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—Pope Benedict XV.

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Ten Priests Killed By Belize Hurricane, And College Wrecked

Terrific and Devastating Storm Kills Several Hundred People on Island of Belize in British Honduras, Destroys Entire Villages and Causes Untold Suffering

SPLENDID NEW JESUIT COLLEGE TORN INTO PIECES WITH MANY CASUALTIES

Belize, British Honduras, Sept. 18.—At least 10 Jesuit priests are numbered among the hundreds of people who were killed on this island on Thursday last week, when a terrific hurricane swept the island with devastating violence, leveling practically all buildings in this city, killing approximately 500 people, injuring many other hundreds and leaving Belize a mass of twisted ruins, with homeless and well-nigh hopeless survivors dazed by the tragedy that had befallen them. Among the buildings destroyed was the splendid modern Jesuit College of St. John, a slightly and well-built institution in the center of Belize. It was here, in the midst of a great mass of crumpled and twisted buildings, that the Jesuit priests met their deaths.

The following Jesuits are among the reported dead: Rev. Charles Palacio, of Valencia, Spain; Rev. Alfred Baumeler, Rev. Dato Burns, and Rev. William Tracy, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Richard Koch, University City, Mo.; Rev. Bernard A. New, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. John Rodgers, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Leo Rooney, Superior, Wis.; Rev. Richard Smith, Racine, Wis.; and Rev. William Ferris, native of Ireland, who labored in Belize only three weeks before he met his death.

There were 17 Jesuit priests and lay brothers at St. John's College here, and 20 others on the Jesuit missions outside of Belize, some of them in the remote sections of the island. It is feared that some of these died in the hurricane which swept other parts of the island. These missionaries worked among the native Carib and Moya Indians.

More than half the population of Belize is Catholic. The total population is about 15,000, the majority of them Indians and Negroes. The Rt. Rev. Joseph Aloysius Murphy, S. J., a Bishop of Belize, said all of the Jesuits in the island are connected with the Missouri Province of the order.

Only three members of the staff of St. John's College were alive when

the hurricane had passed. They are Father Anthony E. Corey, the president; Father Marvin M. O'Connor, vice president, and Brother Edmund J. Coony.

Three of the dead priests had taken up their work the Sunday previous to their deaths. They were Father William Ferris, a native of Ireland, who arrived at Belize on Aug. 20; Father Richard Smith of Racine, Wis., and Donald Burn, who both went last June. Father Burn, who was the first native priest of British Honduras had been in the United States for several years.

Father William Tracy, before going to Belize, had been principal of the high school of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kan. Father Bernard A. New, whose home was in Buffalo, N. Y., had been in Belize for many years. Father Leo Rooney, who had also spent many years in the mission, was a brother of the Richard Rooney, president of St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo.

Splendid relief work is being done here by the American Red Cross, and by the Catholic Medical Mission and other relief agencies. Great sorrow is felt, not alone for the dead, but for the almost irreparable ruin wrought. Every church in Belize was demolished, as well as all other buildings.

Catholic Charities Will Open Its Annual Meeting In Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 27th

Serious Discussion Will Be Given to Relief Work During the Depression—Pope's Encyclical To Be Studied by Delegates.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 18.—With the celebration of a Pontifical High Mass at St. Mary's Church by the Right Reverend Thomas C. O'Reilly, Bishop of Scranton, the National Conference of Catholic Charities will open its seventeenth annual meeting at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sunday, September 27. The conference program covers the timely topics of the day so vital to the interests of Catholic welfare. The present relief situation will be discussed, to learn what Catholic organizations are doing and how well they are meeting the opportunities it presents.

There is a special effort to shape the entire Catholic Charities program along the lines of Catholic Social Action presented in the Holy Father's recent Encyclical, "Quadragesimo Anno." Two whole meetings are given over to discussion of the Encyclical.

Special interest is shown in mental hygiene as a factor in American social work, particularly in the work

Buffalo Sisters Plan Hospital For That City

One of the Largest and Most Modern in United States Will Be Completed Next Year

Buffalo, Sept. 18.—Plans for the new Sisters of Charity Hospital have been accepted, and work on the new institution will be begun shortly after Nov. 1, when it is expected that construction contract will be awarded. The new buildings will be completed and the hospital ready for occupancy in the fall of 1932. It will be located at Main Street, Kensington Avenue and Humboldt Parkways and upon its acceptance the present hospital will be sold.

The new structure will be a 300-bed general hospital. It will be seven stories high with about 29,000 square feet to each floor and will cost approximately \$1,250,000. Each patient's room will be provided with a telephone, radio, private toilet accommodations and a clothes press.

We should blush with shame to show so much resentment of what is done or said against us; knowing that so many injuries and affronts have been offered to our Redeemer and the Saints.

Father Coughlin's Chapel



From this little chapel, on the outskirts of Detroit, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, built up for himself a national reputation by his spirited and eloquent radio talks. Last year records of all faiths all over America and Canada made him their Radio Idol, and listened to every talk he gave from this little chapel to the whole nation.

The Golden Anniversary Of The American Red Cross Celebrated In Birthplace

Governor Roosevelt Present at Great Celebration—Bishop O'Hern of Rochester Among Speakers—Benediction by Father Hofschneider

Danville, Sept. 18.—The golden anniversary celebration of the first Chapter of the American Red Cross, which was organized in Danville by Clara Barton August 22, 1881, was an outstanding feature in Danville Sept. 9th and much of the program was broadcast from coast to coast. The speakers included the President of the United States—Hon. Herbert Hoover broadcast from the White House; Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was present in person and introduced by Edward E. Brogan of Danville; Sen. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, The Rochester speakers were Bishop John Francis O'Hern and Edward E. Foraman, city historian. Benediction was given by the Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, pastor of St. Mary's Church. Preceding the program at the park, Bishop O'Hern, Father Reynolds, the Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider and Rev. J. E. Rauber, Governor Roosevelt and local representative men who had escorted the Governor from Rochester were guests at luncheon of Bernard Macadden of New York City. At the evening Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hern and Rev. Father Hofschneider, Reynolds and Rauber were guests of the Rotary and Exchange clubs at dinner at the Foster Hotel. Among the after dinner speakers were Bishop O'Hern, Congressman Archie D. Sanders, Louis E. Franchi, which first conceived the idea of commemorating in a national celebration the fiftieth anniversary of the first Red Cross; Thomas E. Gallagher of Chicago and Dr. B. P. Andrews of Danville—the two latter charter members of the Clara Barton Chapter of Danville; Bayard H. Knapp, who was chairman of the General Committee in charge of the Anniversary Celebration, was toastmaster.

Utica Priest K. C. Chaplain For The State

The Rev. James F. Collins Appointed to High Position by State Deputy William J. Armstrong of Albany.

Utica, Sept. 18.—The Rev. James F. Collins, S. T. L., pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on Geneva Street, Utica, has been appointed State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, according to an announcement just made by William J. Armstrong of Albany, State Deputy of the Order. The Rt. Rev. Daniel J. Curley, D. D., Bishop of Syracuse, promptly approved the appointment.



The U. S. Minister From Costa Rica Out for Presidency

WASHINGTON—Elections in Central and South America always are interesting to official Washington. They are especially so when the participants have some money and time here. The battle for the presidency of Costa Rica now being waged is particularly interesting because one of the candidates is very well known in diplomatic circles as "the smiling smile" from Costa Rica. He is Mr. Jose Celestino Fournier. He is running for president of Costa Rica. He is running for president of Costa Rica. He is running for president of Costa Rica.

Minister Joins Church and Will Become Priest

Rev. T. B. Campbell, Influenced by Book of Dr. Selden P. Delany, Was Prominent in Episcopal Church.

New York, Sept. 18.—The Rev. Thomas B. Campbell, one of the most widely known clergymen of the Anglo-Catholic group in the Protestant Episcopal Church, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church and began this week to study for the priesthood.

Mr. Campbell, who last charge in America was as assistant rector of Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore, arrived on Tuesday last week from Rome where he was received into the Roman Catholic Church in the Vatican City in August. An American Paullist father baptizing him.

Mr. Campbell left on Wednesday for Notre Dame University, where he will teach for one year. While teaching he will study privately for the priesthood and he will later enter a Roman Catholic theological seminary.

Mr. Campbell told friends he had been largely influenced by the book written by Dr. Selden P. Delany, which, he said, the Protestant Episcopal for the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Campbell is 44 years old. He has been an Episcopal minister for 18 years, and is the sixth Episcopal minister to be received into the Roman Catholic Church since the late Rev. John A. McClorey, S. J., who began on August 2 a series of 11 addresses in the Catholic Hour, sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men, will continue until next meeting October 11. Father McClorey's general subject is "The Catholic Hour." The addresses in the course are "The Talents—Active and Idle," August 2; "The Talents—Active and Idle," August 9; "The Talents—Active and Idle," August 16; "The Talents—Active and Idle," August 23; "The Talents—Active and Idle," August 30; "The Talents—Active and Idle," September 6; "The Talents—Active and Idle," September 13; "The Talents—Active and Idle," September 20; "The Talents—Active and Idle," September 27; "The Talents—Active and Idle," October 4; "The Talents—Active and Idle," October 11.

Auburn Mercy Hospital Dedicated Sept. 24th Dr. O'Neill Heads Staff

Bishop O'Hern Will Officiate at Dedication of New Hospital—Will Work in Connection With the City Hospital, and About 100 Patients Will Receive Treatment

Auburn, Sept. 18.—The splendid new hospital of all Auburn will be dedicated here on Thursday, Sept. 24, by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of the diocese. An appropriate program is being arranged for the day, the nature of a great day for the city, irrespective of creed, are invited to the dedication. Bishop O'Hern will speak. On or about the hospital will commence taking patients.

The medical staff of the hospital was organized recently in order to be in the best position to meet the needs and the welfare of the hospital. The first meeting of the organization was held last Friday evening in the South room of the hospital, and Dr. Louis F. O'Neill, president of the medical staff, presided.

Dr. L. F. O'Neill gave a brief address stating that it was the hope of the sponsors of the Mercy Hospital that the City Hospital and the Mercy Hospital will work in the closest harmony and that the most important thing from both hospitals should be available for study by the staff of each hospital.

Following Dr. O'Neill's talk the election of officers was held. Dr. O'Neill was unanimously chosen president. Dr. Harry S. Bull was made vice president and Dr. C. J. McCleary was elected secretary and treasurer.

Catholic Hour Speakers From Sept. to April Announced by the

Rev. John A. McClorey, S. J., Will Give Final Sermon 11th—Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.B., Precedes Him to December 20th, Then Dr. Fulton Sheen Will Speak

25,000,000 Catholic Women Call Family Unity More Important Than the Emancipation of Woman

International Union of Feminine Catholic Leagues sent Impressive Petition to the League of Nations at Geneva

Geneva, Sept. 18.—A declaration that family unity is more important than the emancipation of woman is urged on the League of Nations in a communication from the International Union of Feminine Catholic Leagues, which the Secretary General submitted to the Assembly in session here last week.

The union, which says it speaks in behalf of 25,000,000 Catholic women, wants this principle applied in the question of the nationality of women, which will come before the assembly in connection with the codification of international law.

After making the declaration regarding the family, the union's communication approves the views of Dutch women lawyers as submitted at a nationality conference at The Hague some time ago and continues with the following declaration:

1. That a uniform system which is to govern will continue the question of the nationality of women, and in particular the nationality of married women, should be based upon the duty of the family and provide guarantee against abuses due to married persons themselves.

Irish Hurlers Play Sunday At Polo Grounds

Sixty Thousand Persons Are Expected to See Champion Tipperary Team in Action in New York City

New York, Sept. 18.—Sixty thousand persons are expected to see the champion hurlers of Ireland, the Tipperary team, play an American team in this ancient Irish game at the Polo Grounds, New York City, Sunday.

The Tipperary players—Gallagher, O'Hara, Kezandry, Cronin, Kenna, Purcell, Leahy, Hanrahan, Ryan and several others with the same emphatic names—arrived Wednesday and were met at the pier by 50 automobiles and a big committee of prominent Irishmen and they were taken to the K. of C. Hotel yesterday noon where they were warmly welcomed to the City Hall, and last night were given a banquet at the Commodore Hotel, with Alfred E. Smith as a member of the reception committee. Today and tomorrow the Tipperary boys will have light practice.

Radio Announcer Started Career In Parish School

NEW YORK—John F. Mahan is one of the best-known radio announcers in the country. He started his career in a parish school in New York City. He became a radio announcer during the war and became an actor on his return. When he returned to the radio he was with WGB and other stations.