rev. Benedict Williamson Writes Outline of His Mode of Life, His Labors and His Numerous Accomplishments.

New York, Aug. 7.—No man in the world works harder than the Pope, the Rev. Benedict Williamson writes in a sketch of the present ruler of the Catholic Church which is published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons under the title "The Story of Pope Pius XI." This unusual energy of the Pope, together with his boldness and great learning, are named as his three principal characteristics.

The consultations, the audiences, the varied work connected with the government of the Catholic Church in all countries fill the Pontiff's day with constant and intense absorbing work from the moment he arises at 6:30 o'clock until he retires at midnight. Father Williamson, a recent visitor at the Vatican, writes: "The Pope's first duty upon rising is to say mass in the chapel of his private apartment. On Sundays and other special occasions, a limited number of visitors and pilgrims are admitted to the Mass to receive Holy Communion from his hands, the author reveals."

His Daily Routine.—Outlining the daily routine in detail, Father Williamson explains that, after saying mass, the Pope has a light breakfast, and at 9 o'clock receives the Cardinal Secretary of State to discuss the more important affairs of the moment. Then follows the audiences of the Cardinals resident in Rome and the heads of the various departments concerned with the administration of the Church. Diplomatic representatives of the nations having relations with the Holy See and various personages of distinction from all parts of the world are received until 12 o'clock.

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## Irish Influx Larger Than The Outflow

For First Time Since Norman Invasion More Immigrants Return to Home Land Than Those Who Leave It.

Dublin, Aug. 8.—For the first time since the Norman Invasion Irish immigration has exceeded emigration. There were 10,000 emigrants from the free State to America in the past six months representing a decrease of approximately 5,000 from the same period last year. Approximately 1,000 returned permanently from America to the free State in the last six-month period.

The invasion of Ireland by the Anglo-Normans began in the year 1169, following the death of Brian Boru, King of Leinster, who, after his defeat by Henry II of England, offered to hold his kingdom for Leinster in the name of the English monarch. The Anglo-Normans, led by Strongbow, the son of a Norman knight, and the Gaelic chieftains, Fitzgerald and de Búrca, to these latter, granting the new County Wick and adjoining lands.

The actual invasion began in 1169 and 600 archers, knights and men-at-arms, led by Strongbow and Maurice, Prince of Leinster, landed in Ireland. The Anglo-Normans, led by Strongbow, the son of a Norman knight, and the Gaelic chieftains, Fitzgerald and de Búrca, to these latter, granting the new County Wick and adjoining lands.

On Ireland with a large army, on his return to his native land, he made grants to his followers. He had large tracts of land in the south of Ireland, and he had large tracts of land in the north of Ireland. He had large tracts of land in the south of Ireland, and he had large tracts of land in the north of Ireland.

## New Basilica is Being Erected One of the Largest in the World, Is Being Remodeled in Montreal

Second Largest Church on the Continent is Undergoing Extensive Repairs—Occupies Site Where Gallant Frenchmen Fought.

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Notre Dame, one of the great churches of North America, is undergoing extensive repairs. The present building was erected more than a century ago and it stands on a site dedicated for more than 250 years to Roman Catholic worship. It has accommodation for ten thousand persons and is the second largest church on this continent.

Notre Dame stands on the south side of Place d'Armes where little bands of gallant Frenchmen fought the Indians to retain their faith hold on Canada in its early days. The original church, dated back to 1675, and the present building, erected in 1824, incorporates a chapel of the seventeenth century. Several years ago the building was struck by lightning and the whole structure was weakened. The effects of the blow gradually becoming apparent, made necessary the present reconstruction which will preserve the dignified architecture of the church and its serene and weathered aspect. Two majestic towers are being replaced by more solid pinnacles. The twin towers, 77 feet high, contain ten bells, one of which, known as "Le Gros Bourdon," weighs 24,780 pounds and is the largest on the continent.

## Traffic Leader In New York City Has Many Problems

NEW YORK.—Next to crime, traffic just at present constitutes this city's greatest problem. How to transport 3½ million people daily and safely is a question which only experts can answer. John E. Delaney is chairman of the Board of Transportation, which devoted its time to studying subway, street and elevated street car service. Now it is spending time on the study of super-highways to care for increasing motor traffic. The committee has hundreds of millions at its disposal.

## General D. E. Nolan Did Good Service In The World War

WASHINGTON.—The War Department's official notice that Major General Dennis E. Nolan has been named to command the Second Corps Area with headquarters at Governor Island, N. Y., brings to mind the fact that he was responsible to a great extent for the functioning of the Military Intelligence Department of the War Department during the World War. General Nolan's military career has been a remarkable one. He has served in the Philippines, the United States, and Europe. He has been a member of the War Department's staff since 1914. He has been a member of the War Department's staff since 1914.

## Parke N. Davis Writes Life Of Knute Rockne

Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 7.—Parke N. Davis, former Princeton football coach, is the author of two important football books issued from the press next week. The first of these is a biography of the late Knute Rockne, which Mr. Davis has written at the request of the coaches of the United States. It is a small book, about 10,000 words in length, handsomely printed and bound in black satin. This makes the fifth life of Rockne that has been written. This book will not be sold, but will be distributed gratuitously among the football men of the country. Mr. Davis performed similar services for the late Walter Camp of Yale, John Dewitt of Princeton and Arthur C. Hays Sulzberger of the New York Herald Tribune. Mr. Davis's second publication is an elaborate treatise on plays, in which he presents ten systems of plays each or a total of 500 plays. The work also is illustrated with diagrams of the various plays. Mr. Davis's books will appear in the Intercollegiate section of the Football Guide.

## The Eastman Kodak Co. Making Motion Pictures Of Sacrifice of the Mass

Work Is Being Done With The Approval and Under Direction of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester—Film Will Be In Two Parts and for World-Wide Distribution.

CLOSE-UPS WILL VISUALIZE EACH PART OF THE MASS IN AN APPEALING MANNER

A motion picture, "The Sacrifice of the Mass," is being made by the Eastman Kodak Company in accordance with the most modern pedagogical principles in the preparation of films for use in teaching school children the significance of the Mass. The work is being done in its present stage of completion by the Eastman Kodak Company, under the direction and approval of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. The motion picture is expected to be world-wide, and a vehicle of instruction has already been expressed in the United States. Although parochial schools derive the principal benefit from use of the motion picture, it is also applicable to other educational plans.

Eastman Kodak Company, a subsidiary of the Eastman Kodak Company, has produced more than 100 educational motion pictures during the past four years, principally for instruction in geography and in general science. The work of the company is devoted to the Mass, which will be made with the benefit of the experience in applying cinematography to education. Knowledge of the details of educational results to be obtained from the use of motion pictures in elementary school teaching was obtained by the Eastman Kodak Company in 1928 by experiment with 11,000 children in the schools of 31 American cities.

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## Vera Cruz Bishop Offers His Life To Governor Tejeda For Freedom for the Church

Sends Heroic Message to Tyrannical Bigot, and Charges That Cause of Tragedies in the State Result From Unjust and Tyrannical Law.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Aug. 7.—Following the recent tragic murder of Father Darco Acosta in La Asuncion Church, capital of this State, the serious wounding of Father Lando and the attempted murder of Father Rafael Valencia, Bishop of Vera Cruz, sent a powerful letter to Governor Tejeda, asking for the law which brought about these crimes, and offered his life for the freedom of the Church. The shooting of the priest took place in the presence of more than a thousand small children, to whom the priests were teaching the catechism. Bishop Guzman wrote to Governor Tejeda as follows:

"I have received by telephone the tragic information that, as a result of the iniquitous and tyrannical law which you are applying against the Church and of the orders dictated by you to your subordinates, the presence of a thousand children, two of my priests were murdered in La Asuncion Church while teaching the Catechism."

"It would not have been possible to choose a more propitious moment to spill the blood of two martyrs due to the hatred you and your partisans have for God and his Church. At this moment, when I weep wounded by the sword of grief as a result of these enormous crimes, the angels in heaven are receiving the souls of the martyrs with joy and placing them in the midst of the heroes of Christianity."

## Florida Athlete To Enter Loyola

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Roger Flynn of Tampa, Fla., brother of Eddie Flynn, who won the world's amateur welterweight crown in New York, and of Dennis Flynn, who was runner-up in the last national championships held in New York, is to enter Loyola University this fall. Roger, who is 17 and who weighs 125, is as good as Eddie, their father says.

### Offer His Life

"I offer you solemnly, Bishop, the entire world, where the Church will be known to present itself as a witness to the world. If you will permit me to say Catholic people, I offer you my life and not to sell it to any price."

### Truth Will Triumph

"Never as at present have I desired the Creator to provide my earthly existence in order that I may follow step by step my Redeemer. If God in this supreme moment of my life, I would be to be allowed to remain here in the field of the sacrifice."