

CATHOLICS ELECT PRIESTS AND LAYTY

Charities Conference Adopts a Strong Organization.

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PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

8:30 o'clock—Meeting of women's sections and discussion of constructive action relating to the working girl.

9:30 o'clock—Delinquency. 1. Problems in delinquency. Hon. Michael F. Gilrin, judge in the Municipal Court of Chicago. 2. Two-hours' discussion of the paper, each speaker to have ten minutes.

1:30 o'clock—Permanent organization of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. Adjournment.

2:30 o'clock—Reception of delegates in East Room of White House by President Taft.

With singleness of purpose which caused even debate to be unnecessary, the first annual conference of Catholic charities capped its climax last evening by adopting a strong, centralized organization, including the election of its first corps of officers.

The foremost men of the church were placed in the foreground by this devoted gathering of priests and layty in their sacred mission of benevolence. The following were chosen for office:

Honorary president—Cardinal Gibbons. President—Monsignor T. J. Shahan, rector of Catholic University.

Treasurer—Judge W. H. De Lacy, of the District.

Secretary—Dr. W. J. Kerby, of Catholic University.

Vice presidents—C. A. De Courcy, of Boston; Mrs. T. H. Kelly, of New York; J. F. Kennedy, of Chicago; John A. Grehan, of New Orleans; C. C. Desmond, of Los Angeles; John C. Hagen, of Richmond, Va.

Executive committee—D. F. Tilley, of Boston; Miss E. A. Waldo, of New Orleans; J. A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia; Rev. P. H. Boyle, of Little Rock, Ark.; D. B. Murphy, of Rochester; Richard Crane, of Cincinnati; Rev. John A. Ryan, of St. Paul; Mrs. John MacMahon, of Chicago; Mrs. J. M. Molampy, of Pittsburg; Dr. John W. Gartner, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Lawrence Conner, of Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Thomas Taylor, of Austin, Tex.; Paul Carpenter, of Milwaukee; Edmund J. Butler, of New York.

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The conference closes to-day with a reception by President Taft in the East Room of the White House at 2:30 o'clock.

Mgr. William J. White, diocesan director of charities in Brooklyn, opened the programme in McMahon Hall last night with an address on "The reform problems which the church should meet."

"It remains with the church to say whether socialism or reasonable social progress shall prevail in this country," he said. "When Westminster Catholic cathedral was opened in London recently, it was observed that the overwhelming nature of the slum problem in the world metropolis was the worst obstacle to the progress of the Catholic cause in England."

Labor and the Church.

"Thousands of men in this country are regularly losing Sunday mass because they are compelled to work on the Sabbath. Others are being physically and morally undermined by the sheer stress of labor and the revolting conditions of the slums. When you reach the hard, grinding, soul-destroying poverty of our great cities you have found a class among which frequently the very name of Christianity is a mockery."

A strong, militant note was sounded by Rev. Joseph McSorley, of the Society of Paulists, New York City, in his address on "The Catholic laymen and social reform."

"I believe the working people of this country will not submit much longer to the conditions and the rules governing the distribution of wealth in the United States," he declared. "Punishment should be meted out as surely to a derelict board of directors as to a society of assassins."

A scholarly and scientific article of "The church and the social conscience," prepared by Thomas Woodcock, of New York, was delivered by James Fee, of Boston.

Sins in Modern Industry.

The industrial aspect was discussed at the morning session of the conference of Catholic charities yesterday morning, under the leadership of Robert Biggs, of Baltimore.

He attacked the forces of greed and gain in the United States, which are

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YESTERDAY WITH ROYALTIES

Chinese Prince Talks of Taft at Close Range.

Sultan Takes Off His Fez in Capital Street Cars.

Prince Tsai-Sium, of China, thinks President Taft is a statesman of the first rank, and says a near view of the President had increased his admiration.

The prince said Mr. Taft, through his stability and reliability, would enlarge, if that were possible, the friendly feeling between China and this country. This feeling, he continued, is not new. China wants American capital and aid, and he is a vast undertaking, and the co-operation of America is earnestly desired.

His trip through America has been one continual surprise to the prince, said Secretary Chew, his interpreter; not that he did not realize the greatness of the nation, but the intense business activity of the people he considered astounding.

After the dinner last night at the White House the prince was very tired, although President Taft had made it almost a family party to avoid the tiresomeness of a formal entertainment.

Prince Tsai-Sium is still sick. He has never thrown off the pleurisy contracted on his voyage a month ago, and his traveling, with the accompanying excitement and inconvenience, is not helping him to get well.

Tired of sight-seeing automobiles, taxicabs, and carriages, the Sultan expressed a wish to ride on the street cars and mix up with people. Accordingly, Maj. Scott and the party boarded a car and rode around Washington for several hours. The National Museum and the Monument were visited by the party, and as the Sultan expressed fatigue they returned to the hotel.

One of the most amusing incidents since the party arrived in this country happened when the party got on the car. The Sultan had been told by his interpreter that it was customary in this country for gentlemen to remove their hats in elevators if ladies were present. As soon as the party was seated, the Sultan, mindful of the advice given him, issued a guttural command, at which the entire party removed their turbans in the car.

The interpreter hastily explained that an electric car was hardly a place to remove one's headgear, even though polite society demands such action in an elevator.

Richmond Masons Coming.

"Grotto" Degree Will Be Conferred on Virginians Here.

Capt. Frank Cunningham and nine other Masons of Richmond, Va., will arrive at Union Station at 3 o'clock to-day and will be met by a special committee of the local Masonic Grotto, No. 15. These visitors are coming to receive the Grotto degree and will then form a Grotto lodge in Richmond.

The special committee, composed of Ed S. Schmid, Dr. William Wunder, Frank Raymond, J. D. Britt, Gus W. Braher, William E. Evans, William E. Cowan, and Col. R. L. Montague, will escort Capt. Cunningham and his companions in automobiles from the Union Station to the Eagles' Club, where an informal reception will be held.

SUES FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Mrs. Cramer Begins Action Against Dr. Lee M. Hurd.

Mrs. Laura R. Cramer, who is accused of having obtained \$40,000 from Fenton J. Hurd, eighty-nine years old, by spiritualistic proceedings, yesterday brought suit against Dr. Lee M. Hurd to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged assault.

Mrs. Cramer alleges that on August 12 in Essex County, N. Y., when the deposition of the elder Hurd was taken at the home of his son that Dr. Hurd seized her and with great force and violence shook and pulled her about, lacerating and bruising her left arm and right side.

Imps' Club Gives Dance.

The Imps' Social Club, composed largely of employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, gave their first dance of the season at National Rifles' Armory last night. The hall was tastefully decorated with palms and ferns, and an orchestra composed of members of the United States Marine Band furnished the music. Refreshments were served.

Taft to Meet Loyal Guard.

Quadrannual Convention in Session at the New Willard.

President Taft will receive the delegates to the quadrannual session of the Loyal Guard, in convention at the New Willard Hotel, at the White House this morning. The delegates will be introduced by E. O. Wood, of Flint, Mich., president of the organization.

After an afternoon of sightseeing, the convention met again last night in the cabinet room of the New Willard. Plans for an extension of field work were discussed at length. It is probable that a woman's auxiliary will be organized during the coming year.

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock by Edwin O. Wood, president of the fraternity, Commissioner Rudolph welcomed the organization to Washington. Gen. George H. Harries, the next speaker, told of the commercial and educational advantages of Washington. William F. Gude, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Charles A. Douglas also made brief speeches.

Only routine business was transacted. After lunch the delegates boarded a special car for Mount Vernon. Stops were made at Arlington and Alexandria.

Dudley Files Cross Bill.

John G. Dudley, a lawyer and chief clerk in the Pension Office, filed a cross bill for absolute divorce from Mrs. Annie McKee Dudley yesterday. He reiterated the charges made in his answer to his wife's original petition. Chief Justice Claiborn granted Mrs. Dudley temporary alimony of \$40 a month pending the suit and also allowed counsel fee.

HEARING ON FREIGHT RATES.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will hold its first formal conference after the summer recess on October 3. By Monday next it is expected that all seven members of the commission will be in Washington to take up the general increase in freight rates.

Before the taking of testimony in these cases has closed the commission will hear the presidents of the railroads involved.

The commission will also give a hearing to representatives of the railroad employes' unions, who recently met in New York and passed resolutions favoring the increases.

Additional Pay for Veterans.

New York State volunteers in the Spanish-American war will receive about \$60,000 additional pay, which they have contended the government owed them. The claims of the Spanish war veterans have been pushed by Attorney General Malloy, of New York State. The additional allowance of 40 cents covers balances due to members of twenty or more organizations who failed to receive their full allowances in prior settlement.

Boy Attacked by Dog.

Claude Picken, ten years old, of 1538 Fifteenth street northwest, was attacked by a dog yesterday afternoon. He was wounded on the right leg. The police say the dog was not rabid.

PRISON DELEGATES ARRIVE TO-NIGHT

Three Congresses to Be Held in Next Two Weeks.

Criminologists of all nations will reach Washington to-night and to-morrow to attend the annual American Prison Congress, the International Prison Congress, and the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, which will be in session here practically simultaneously.

The American and International congresses will be held at the new National Museum. The international body will be in session from October 2 to October 8. Delegates to this conference have been touring the criminal institutions of the country for several weeks, and are expected here from New York State to-day or to-morrow.

Attorney General Wickham will be one of the speakers at the International Congress, and there will be papers and reports by members of the organization.

Maj. Richard Sylvester is the District delegate to the conference of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, which will be held Friday and Saturday in George Washington Law School. The annual address of John H. Wigmore, of Chicago, who will be president of the conference, will be a feature of the first day's programme. In addition there will be papers by other officials.

The conference will close with a banquet at the New Willard Saturday night, at which Judge De Lacy will preside.

DECLARES FRANK IS INSANE.

Government Hospital Superintendent Before Inquiry Board.

Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, testified before a lunacy jury yesterday that Edwin Frank, who, while on parole, August 13, married Miss Virginia Strouse, of Philadelphia, is still insane, suffering from hypomania, and should have further treatment. Frank will have to wait until October 6, when the next lunacy jury will sit, before he can have the question of his present mental condition decided.

Frank began habeas corpus proceedings a week ago.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1910—5 p. m.

The West Indian disturbance has continued its movement westward in the Caribbean Sea, and is now apparently some distance south of Santo Domingo.

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