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WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

Organization of the Catholic Women's Council, now taking place in many cities, works a step forward for our Catholic women's societies. The new organization is not intended to take the place of societies already in existence nor to supplant them in their sphere of activity. Rather, it aims at assistance and co-ordination. It is a federation rather than a new society and its purpose is to draw all Catholic women's societies and all Catholic women's societies together to work for the common good of all and for the general welfare. We note that according to the constitution adopted all women's clubs, altar societies, sodalities and other women's organizations that have ecclesiastical approval are eligible to membership on payment of a nominal fee. Those who belong to no such societies are eligible as members of parishes which will be represented in the council. This excludes no Catholic woman from the organization, though some may choose to take no active part in the work. We hope this number will be few indeed, for there is so much good which can be done by our Catholic women united and taking their full share of responsibility that we should regret to find any holding back. We must confess that hitherto our Catholic women have rather avoided organized social work. Perhaps there have been sufficient reasons for this—we do not know. We do know that they have been active in their parish affairs, and they have looked well to their own homes as their first duty. But the day has come when they must do more than that. They must take their place in public movements. The country has need of their Catholic principles and the leave of their Catholic faith in working out answers to the questions that are now pressing for solution. We believe that when our Catholics take an interest in matters that affect the general welfare we can expect sensible and sane plans for dealing with evils that require remedy, instead of the fantastic theories that are now being advocated by so-called sociologists of the female gender.

SINN FEIN WINS.

The papers are very silent on the result of the County Council elections in Ireland. Now it is safe to say that this would not be so if Sinn Fein had been worsted at the polls. As a matter of fact Sinn Fein has swept the country and will control at least five-sixths of the County Councils. This of course means that the decrees of the Dail Eireann as far as the County Councils can do so will become the law of the land. That the British Government understands this is evident from the efforts it made to defeat Sinn Fein. Every species of intimidation had been resorted to, meetings had been broken up, and wholesale arrests of Sinn Fein campaigners had been made, but to no purpose; the people have calmly gone to the polls and registered their faith in the popular party. The new situation created by those elections is one that the Government will be utterly powerless to deal with. The new councils were elected in the manner described by the British law, and are therefore distinctly legal bodies, and if those bodies, as they will, apply the decrees of the Dail Eireann to their local affairs the British authorities will be obligated virtually to enforce to this extent the statutes of the Irish Republic. Curious situation, isn't it?

MIGHT BE WORSE.

The Supreme Court of the United States has placed the stamp of constitutionality on the eighteenth amendment and also on the Volstead law. This is a great disappointment for the "wets." The "wets," however, have some reason to regard this decision as not so unfavorable to their cause as it appears at the first glance, inasmuch as in approving of the Volstead act the court virtually decides that Congress has the right to say what does or does not constitute intoxicating drink. Should the "wets" therefore elect a Congress favorable to their cause, all it would have to do would be to raise the percentage of alcohol in drink, and thus without violating the eighteenth amendment the conditions that masses desire would be practically restored.

"The Irish Government consists of Lord French, General Macready and myself," declared Sir Hamar Green.

wood, British Chief Secretary for Ireland. And this is democracy! A few more conventions like that at Chicago says the Guardian, will force an amendment to the constitution providing for the President to be elected by the people.

Gen. Wood and Gov. Lowden may well explain: "Oh! for a mark Hanna, a man who got the money, spent it and kept his mouth shut.

It is illegal for a voter to sell his vote. But it's perfectly all right for a convention delegate to do so. Consistency thou art, etc.

Why not mandate distracted Mexico? asks the guardian.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of The Kentucky Irish-American: The Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the Volstead act and the prohibition amendment came as a personal triumph for Senator J. C. W. Beckham. He was fighting temperance battles in Kentucky when to be called a "prohibitionist" made one the target for every form of criticism. It has been a long bitter battle, but he has won his contention. Not only his own State, where millions were invested in the liquor and beer business, but the whole United States, is as dry as an Egyptian mummy. William Jennings Bryan has no greater claim on the gratitude of the prohibitionists than the Senator from Kentucky. The temperance forces in Kentucky, particularly in the Democratic ranks, recognize Senator Beckham as their leader and look to his chief lieutenant, Percy Haly, to get all the faithful into line for November. But there is another side of this question in its relation to the Senatorial contest. The prohibition victory entails burdens as well as benefits. The Senator can not have his cake and eat it. He can not run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. The time has come for him to settle with the thousands of business men whose property he has helped to confiscate and the hundreds of thousands whom he has deprived of their personal liberty. Of course he will appeal to them to smash the crooked Republicans and rally to the support of the grand old Democratic party and forget the past, the present and the future. However party lines never hung so slack. There will be a heavy independent vote this fall. All the bally-losing of the professional politician will not win the support of an army of Democrats who are only waiting an opportunity to square accounts with Senator Beckham. He has been able in the past to secure support from powerful interests in Louisville who were fooled by his promises, but they will not again put him where he can betray them. No matter who may be named at San Francisco, Senator Beckham will lose the fifth district by at least 7,500 votes. His presence on the ticket will endanger Democratic success in the State.

WATCH BRYAN.

Prohibition advocates will ask the Democratic national convention at San Francisco to adopt a plank declaring for rigid enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and the enforcement act and will "present a solid front against Gov. Cox of Ohio." Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, declared in a formal statement last week. The Republicans at Chicago ignored prohibition enforcement—evidently believing that it required no special treatment. If the Democrats are wise they will not allow Bryan to switch them off on this rickety side-track.

PROPERLY REJECTED.

The protest against the landing of Archbishop Mannix in San Francisco was rejected by the authorities, and that was to have been expected. The protest was made primarily as a piece of British propaganda in this country to create prejudice in some quarters against the Archbishop. It was given to the press for that purpose. That the State Department rejected it as baseless made little difference to the propagandists. They attained their purpose when they secured the transmission of the news of the protest by a news agency. Britain has shrewd propagandists abroad in the land.

NON-COMMITTAL.

The Republican national convention in Chicago adopted a very non-committal plank on the scheme to federalize education. The Smith-Towner bill advocates were on hand, but the convention contended itself with the plan already adopted of giving Federal aid to overcome illiteracy and to promote Americanism. That is as far as the Federal Government should go. Centralization of education in Washington is very likely to become a monopoly. In that lies its danger.

THANKS FOR WAR STATUE.

President Wilson's appreciation of the fact that the Knights of Columbus' statue of Lafayette, to be presented to France in August, will contain a bas relief of President Wilson, was expressed in a letter received Monday from Joseph P. Tumulty, the President's Secretary, by James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight.

COMING EVENTS

July 6, August 31—Moonlight excursions of St. Helena's Co-operative Club, on East St. Louis.

July 27, August 17—Moonlight excursions of Trinity Council on East St. Louis.

SOCIETY.

Miss Margaret Hogan will leave Monday for a two week's vacation at Mooresville, Ind.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Morlarty has gone to Huntington, W. Va., where she will remain for some time.

Miss Mary Langan, Floral Heights, has returned from an extended visit to her sister in Clarkdale, Miss.

Miss Clara McFarland has returned from Nazareth and is spending her vacation with her parents at 312 M. street.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dant, Sr., are again at home in Windsor Place, after a two weeks' sojourn at Martinsville, Ind.

John and Carl Keeley, Joseph W. Torpey and James Connors went to Chicago this past week on an automobile trip.

Charles Monicke, of St. Louis, is here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Chester and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hennessy.

Sergeant Luke Sherley Cuniff, who is staying at Latonia during the race meeting, motored to Louisville to stay over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Sheridan, of New Albany, has returned from St. Louis, where she visited her husband, who is temporarily located there.

Mrs. Frank Becker, 3035 South-ern Parkway, had as guests last week her mother, Mrs. D. H. Miller, and her brother, the Rev. Desire Miller, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scanlon, of Bank street, have just returned from a visit to Indianapolis, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lutz.

Misses Daisy Belle Kehoe and Maude and Elizabeth Russell have returned to their homes in Jeffersonville, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. B. Miller at Princeton, Ind.

Miss Marguerite Hammond gave a merry theater party at Keith's on Tuesday by tea at Benedicts, on Tuesday, in honor of Miss Margaret Higgins, whose wedding took place Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Conley has returned from Ferdinand, Ind., where she attended the commencement exercises in which her sister, Miss Margie Conley, was a graduate. Both will spend the summer at their home, 2424 West Broadway.

Frank E. Walter and bride, who was Miss Gertrude Mayer, were quietly wedded at St. Bridget's church and have been spending their honeymoon in the East, are expected to return today and will be at home at 1420 Highland avenue.

Louis J. Connolly and Miss Elsie Marie Bahr, who were united in marriage at St. Frances of Rome church by the Rev. John H. Riley, have gone to Minneapolis, where they will make their home. Their wedding was one of the prettiest of the season in Clifton.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Campbell entertained the Eunal "500" Club Saturday afternoon at her home on West Broadway. Miss Campbell's guests were: Misses Antoinette Simon, Mary Catherine Kelly, Geneva Elizabeth Clephas, Margaret Brocar, Mary Louise Bryant, Evelyn Quire.

News has been received here of the marriage at East Orange, N. J., of George C. Bender, Jr., formerly of this city, and Miss Mary E. O'Connor, a popular Red Cross war nurse of that city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bender, 2500 Osage street, and after his release from the navy engaged in the interior decorating business in New York City, where the couple will reside.

Miss Mary Hannon entertained the faculty, graduates and undergraduates of Sacred Heart Academy with a farewell party, in honor of her graduation in the academy auditorium. Those present were: Margaret Scenior, Helen Ferguson, Helen Kippinger, Helen Baldez, Ruth McKonzie, Pearl Bulliet, Mary Hannon, Ethel Oswein, Freda Dwyer, Marion Buchart, Evelyn Moser, Josephine McPheters, Elizabeth Hudson, Agnes Hannon, Catherine Pfeiffer, Violet Dwyer.

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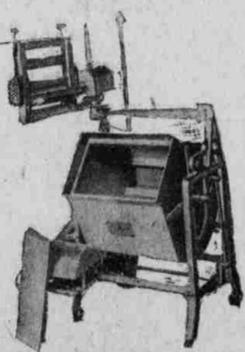
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