

MASS OF REQUIEM FOR QUAKE DEAD

Distinguished Congregation Attends Services at St. Aloysius' Church.

MANY DIPLOMATS VISIBLY AFFECTED

Father Lyons Prays for Alleviation of Those Who Escaped Sudden Death.

Before a brilliant congregation of distinguished people, including members of the Diplomatic Corps and Government representatives, solemn requiem mass was celebrated in St. Aloysius' Church this morning, for the dead in the earthquake and disaster that swept southern Italy and Sicily.

In the front of the church sat Baron Edmondo Mayor des Pianches, Italian ambassador and dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Baroness M. Mayor des Pianches, Marquis Paolo di Montagliari, counselor of the embassy, and several attaches.

Also in the reserved space were Baron Hengelmuller von Hengervar, Austrian ambassador, and the other officers of the embassy, Ambassador J. J. Jasser, and of France, and Madame Jasser, Ambassador Joaquin Nabuco of Brazil, Madame Nabuco, and the officers of the Brazilian embassy; Minister Wu Ting-fang, and the officers and attaches of the Chinese embassy; Representative Burke Cockran, the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, Charles J. Bonaventure, Attorney General of the United States, and representing the United States Government; Senator Campo and Senator Legarda, the Philippine Commissioners to the United States; Justice McKenna, of the Supreme Court, and many other diplomats and officials.

They were visibly affected by the solemnity of the service, and by the brief but inspiring sermon of the Rev. Father Charles G. Lyons, S. J., the rector of St. Aloysius Church and Gonzaga College.

Father Lyons prayed for the repose of the souls of those whose lives were snatched away in a second, and for the alleviation of the suffering of those who escaped sudden death, only to suffer the tortures that have befallen them. The Rev. Mr. Bonaventure, celebrant, celebrated the mass in the presence of Mr. Falconio, the papal delegate, and the church was crowded to the doors by a cosmopolitan assemblage, that ranged from the distinguished members of the humblest Italian immigrants, and the children of the Italian Christ Child Society, who prayed fervently for their own countrymen, and perhaps for relatives and friends who had perished unknown. Priests and servers, even the two monsignors, wore copes of deepest black. Sanctuary and church were draped in crepe.

The Rev. William S. Cannon, S. J., of Gonzaga College, was deacon, and the Rev. Father Nicholas Jessell, of St. Augustine's Church, subdeacon. The Rev. Father Bede Oldenburger, O. F. M., superior of the Franciscan Monastery, at Brookland, was assistant priest. The Very Rev. T. O'Rourke, O. F. M., prior of St. Dominic's, and the Rev. Father George A. Dougherty, of the Catholic University, were in honor of the monsignor. Bishop O'Connell, newly named auxiliary bishop at San Francisco, and until recently rector of the Catholic University, also assisted in the mass.

The Rev. Father Joseph Hilmel, S. J., president of Georgetown University, and the Rev. Magister, rector of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, his brother-in-law, were in honor. In addition there were on the

The Vital Records.

Births. Frank and Katherine Stomler, boy, Benjamin F. and Emma De Atley, girl, Edward E. and Winifred C. Howley, girl, Henry and Marie Alexander, girl, Joseph J. and Annie M. Crowley, girl, Demetrio and Susanna Sarnel, girl, Frank and Pearl Kaufman, girl, Patrick and Mabel M. Shanahan, boy, James and Mary A. Schivers, girl, William H. and Emma M. Rooney, girl, Henry and Kate Hoffer, boy, John F. and Isabella A. Cox, girl, Frederick W. and Charlotte E. Baumann, boy, Peter S. and Mary V. Healy, boy, George A. B. and Amy H. Prescott, girl, Wilford T. and Emily J. Harvey, boy, M. P. and Carrie B. Smith, boy, Wilford P. and Assen W. Allen, boy, James L. and Maudie H. Deakin, girl, Leon P. and Lillian C. Nachman, boy, Theodore J. and Addie C. Miller, boy, William H. B. and Sarah C. Holt, girl, John J. and Lillian E. Williams, girl, George F. and Margaretta A. Smith, girl, Patrick J. and Mary E. Quigley, girl, Monroe S. and Lillie M. Reigelman, girl, Fred W. and Lizzie J. Mohl, girl, Le Roy and Edith Cross, girl, William F. and Bessie E. Schaper, boy, James H. and Cora E. Zoll, boy, Thomas A. and Teresa M. Enoch, boy, Albert L. and Lillian E. Vaters, boy, J. Ralph and Amy V. Hoyer, boy, Thomas L. and Susie V. Bohannon, girl, Herbert E. and Florence A. Orr, girl, C. Edward and Dora E. Watts, girl, William T. and Hester E. Dienny, girl, Albert W. and Lucy A. Wells, girl, Norman H. and Mary R. Porter, boy, J. Robert and Lurena Mead, boy, Harry G. and Edna B. Vincol, girl.

Deaths.

Margaret S. Gosling, 86 years, 333 M. Pleasant street northwest, 12-21. Frank B. Sheldon, 81 years, 21A M street southwest, 12-21. George P. Dudley, 68 years, 208 A street northeast, 12-21. Annie B. Clark, 49 years, 32 Ninth street northwest, 12-21. Margaret Merrill, 45 years, 107 Twentieth street northwest, 12-21. Thomas W. Pearsall, 71 years, the New Willard Hotel, 12-21. Jay Lester, 51 years, Government Hospital for the Insane, 12-21. Joseph Winfield, 47 years, United States Soldiers' Home, 12-21. Annie M. Cockrell, 82 years, 26 R street northeast, 12-21. Annie Hall, 58 years, 619 F street northwest, 12-21. William H. E. Douglas, 42 years, 121 F street northwest, 12-21. Randolph Davis, 2 months, 221 Twentieth street northwest, 12-21. Mattie C. Cowens, 4 days, 522 Twenty-first street northwest, 12-21. Amelia C. MacCallough, 82 years, 25 Rhode Island avenue northwest, 12-21. Abbey S. Eddy, 58 years, 233 Massachusetts avenue northwest, 12-21. Mary Crivella, 15 years, 127 Riggs place, 12-21. William L. White, 87 years, Floral Hill, Twining City, 12-21. Harry Mills, 23 years, Georgetown University Hospital, 12-21.

Marriage Licenses.

Edwin M. Aquilth and Minnie E. Schnebel, Washington. Robert K. Jarratt and Emma C. Phillips, Richmond, Va.

MOURNING FOR VICTIMS OF QUAKE



MARQUIS PAOLO DI MONTAGLIARI, Counselor of Italian Embassy

altar the Rev. Father Elliott, C. P., of the Paulist House of Studies at the Catholic University and the assistants at St. Aloysius.

Local Italians Help.

The Italians of Washington, individually and through their various societies, are contributing largely to the funds for the relief of their countrymen. Not a few of them are also natives of the city of Messina. Some who lost relatives have already returned to Italy to lend their assistance in person.

Preparations are now being made for the use of one of the local theaters next Sunday, when a concert will be given to raise more funds for the work. The idea of a concert developed at the meeting yesterday in Trades Union Hall, 616 G street, under the direction of sixty-five prominent Italian business men and the Comitato Columbiano, an amalgamation of the eight Italian societies of this city.

Several of the local theatrical managers declared their willingness to turn over their theaters for the use of the Italian societies, and no trouble is anticipated in securing a place for the concert. As rapidly as funds are raised they are being forwarded direct to the Italian Red Cross. At the meeting yesterday \$50 was contributed, and the sum of \$50 will be forwarded today or tomorrow. It is expected that at least \$750 will be raised by the proposed concert, tickets for which will be ready at the next meeting of the Comitato Columbiano on Wednesday evening in Eagles' Hall, 12 street northwest.

SAY PENSION BILL MISSES ITS MARK

In forwarding to Congress today a report on the bill introduced in the House for the relief of pensioners of the Metropolitan Police Department, the Commissioners say that the bill in its present form would not effect the payment of the claims of the pensioners for whose benefit it is intended, inasmuch as it does not provide for an appropriation in specific terms. A bill bearing the same title which passed the Senate April 7, 1908, contains the necessary provision in that respect, they say, and the Commissioners recommend its adoption in lieu of the House measure.

Died

ASH—On Sunday, January 3, 1909, at 3:30 p. m., SARAH J. below wife of Saml. Ash, and daughter of William H. and Ann Quisenberry. KUMLER—On Sunday, January 3, 1909, at 1:30 a. m., the Rev. JEREMIAH P. KUMLER, D. D., in the seventy-ninth year of his age. LEZ—On Sunday morning, January 3, 1909, at 1 a. m., the MARY LEZ. Funeral from Zion Wesley Church, Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. LEZ—On Sunday morning, January 3, 1909, at 2:30 p. m., MARY LEZ, youngest daughter of William Frank, aged eleven years and five months. Funeral from the residence of her parents, 1225 Sixth street northwest, Tuesday, January 5, 1909, at 2 p. m. Interment at DeWitt Cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. (Herald papers please copy.) LEZ—On Sunday morning, January 3, 1909, at 1:30 p. m., at the residence of H. H. Bergmann, 184 Harvard street northwest, JULIUS LEZ, beloved husband of Sarah Bergmann Lez. Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, H. H. Bergmann, 184 Harvard st. n.w., Wednesday, January 7, 1909, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. (Herald papers please copy.) OULAHAN—On Monday, January 4, 1909, at the residence of her son-in-law, John W. Sanderson, 92 A street southeast, MARY OULAHAN, widow of Major Richard Oulahan, soldier of General Sherman. WHITE—On Saturday, January 2, 1909, at 8 p. m., at his residence, Floral Hill, D. C., W. LEZ WHITE, after 100 and a half months' illness. Funeral from J. William Lee's, 212 Pennsylvania avenue, Tuesday, 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment in Congressional cemetery. 12-21. BOYD—On Saturday, January 2, 1909, at 10:30 a. m., at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Jas. R. S. Johnson, 5140, 212111 BENTLEY, beloved wife of Wm. Herbert Boyd and daughter of Wm. T. and Margaret Lindsay. Funeral from St. John's Church, Forest Glen, 315 Columbia highway, 10:30 a. m. Carriage will leave the house at 10:30 a. m. (Herald papers please copy.) 12-21.

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PHYSICAL TESTS RETIRE MEARNS

Will Quit Service With the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The War Department today announced the retirement of Major Edgar A. Mearns, of the Medical Corps, who was found physically disqualified for the duties of a lieutenant colonel upon his recent examination for promotion. He is therefore retired as a lieutenant colonel. Colonel Mearns is now at the Smithsonian Institution preparing, it is said, for the forthcoming trip of the President to Africa. He is to be one of the party. The retirement of Major William C. Bowen, of the Medical Corps, for physical disability, was also announced.

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BON MARCHÉ 314-316 Seventh St.

WILKIE IS PICKED IN ROBBERS' PLOT

"Green's Court Gang" Confesses Attempt to Burglarize Secret Service Chief.

Aching to emulate the heroes of the yellow-back novels, members of a gang of negro youths, today confessed that they had attempted to rob Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, and failing in their ambitious plot ransacked the rooms of his private secretary, Miss M. B. Green, of 1116 Thirteenth street northwest.

In a little room in an old shanty in Green's court northwest, the four negro boys, known as "the Green's court gang," carefully planned the daring robbery which they afterward successfully executed, and which for months has baffled Mr. Wilkie.

"The Green court gang," whose arrest was told in the Sunday evening edition of The Times, are accused of destroying thousands of dollars' worth of property and the larceny of hundreds of dollars' worth of articles from fashionable apartment houses in the northwest section of the city, and, according to a confession made by two members of the gang, were plotting a murder when Detectives Barbee and Vermillion placed them under arrest. Robbers' Den.

Their brains fired by a desire to follow in the footsteps of desperados in dime novels, the boys sat around a small table in the "robbers' den," played poker, "shot craps," smoked cigarettes, and made their plans for the robbery.

Frank Mercer, sixteen years old, of 19 Green's court northwest, who was the leader of the gang, told the police this morning that he had read a story about cowboys out West robbing a Secret Service agent, and that he immediately called a meeting of his henchmen and determined to do the same stunt.

It was no easy matter, however, for negro boys in their teens to learn where some of Uncle Sam's "sleuths" made their headquarters. At first, it is said, they tried to work out a scheme whereby they could relieve Chief Wilkie himself of a few valuables, but failing in this, they concentrated their efforts on the apartment of Miss M. B. Green, Chief Wilkie's private secretary, who lives at 1116 Thirteenth street northwest.

Wait for Opportunity. Mercer says he watched the house night after night until the opportunity presented itself for him to enter undetected. Seeing Miss Green go out, Mercer says he forced an entrance to the apartment, ransacked the rooms, and stole a revolver such as is used by Secret Service agents.

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