

Divorce Bill in Trinidad Meets Violent Opposition; Demonstration Forbidden

Catholic Archbishop Appeals for Order, but Urges Women to Fight Like Women of Italy—Special Trains Are Forbidden to Run.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 18.—A divorce bill that is being rushed through by the Government party here met with unexpected and violent opposition from the Catholic people of the island last week. Plans had been made to stage a monster demonstration against the second reading of the bill on Friday, and to bring thousands of country people in special trains from remote plantations and sugar estates. But the Government issued an order prohibiting the running of these trains, on the ground that the presence of large crowds in the city would be a menace to public safety. This order created a great uproar.

The Catholic Archbishop then issued an appeal for the abandonment of the proposed legislation, but not to abandon the fight against the divorce bill. "The fight against the bill, however, is not lost," the Archbishop said. "Let the women of the colony remember the women of Italy who defeated the efforts of the imperial politicians in the days of Cavour to enact a divorce law in Italy. The divorce bill is not yet law. Efforts must be redoubled, earnestness must become more intense."

Wild statements have been circulated by both sides. Posters placard the streets, some crying "Down with divorce, a Filthy Messure!" Others urge the government to stand firmly by the traditions of freedom under the Union Jack, ending in "God Save the King."

A newspaper war has been raging for months, for and against divorce.

Nazareth Club Will Hold Dance December 30th

Nazareth College Club will hold its Christmas dance on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, in the Hotel Seneca Ballroom. A first class orchestra will play. Mrs. Mary Fenney of the senior class is general chairman. Miss Elsie Strubler, chairman of the orchestra committee, will be assisted by the Misses Margaret Gardner, Josephine Dillou and Agatha Young. Miss Josephine Koch is chairman of the publicity and ticket committee. She will be assisted by the Misses Mary Moran, Anne Glover and Virginia Bunker. Miss Betty Nash, chairman of the ballroom committee, will be assisted by the Misses Margaret McLaughlin, Lorella Royal and Eblene Schwand. The chairman of the decorations committee is Miss Mary E. Wamerson, assisted by the Misses Patricia Ghilly, Betsy Jones and Elizabeth Boyer. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the college, or by applying at the college campus, 402 Augustine Street.

Daniel Malone, Welfare Officer For Many Years

East Rochester, Dec. 18.—Daniel C. Malone, welfare officer of the town of Pittsford since 1915, resigned at a meeting of the town board on Wednesday evening this week. His resignation, presented by a number of other business men, was accepted with a great deal of regret, and with sincere thanks for his faithful and loyal service. Mr. Malone is one of the best known residents of East Rochester, and all his life he has been greatly interested in charitable and welfare work. Courteous, kindly, capable, he has made many friends among all classes of people, and he is held in deservedly high regard in the community. He will be greatly missed in the welfare work of the town, and will have the good wishes and gratitude of all who know him for his excellent work in this community.

Mary's Footprints

Thru Bethlehem's streets long years ago,
Small foot-prints in the drifting snow,
Led to a stable poor and low,
In which our Lord was born.
There, on a manger bed of hay,
In Mary's arms the Christ-child lay,
And there the wise men knelt to pray
On that first Christmas morn.

Christ came, from sin, the world to save,
And on the cross His life He gave,
That men might live beyond the grave
In everlasting peace.

Oh! troubled heart within my breast,
Be still I bid thee be at rest.
Let Christ our Saviour be thy guest,
Let thy troubled throbbing cease.

May Mary's footprints lead the way
To where the infant Saviour lay,
On a lowly bed of manger hay,
With her so pure and sweet.
If to that place I could but go,
On bended knees with head bowed low,
I would kiss the foot-prints in the snow
Made by Virginal feet.

Dear Mother, sweet and pure, and mild
Pray thou for me, thy erring child.
You in whose arms that sweet Babe smiled—
Pray to thy Son for me,
And when shall set my final sun,
When my life's work at last is done,
May thy foot-prints pure, holy one,
Lead me to Christ and thee.

John A. Twanley.

Half Million Pilgrims Visit Shrine of Guadalupe On the 400th Anniversary

Greatest Religious Celebration Ever Held in Mexico Attracts Record Crowd of Pilgrims—Ten Communists, Planning to Bomb Shrine, Arrested.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—The greatest and most impressive religious pageant ever held in Mexico paid tribute Saturday to the Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint of the nation, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of her appearance to the Indian, Juan Diego, at the site of the church, three miles outside Mexico City, which now is regarded as one of the most notable religious shrines in America. The solid mass of humanity which moved continuously over the broad avenue from the capital probably numbered 500,000.

The pilgrims came from every part of the country and from every country of Central and South America, wearing clusters of roses, symbolical of the blossoms with which the Virgin of Guadalupe filled the blanket of the peasant Indian before whom she appeared 400 years ago. These they laid in a clustered mass below the Virgin's fringe.

Communists Arrested
There was just one discordant note in the midst of this great religious celebration—ten Communists, armed with 12 high-power bombs, were arrested on the charge of conspiring to blow up the shrine in the midst of its great celebration. This charge is reported to have been proven against them. But the authorities showed unusual consideration for the celebration, for no word was given out about the Communists until the end of the ceremonies.

Midnight Masses
Midnight masses were celebrated not only at the basilica, but also in all the churches in the city, culminating at 9 o'clock. Most Rev. Pascual Diaz, Archbishop of Mexico, celebrated a pontifical mass, accompanied by music from the recently installed magnificent organs within the shrine.

The pageant was attended by Mgr. Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, the Papal Delegate, and other Archbishops, 20 bishops and scores of other high prelates of the Catholic Church. When the choir of the Virgin of Guadalupe, directed by Mgr. Rafael Guizar y Valencia, entered the church in civilian garb, he was loudly applauded and attendants had him robe himself and take his place with the other prelates. For months he has been a refugee in Mexico City since the passage of a law by the legislature of the State of Vera Cruz, which reduced the number of priests in the diocese to one for every 100,000 inhabitants. In a recent telegram to the Governor of the State he offered to give his life if the priests were allowed to continue their offices.

Lyons Pastor Collects Food For the Poor

Rev. Andrew Dissett Made Trail for His Auto and Collected Vegetables for the Poor of the Village.

Lyons, Dec. 18.—Father Andrew Dissett, pastor of St. Michael's Church here, realizing the suffering there would be in Lyons, especially among the 1,100 Italians, who were deprived of income during the past year, and would be without it in the future, due to the moving of the New York Central R. R. shops and yards, the permanent closing down of the Rochester, Syracuse & Eastern Railway, the closing of the big Electric Power Plant, and the moving out of Lyons of two factories, made a trail for his auto from the front end of an old Ford given him, and personally, all Fall, solicited and drove into the fields with unemployed men and gathered about four tons of vegetables.

Under the direction of the Lyons Welfare Association, composed of representatives of the different churches and social organizations, Father Dissett carried these vegetables to the homes of the unemployed of Lyons. It was a unique idea, but it brought necessary food in Lyons to persons of all religious denominations.

Father Dissett did this as a member of the Lyons Welfare Association. With the aid of the Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity, he has procured much clothing and other necessities for the needy of Lyons. While canvassing the vicinity Father Dissett received a donation of nearly two tons of vegetables from Harry Smith, Olin Burcott and John Lance, farmers living near Newark. In several trips the priest carted the vegetables to headquarters of the Lyons welfare organization.

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