

The Diamond Jubilee of Niagara University Opens October 11th, Closes On 13th

Official Program Tells of Events Planned for Celebration—Seminary Day, University Day and Alumni Day Are Among the Features.

Niagara University, Oct. 9.—The official program for the celebration of Niagara University's Diamond Jubilee has been prepared, and invitations have been sent to the thousands of graduates and former students, lay and clerical, of the institution that was founded on Faith and built upon love for man and country. The jubilee will open on October 11th, and it will be brought to a close on the 13th. The first day will be Seminary Day, the following day will be University Day, and the final day will be Alumni Day. It is

Bishop Cannon Case Is Before The Grand Jury

Federal Attorney will Present All The Facts Before The District of Columbia Grand Jury.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The case of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is to be brought before the District of Columbia grand jury today, if present indications are to be carried into effect. The presentation of charges that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and Miss Ada E. Burroughs, treasurer of the Virginia anti-Slavery Committee, violated the anti-espionage laws in the Presidential campaign of 1916, is expected today by the United States Attorney, Leo A. Royer, drew up a list of witnesses to be called.

More than a dozen witnesses will be heard by the grand jury, scheduled to meet today, among them Colonel W. H. Cooper, president of the Commercial National Bank and president of the Continental Trust Company; William Tyler Page, clerk of the House of Representatives; Edwin Pope Thayer, secretary of the Senate; Lee B. Oliver, a Department of Justice lawyer; and J. J. Armstrong, an expert auditor from that department.

The subpoena served upon Colonel Cooper, directed him to supply statements of the accounts of the anti-Slavery Committee, in an individual and as chairman, from August to October, 1918. Correspondence between the bank and the bishop and the "headquarters committee of the anti-Slavery Committee" is also demanded, and all signature slips, deposit slips, checks, drafts, documents and other papers relating to Mr. Cannon's dealing with the bank.

Mr. Page is asked to bring the five reports made through the anti-Slavery Committee on or about Sept. 5, Oct. 27 and Nov. 2, 1918, and Jan. 2 and Feb. 15, 1919, and to furnish all correspondence between Miss Burroughs and himself. Colonel Thayer is directed to bring a report filed by Miss Burroughs Oct. 17, 1918, and any relative correspondence.

Mr. Oliver is said to have been investigating the Cannon case, and Mr. Armstrong is expected to explain complicated financial transactions uncovered by the five committees before the grand jury.

Robert H. McNeill, attorney for Bishop Cannon, said he would lay a memorandum before District Attorney Royer contending that the law does not require the filing of some political reports.

It is hoped to have all the Alumni from all parts of the world present on this day. The program follows: SEMINARY DAY Sunday, October 11, 1931 Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10:30 A. M. Celebrant His Excellency The Right Reverend Francis W. Howard, D.D., Bishop of Covington.

UNIVERSITY DAY Monday, October 12, 1931 Solemn Pontifical Mass at 9:30 A. M. Celebrant His Excellency The Right Reverend William Turner, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo.

ALUMNI DAY Tuesday, October 13, 1931 Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10:30 A. M. Celebrant His Excellency the Most Reverend Pietro Fumagalli-Biondi, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Alumni banquet—St. Vincent's Hall 1 P. M.

Gene Tunney Writes About Soviet Russia

Horrified at Sight of Church Bells, Marvelous Work of Art, Being Smashed at Foundry.

New York, Oct. 9.—A description of life in Soviet Russia today is presented by Gene Tunney, former pugilistic champion, in an article appearing in the recent issue of Collier's. Intimate details of the everyday life of the Russian masses, a description of the May Day celebration in Moscow, and particularly an account of a visit to a smelting plant where church bells and images are being converted into bullets are described.

In telling of his visit to the smelting plant, Mr. Tunney says: "There is a bold hand here that lay the bells of Russia—some of them. They were the bells that I had hoped some day to hear. I read about them and travelers had told me about their sonorous evening song. Perhaps they never would have sounded as sweet in my ears as in my imagination. It doesn't matter. Some were smashed, some were being smashed, others were still intact—beautiful things, wonderfully molded and engraved.

Gorgeous Works of Art "To a great extent they had been cast from metal donated by the peasants—copper, bronze, gold, silver. They had been gorgeous works of art, decorated with bas-reliefs of the Saints, the Apostles, of Christ, of His parables. Here was a huge brass bell on the sides of which the story of the Annunciation had been told by a sculptor; and near it was another beset with the story of Bethlehem.

Mr. Tunney then tells of a talk with the president of the local workers' council on the subject of bells. "You must realize," said he, "that the workers of this country are the rulers of the Soviet Republic. All that these bells symbolize is done gone. The workers will not use them. These things are of no use to us. We have abolished what these bells stood for—superstition."

And more along that line. He was talking when I noticed what were being melted in a furnace, gold, silver and platinum; candlesticks of the same metals; holy vessels and altar pieces. They were all in machine pressed blocks ready for the furnace. On top of this mound I saw what seemed to me to be a man asleep. The man was covered with canvas or something of the sort. I asked the president of the workers about it.

Figure of Christ Destroyed Mr. Tunney then describes how the man grinned and, climbing to the top of the pile, with a kick of his foot sent the figure crashing to the bottom. He adds: "It was a great bronze figure of Christ, a magnificent sculpture. It was more than life size and apparently had been wrought from its huge cross."

When he expressed his horror Mr. Tunney says, the Russian said to him: "We workers will no longer tolerate this nonsense. We were the slaves of the church for centuries. That's all over. We've abandoned superstition. We're struggling out of the old ignorance. This hurts you? We can't help that. This is only a little part of our plan. This figure symbolizes what we have decided is not necessary to our life. We workers—"

"But I, too, was a worker," he said. "My father was a worker—his father, too."

"The day will come," he said "when even you will understand."

Veteran Saw Lee Surrender To Gen'l Grant

Resident of Spencerport, Frederick Bach, Dies in His Ninetieth Year—Is Buried Monday.

Spencerport, Oct. 9.—Frederick Bach, aged 90 years, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the few men who saw General Lee surrender to General Grant at Appomattox, died at his home here this village last Friday and was buried at 10 o'clock this morning from St. John's Church here. He was present at the famous surrender that brought the Civil War to an end, and all these years he had treasured the recollection of this historic event.

Mr. Bach was born in Saxony, Germany, January 24, 1841, and came to America with his parents when 12 years old. He enlisted in the Civil War, was made corporal in 1863, and sergeant in 1865. He participated in the battles of Antietam, Harper's Ferry, Culpepper, Second Bull Run, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, the Wilderness, Five Forks and Gettysburg. He also took part in Wilson's raid.

He was a member of Commandery 43, Knights of St. George, and Pioneer Post, G. A. R., of Rochester. He is survived by two sons, Edward J. and John M. of Rochester; a daughter, Mrs. Andrew Conrad of Spencerport, and nine grandchildren.

Dying Infants Baptized By a Brooklyn Policeman

Despondent Mother Sought Suicide for Self and Death for Twin Sons—Neighbors Begged That Babies be Baptized.

Brooklyn, Oct. 9.—One of the strangest baptismal services ever recorded took place in this city last week, when a uniformed police officer, with a cup of water, baptized two dying babies, twin brothers, while an inhalator was being used upon them to keep them alive. They died shortly afterwards, and their mother was taken in a dying condition to a hospital. Despondent and penniless, she had turned on the gas and sought to end her life and theirs.

The mother's brother, Riccardo Patricola, a milkman, stopped at her flat for a visit. He smelled the gas and, forcing his way into the apartment, found the three unconscious on the floor. He telephoned the East Beach station and summoned the emergency squad and an inhalator crew of the Kings County Lighting Company.

The Police Arrive When the police arrived they found a crowd at the house. The curious were forced back, and the twins brought down to the first floor apartment. The men started to work over the unconscious children. A buzz of conversation ran through the group of curious ones, who were standing in the street or had crowded into the apartment.

A neighbor made it known that the twins had not been baptized. The murmurs became louder. Soon a group of women approached Sergeant William Schanover, busy directing his men. Would the sergeant listen but a moment? The children had not been baptized. Could the sergeant have one of his men who was a Catholic baptize the little ones? This was a new duty for Sergeant Schanover, but he gave his consent and ushered the women from the room. They left shaking their heads. The sergeant gave an order.

Patrolman James Bolger answered to the call for a Catholic. He ran to the kitchen and returned with a cup of water. It was, probably, one of the strangest baptismal ceremonies ever conducted. The faces of the twins were covered with inhalators over each tiny body a patrolman worked, kneading the chest to restore respiration. Others stood by waiting their turn. Two newspaper men stood at the foot of the bed. From outside came the hum of the crowd.

Patrolman Bolger entered the room with his cup of water. He glanced at the men about him. They fixed their eyes on the children. The policeman stopped to the bedside and, removing his cap, sprinkled a few drops of the water over each small head. As the drops fell he said the customary prayer, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father," etc. The respiration did not cease for a moment. The thoughtfulness and co-operation of Sergeant Schanover and Patrolman Bolger were praised by officials present, including State Senator Love.

The twins were found dead by Dr. Lillian Seitz of the Coney Island Hospital, when she arrived with them a little later.

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Many Bequests Made to Charity In Woman's Will

Miss Mary E. Kelly of New Rochelle Sets Good Example in Her Last Testament

New Rochelle, Oct. 2.—A thoroughly Catholic will was made by Miss Mary E. Kelly of this place. She died on Sept. 6th, and her will, just probated, contained the following bequests:

The sum of \$500 each to St. Rose's Free Home for Incurable Cancer, Manhattan; St. Joseph's Hospital, the Bronx; St. Vincent's Hospital, an Association of the Catholic Charities, the Parish Auxiliary Ass. of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Rev. Cornelius Crawley, New Rochelle; The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and the Loretta Home on Staten Island receive \$300 each; St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, \$1,000; the Catholic Extension Society of the United States, Chicago, \$1,500; The Bowery Mission, \$1,000; Catholic University of America, \$1,000; the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul at the Blessed Sacrament Church, New Rochelle, \$50.

To her maid, Annie McGowan of New Rochelle, Miss Kelly left \$5,000. Several cousins and friends are also named and the residue is left to charity.

It is the most unselfish thing in the world to see the Creator suffer so many injuries from His creatures, and yet be unable ourselves to patiently endure the least word

Heflin Speaks In California After Setbacks

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 9. — Former Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama, after many setbacks, finally found a place to speak here.

First he was denied the use of the Civic Auditorium, then of the county fair grounds, then of the firemen's ball park because of protests of the citizenry that religious hatred would be stirred up by his talk.

The ball park of a Japanese baseball team finally was rented. His audience numbered 2,500. Mr. Heflin denied he was going to say anything derogatory about religious groups.

In his speech he took a few wall-pops at Al. Smith, Raskob and the Taft crowd. At the time he was speaking the City Council of Hanford returned a check for the rental of the Civic Auditorium there, where Mr. Heflin was to speak. The Visalia City Council also announced he would be denied the use of the Visalia auditorium. Several days ago Bakerfield revoked permission for him to speak in Beale Park.

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English Village Has Church After Four Centuries

London, Oct. 9. For nearly four centuries, ever since the so-called Reformation, the little English town of Edenbridge has had no Catholic church. Now a church has been opened there, the building being one formerly used as the local cottage hospital.

The return of the Faith to Edenbridge is due largely to Count Riccardi Cubitt. For 35 years, Count Cubitt has had Mass celebrated in his home, Eden Hall, and has done much to break down local prejudice. Christmas Day, 1896, was the date of the first Mass in Edenbridge since the days of persecution.

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