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## TIMELY

**Were Action and Resolutions of Convention of Central Verein.**

**Pioneer Catholic Society Takes Up Problems of Widest Interest.**

**For Spiritual and Physical Welfare of Our Catholic Soldiers.**

## LABOR INTEREST LOOKED AFTER

The war with all its difficulties and problems in no way dampened the ardor of any of the many delegates to the annual convention of the Central Verein held in St. Louis, in spite of the absence of any of the usual festive events, which were restricted as being so serious. Opening with a solemn reception the Papal Delegate, who had come to St. Louis especially to attend the convention, each and every session of the three days was crowded with meetings for all of the delegates, mass meetings, committee meetings and conferences in which serious and timely work was done.

A feature of the opening day on Sunday was the dedication of the new \$250,000 orphanage erected by the St. Vincent German Catholic Orphan Society, one of the oldest German organizations in the city. Besides a splendid musical programme there were addresses by His Excellency the Papal Delegate and by Archbishop J. J. Glennon, of St. Louis. Bishop J. Koudelick, of Superior, Wis., delivered a beautiful and stirring dedicatory address in which he paid a high tribute to the charitable and social activities of the German Catholics.

A feature of the Monday morning session was the address made by His Excellency Archbishop Bonzano to the assembled delegates, in which he emphasized the fact that his very presence was a testimonial to the loyalty and genuine patriotism of the members of the Central Verein. Were he not, he said among other things, thoroughly convinced that their patriotism was above suspicion and of the most genuine kind he would not be in their midst. Similar words, encouraging the members in their work of soldier welfare activities, were spoken by Archbishop Glennon and by Bishop Busch, of St. Cloud, Minn. Other dignitaries who attended at various meetings and took active and sympathetic interest in the work of the convention were Archbishop Messmer, of Milwaukee, and Bishop Althoff, of Belleville, Ill.

The chief interest and activity of the convention centered around the problem of caring for the physical and spiritual welfare of the Catholic soldiers. Definite action was taken to insure a very active and efficient programme of work along these lines and in conjunction with the work already proposed at the Soldier Welfare Conference recently held in Washington, D. C.

A not inconsiderable part of the attention of the convention was also devoted to the question of the support of the Catholic missions, so hard hit by the effects of the war. Rev. F. Hillig, S. J., of Toky, and Rev. F. Jansen, of Techny, Ill., gave most interesting talks on the question of missions and their support. Nor were the laboring men and women forgotten. A special mass-meeting for workers was held, in which the specific problems of their class were dealt with in two addresses, one by Rev. F. Marke, O. F. M., and the other by Rev. William Engelen, S. J. The question of male teachers in our schools was also discussed in a series of meetings held in conjunction with the convention by the Southwestern section of the German Catholic Teachers' League. Archbishop Messmer in particular took a warm interest in this question and lent his support to a furtherance of the movement.

Simultaneously with the Central Verein convention proper the Catholic Women's League held its convention, in which the various questions of special interest to women were discussed and for which a definite programme of action was outlined. Also the Junior section of the Central Verein, the Gonzaga Union, held its sessions in connection with the convention and dealt with the same problems from the view point of the younger generation.

The officials of the Central Verein were re-elected, a fitting tribute to the efficiency and prudence which has guided them in their direction of the Verein's work during the difficult times of war. The convention was supplemented by a well attended study course, at which a well mapped out programme of intensive lectures and study was held. Rev. William Engelen, S. J., Rev. Dr. C. Bruhl and Herman Danforth, of the Federal Land Bank, St. Louis, spoke on the problems of solidaric society, solidarism and the State, solidarism and co-operative endeavor and co-operation and rural credits. The entire proceedings of the convention were a very tangible proof of the vitality and energy of the Central Verein, which has championed Christian social action and principles for so many years. C. B. of C. V.



**SHE'S DOING A MAN'S WORK.**  
 This young Scotchwoman is driving an ambulance between the front and the base of the hospital in Salonika. With her man's hair and man's sweater and thick stockings she is far from resembling the Red Cross "angel" of the posters, but hundreds of wounded soldiers have called her one just the same.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Wednesday night Louisville Council of the Knights of Columbus held their annual election of officers, and much disappointment was manifested when Grand Knight John Cassidy, who has made a splendid record, announced that it would be impossible for him to serve another term, for which he would have no opposition. Under his administration the council has made marked progress and is stronger numerically and financially than ever before. The election was spirited and good natured and resulted as follows:

Grand Knight—Thomas D. Cline.  
 Deputy—George Naber.  
 Financial Secretary—Henry B. McBride.  
 Recorder—Ed F. Etheridge.  
 Treasurer—Raymond Schumann.  
 Warden—Raymond Barrett.  
 Inside Guard—Thomas F. Mooney.  
 Outside Guard—William P. Kelly.

Advocate—B. J. Sandmann.  
 Trustees—E. J. O'Brien, Sr., Charles W. Decker, Thomas Bohan. There will be arduous work for the incoming officers, whose duty it will be to look after the interests of the Catholic soldiers at the local cantonment. Grand Knight Cassidy and the Rev. Father O'Mahoney, chaplain of the council, are making an effort to have mass said there tomorrow. Grand Knight Cline did not seek the office, but will do everything in his power to continue the good work of Louisville Council.

## OPENING AT ST. XAVIER'S.

St. Xavier's College opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 335, an increase of twenty-two over the first day of the first day of last year. A large number of the older boys and many from the senior class have been engaged in various lines of work during the summer, and they will return before the week is out, making the enrollment the largest for the opening week since the establishment of the college in 1844. Considering the other schools started with a decrease instead of an increase on account of the war and other reasons, this speaks highly of the reputation of St. Xavier's. The new Director, Brother Benjamin, has improved many things around the college, and in about ten days will begin the erection of new sanitary toilets, the most modern and up-to-date, that can be procured. On account of the contractor having all his men at the cantonment up to the present time this could not be started until now.

## PASSIONIST CHAPTER.

The Chapter of Passionist Fathers of the Western province held its opening session Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the Newburg road. Those attending the chapter are the Very Rev. Father Clement, Rector, of Dunkirk, N. Y.; President; Very Rev. Father Alfred, Provincial; Very Rev. Jerome, First Counselor; Very Rev. Father Xavier, Second Counselor; Very Rev. Father Eugene, Rector in Cincinnati; Very Rev. Father Cletus, Rector in Louisville; Very Rev. Father John, Rector in St. Louis; Very Rev. Father Bonaventura, Rector in St. Paul, Kan.; Very Rev. Father Henry, Rector in Chicago. Preliminary and legislative meetings are being held prior to the election of the new officials. The chapter will be in session until the latter part of next week.

## CHAPLAINS INCREASED.

The War Department indicated to the Federal Council of Church of Christ of the United States and the Rev. Louis J. O'Hern, C. S. P., representing the Catholic churches of America, that a recommendation would soon be sent to Congress to provide for an appropriation covering the salary of a chaplain to every 1,000 American soldiers. The law now assigns one chaplain to every regiment, but the reorganization of the army under the French system has more than doubled the size of the regiments.

Nothing was done until the sixteen were executed.

"This war was at first a very noble crusade—for the freedom of a small nationality, for the defense of France unjustly attacked. We did not come out to fight for trade or conquest or imperialism. Yet since the war commenced authorities have changed the objective in some respects directly opposed to the interests of those who first volunteered. Extension of trade, for example, is directly opposed to the interests of the workers until his share of the profits of the trade which they make by their industry is adjusted. Any expansion of commerce by any country is only a means by which the capitalist hopes to postpone the day of reckoning—balancing the account—between men and labor. Therefore you will see the volunteers of 1914-1915, the vast majority of whom are Socialists or Trade Unionists, are going now to put their end in to prevent capitalist imperialism.

"The lines delineated by the Russian republic—and in a less distinct form by President Wilson—are those which the Labor party in England are demanding. As these are in direct opposition with the interests of Ireland there should be no difficulty. The Irish-Americans must be with us."

## CARDINAL'S STATEMENT.

A signed statement made by Cardinal Gibbons to the United Press is as follows:

"I read with great satisfaction in the cablegram of the United Press the amplification of the Pope's peace proposals published with the approval of the Cardinal Secretary of State, and though they are given in brief, they do not recognize every claim of justice as far as the ripeness of the times permits. No plan of society emanating from the Holy See can be considered complete that does not recognize every claim of justice as far as the ripeness of the times permits.

"Though it must be evident to every thinking man that no peace can be possible after a war as great and terrible as the present one without a spirit of conciliation and of mutual willingness to make concessions and condonations, still I think it must be held that that rule applies only to matters of detail and of secondary importance, nor do I believe that anybody will be disposed to consider the rights of Belgium as a question of that kind and not rather as one of the first importance, entering into the very heart and essence of the whole conflict wherein in order to satisfy the conscience of humanity every claim of justice must be fully met and satisfied.

"Further, the clear statement of the Cardinal Secretary of State that the form of government is to be left to the free choice of every people, marks the very cornerstone of civil liberty, and it is my impression that that strong confirmation of the Holy See of the old American principle will give a new impulse to civil liberty, the whole wide world over."

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

The following candidates were successful in the examination held April 14 for the vacancies in the Knights of Columbus scholarships at the Catholic University of America: Paul Hanly Furley, Patrick Wilfrid Thibeau, Othmar Solnitky, James Joseph Gallagher, John Prosper Eckert, Edward Rayson Roche, Raymond E. Rielag, Gerald James Murray, John Sylvester Harrington, A. H. James Vincent Walsh, James Ambrose Lusty, Peter H. Ruvalo, Fulton J. Sheen, Daniel Charles Regan, Robert F. Milde, Jr., Leo Vincent Jack, John Richard Dolan, George William Schaefer, John Elvay Cox, Charles Fred Goebel Rabold, Robert Hugh Mahoney. According to States the candidates are divided as follows: Connecticut, 4; Illinois, 3; New York, 3; District of Columbia, 1; Indiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Nebraska, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Texas, 1; Vermont, 1; Nova Scotia, one each.

## PACIFIC GRAND COUNCIL.

The thirty-third Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute, Pacific Jurisdiction, was opened in San Francisco with a solemn high mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. The splendid edifice of divine worship was taxed to its capacity with the delegates to the convention and their friends. Delegates from every council in the jurisdiction were present, and a large attendance of Past Grand officers was noted. The reports of the Grand President, Grand Vice President and Board of Grand Directors showed the wonderful work accomplished by the Y. M. I. and its large increase in membership during the past year. The Very Rev. W. J. Cantwell, V. G., visited the Grand Council, and in behalf of His Grace Archbishop Hanna thanked the society for its glorious work during the past thirty-four years, and urged it to persevere in its noble work for God and country. A resolution was adopted remitting the dues of members who are serving our country in the army and navy. Three hundred dollars was appropriated to procure a suitable memorial in memory of the late Grand Chaplain, the Rev. M. D. Slattery. Archbishop Hanna elected Honorary Grand Chaplain.

## EDIFIED BY SAILORS.

Edifying was the sight presented recently by the fifty sailors of the United States navy in the Philadelphia Cathedral, where they received holy communion in a body at the 9:15 o'clock mass. The half hundred, who assisted devoutly at the holy sacrifice, waited until the other members of the congregation had been nourished by the Bread of Life before they approached the altar rail.



**HE'S SEEN A LOT OF ACTION DESPITE HIS YOUTH.**

A Yankee infantry Sergeant is seen greeting eleven-year-old Charles Meux, who has seen two years' service on the French front and has been twice wounded. The lad is at present a patient in the hospital at St. Cloud.

## STANLEY

**Defeats Holy-Beekham Machine For Control of Election Boards.**

**Forward League Leader Attacks the Position of Cardinal Gibbons.**

**Federation of Democratic Clubs Move For Active Fall Campaign.**

## FINANCES WORRY REPUBLICANS

Despite the claims of the Holy-Beekham followers throughout the State, Gov. Stanley carried his point in the selection of State Election Commissioners and the appointment of A. T. Siler as Republican member means that this year there will not be a working combination between the Holy-Beekham prohibition Democrats and the Hertz-Petty prohibition Republicans. It did not take the liberal element in the Republican party very long to see that the party machinery was being used as a cat's paw to further the efforts of the Democratic Forward Leaguers, and at the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee held here last week Charles Finley, of Williamsburg, told the members that there was nothing in playing in the hands of the Holy-Beekham crowd and that doing so would prove disastrous to the Republican party as a State power.

On the other hand Gov. Stanley has shown a disposition not to interfere with the selections of the Holy-Beekham policy, Jackson, the Holy-Beekham, and Keonon, the Holy-Beekham, last year blocked R. C. Oldham, the Democratic member, from selecting Democrats not wearing the Holy-Beekham collar.

One of the prominent and widely advertised leaders of the Democratic Forward League has now centered his attack on Cardinal Gibbons and is busy circulating a little prohibition pamphlet which attacks Cardinal Gibbons for opposing prohibition. The Cardinal has been widely quoted in his different interviews on prohibition, contending that prohibition does not prohibit the sale of wine and beer, and the passage of a Federal prohibition law as a national catastrophe, little short of a crime against the spiritual and physical well-being of the American people. The fact that the Cardinal is a national figure, loved and honored by Jew and Gentile, and that his views on any subject are compound logic does not deter our leading Forward Leaguer and his slurring little pamphlet attacking the venerable churchman, the following being one of its bright (?) flippant gems:

"THE CARDINAL MAY HAVE BEEN TOO BUSY WITH CHURCH AFFAIRS TO READ ANY PROHIBITION PAPER. LIKE THE AVERAGE PRIEST, HE IS NOT ABREAST OF THE TIMES ON THIS GREAT AND DIFFICULT QUESTION."

It is rumored that this prominent Forward Leaguer will be a candidate for United States senator and it is supposed that his attack on Cardinal Gibbons and the clergy for "not being abreast of the times" will be contained in his platform.

Local Democrats made the first move in the local campaign Wednesday evening by organizing a local Federation of Democratic Clubs in Squire Frank Dacher's club rooms and elected one of our bustling East End Democrats as leader, Joe Hodges, Sr., of the Shelby Democratic Club. Other officers selected were Lee Simons, Secretary, and Jake Graf, Treas-

## K. OF C.

**Will Erect More Than Fifty Buildings in Soldiers' Camps.**

**At Request of the United States Government Work to Be Tripled.**

**Only Sixteen Buildings Were Provided For in Original Plans.**

## INFORMATION THAT INTERESTS

The United States Government requested it. That is why the Knights of Columbus, with the assistance of the other Catholics of America, have decided to more than triple the work they had planned to provide recreation for the American army.

John H. Reddin, a member of the Supreme Board of Directors of the K. of C., just back in Denver after attending a session of the board and the Supreme convention, Thursday told a Denver Catholic Register reporter that, instead of one building in each of the sixteen cantonments of the conscripted army, it is now planned to put up three structures in each of these cantonments, at least one each in fourteen of the National Guard mobilization centers, and others in every other overflow camp or small cantonment the Government establishes. The United States Government, realizing the splendid results that came from the K. of C. recreation centers on the Mexican border, pointed out to the Supreme Board of Directors of the K. of C. that the Catholic work should be extended. And the advice did not fall on deaf ears.

Mr. Reddin said Thursday that in each of the national army conscript cantonments there will be one central building costing \$6,000 and being 120x60 feet, having a seating capacity of 1,100, while there will be two \$4,000 buildings in other parts of the camps. The cantonment work is so large that it will be a mile and a half from any border to the central building; hence the necessity for more than one structure. Each building will contain a stage, back of which will be an altar, which can be concealed when services are not being held. In each cantonment the K. of C. fund will maintain a chaplain. There will be other chaplains, paid by the Government, in each camp. In each National Guard cantonment there will be an investigation bureau, and more will be put up if they are needed. In two of the sixteen National Guard cantonments, located in Southern States, there may be so few Catholics that no recreation centers will be erected. But if an investigation shows that they are needed they will be immediately put up. Just as many buildings as are needed in each cantonment will be erected, no matter whether it is a permanent camp or one that will last for only a few months.

In each National Guard cantonment there will be two Catholic chaplains paid by the K. of C. fund. It is necessary to maintain at least two here, because some States do not have a single chaplain. This is an indication of how well some American Commonwealths protect Catholic rights. Two secretaries will be employed for every building maintained by the K. of C. These men will be thoroughly investigated to make sure that they are capable, and they will be put through a course of training, like the Y. M. C. A. does with its secretaries. It will take at least \$200 a month to maintain recreation centers outside the cantonments. The men who occupy the big jobs in the movement are volunteer workers, and it has been figured out that, with the sum asked by the K. of C., as much work can be accomplished by the Knights as the Y. M. C. A. is getting for several times the amount. The Government has helped out the K. of C. and Y. M. C. A. by having used its influence to get Government prices for the materials and contracting in the recreation centers. This is saving thousands of dollars.

It is proposed to send 200 priests to the fighting zone as chaplains, at the expense of the K. of C. These men will get as official military status, not yet determined, but will not draw any Government pay. They will probably be classed as interpreters. They will have the privilege of wearing a uniform and will be altogether distinct from the army chaplains. It is proposed also to maintain an investigation bureau through which any Catholic family in the United States may be able to trace its boys. This bureau will specialize on telling the truth.

Due to the increase in the work planned, it is necessary to raise more money. The Board of Directors and the Supreme convention have set two million dollars additional as this sum. The money will not be raised for some months yet, and the plan of getting it is yet to be mapped out. The convention last week ratified the assessment of \$3 per member made recently on each Knight, and authorized another assessment at the discretion of the directors. Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, and other leaders expressed themselves in telegrams as being favorable to the increase in the war fund, and promised co-op-

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.

The second game of the amateur championship series between Louisville and Cincinnati will be played at Eclipse Park tomorrow morning, and if necessary the second game will follow the first. A double-header in the morning is to be played on account of the Louisville players. A crowd of about 8,000 people witnessed the game, and it is hoped that Louisville fans will be on hand tomorrow morning in great numbers. The first game will start at 8:45 and the second will follow immediately. Following is the line-up:

Christ Church—Ihardt, r. f.; Rehlage, c.; Knowles, l. f.; Huffman, c. f.; Hoey, 2b.; Herder, 1b.; Burns, 3b.; Clark, s. a.; Darnell, p. K. of C.—O'Loughlin or Boslet, r. f.; Keneally, 3b.; Clifford, l. f.; Bossemeyer, s. a.; Hammond, 1b.; Curley or O'Brien, 2b.; Hamilton, c. f.; Franz or LeBree, c.; Cieski, Bohannon, Ballard or Weber, p. The Knights want to win two games decisively tomorrow in return for the raw deal handed by the Empire Richter, a partisan of the worst type, in Cincinnati last Sunday, whose unjust decision robbed the local boys of the game in the ninth inning. This is substantiated by Jack Ryder, of the Enquirer, while the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune nines no words in saying that Richter's deliberately stole the game, and was biased by the speculators. Manager Cline, of the Knights, was told by many prominent speculators that Richter's reputation as an umpire was not of the best.

## CEDAR GROVE OPENS.

On Tuesday Mount St. Benedict's Academy, this city, widely known as Cedar Grove, opened its doors for its seventy-sixth year of labor for the good of our fields. The first day's enrollment, both boarders and day pupils, was very satisfactory.