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LOUISVILLE, KY. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1914

BREATHES CHRISTIAN SPIRIT.

Catholics and Christians will appreciate the following from the Very Rev. Charles Ewell Craik, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, which appeared in the Cathedral Notes immediately following the death of Pope Pius X., and which breathes the spirit that should possess every heart:

"As we go to press news comes of the death this morning of the head of the great Roman Catholic church. To many it means no more than the death of any other man. To millions of faithful and devout people throughout the world it comes as a deep personal and inexpressible sorrow. Whatever may be our attitude as to the claims and teaching of the Church of Rome and of the Pope as spiritual head of Christendom, every one must agree that in the death of Pope Pius X. the world has lost a man of supreme personal piety and religious earnestness, of singular humility, of world-wide sympathy. If all Christians had been as deeply moved over the horrors of the present war, and had prayed with the same intensity of devotion for peace as did Pope Pius X., we believe God in his mercy might have moved the hearts and minds of the rulers of the world for its accomplishment. We extend our deep sympathy to our friends of the Roman communion in this city in this time of mourning."

HENRI CORNERED.

To show his love for John Bull and Andy Carnegie, Editor Henry Watterson came out strong against the Germans this past week and grew so bold as to say that there was not a sympathizer of the Kaiser in the United States outside of the German-Americans and advised the latter, if they leaned that way, they should by all means shoulder a gun and join the German army. The consequence of the above was that the Courier-Journal was deluged with protests and Watterson attacked so vigorously that he contented himself Thursday by saying "To hell with the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE.

Labor day, a day that brings a message of cheer to the workers of America, is again here. Its observance, its recognition, is not only expedient, but is necessary in justice to the rights of the worker. In spite of its legalization in most States, and its celebration in all larger cities, thousands of men, employers and employees, remain indifferent regarding Labor day. This attitude is inconsistent with the principles of the day. Organized labor, with due limitation, has been endorsed by Popes, by Kings, Presidents and the world's greatest business men. The President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, whose policies have the admiration of the world, now comes forward with this beautiful message to the laborers of America through the American Federationist:

"I feel that I can in good conscience and with a heart full of deep confidence send a word of cheer, as you suggest, to the workers of America on this Labor day of the interesting year 1914. No one can look about him with frank eyes, either in our beloved country or in any of the great nations of our time which have civilization in their hands without feeling that there is a steady movement both of purpose and action toward justice, and a fuller comprehension and realization of the essential rights and liberties of men. The movement may be slow, may at times seem distressingly and discouragingly slow, but it is unmistakable; and all that we have to do to set it forward with ever increasing momentum is to think justly, purpose the things that are right, and be afraid of nothing except to be unfair and selfish and hasty when interests as great as the country itself are involved."

ARE AMERICANS ALL.

Patriotism is a sentiment natural to most men, and even when men leave the land of their birth and come to a new country they find it difficult to throw off the ties that bind to the old. It is to be expected that the present world-conflict will stir antagonistic emotions among the children of the various European races in this country. But we are all Americans, and for Americans the word of the President calling for complete neutrality is to be hearkened to.

RANK FALSEHOOD.

The narrow-minded editor of the local Baptist paper, the Western Recorder, in connection with an attack on President Wilson for expressing sympathy on the death of the Pope, also says in referring to the European war that "Somehow the Poles had a way of blessing what the Lord curses and that Pope Pius constantly prayed for the success of the Austrian arms for no other reason than that the Austrians were Romanists." When this small bigot wrote the above statement he knew that he lied, as His Holiness not only prayed for peace, but his request for prayers was published throughout the world, every paper in this district containing the Associated Press dispatch to that effect.

LABOR DAY AGAIN.

Despite the fact that the European war has disturbed industrial conditions in the United States temporarily, Labor day will find the American workmen enjoying better conditions than they have ever known in this country. Antagonism and hatred, so marked a few years ago, have given way to mutual helpfulness, and almost everywhere a hearty co-operation between employers and wage earners now obtains.

This is largely due to a realization of the fact that their aims are identical and their interests mutual, which has led to a friendly attitude that it is sincerely hoped will become universal. Though there may be found an occasional unjust employer and foolish agitator, there is no gainsaying that in no land on the face of the earth is labor more happy than in America. All is peace here while Europe is convulsed with war. American factories and fields are filled with workers in the arts of peace, while the workmen of Europe are playing the grim game of slaughtering one another. America is still the land of opportunity for those who toil, and each year the condition of the workers grows better and better. The social conscience of the nation seems to be aroused, and where fifty years ago the worker had little consideration his welfare is today a subject of universal interest.

Italy has canceled her participation in the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Commissioner Ernesto Nathan, former Mayor of Rome, seems to be hopelessly in eclipse. Beaten at home and discarded abroad, he is what is commonly called a "dead one."

All the Catholic schools will be opened with a religious service and every day during the year religion will be taught, while at the same time the children will be given ample instruction in the secular branches.

ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The Catholic Orphan Society is rapidly starting branches in the different congregations in the city, and at the last general meeting of the society the branches that had organized gave these as their representatives on the Board of Trustees: St. Mary Magdalen—L. O. Russell, St. Agnes—George Waechter, St. James—William G. Hume, St. Brigid—James B. Kelly, St. Charles Borromeo—George H. Naber, St. Cecilia—Thomas Dolan, St. John—John H. Metcalf, St. Francis of Rome—Charles Breckel.

Blessed Sacrament—Jas. Greene, St. Aloysius—Frank Murphy. At this meeting Bishop O'Donoghue was present as one of the Trustees, and among the visitors were the Rev. Francis O'Connor, who has taken such an interest in the society, and the Rev. P. M. Monaghan. The society is now installing electric lights and water in the St. Thomas home, on the Newburg road.

CHAPTER MEETING.

The chapter meeting of the Passionist Order will take place at the Sacred Heart Retreat, Newburg road, on September 8. The Provincial Father Jerome, accompanied by his first and second consultants, Father Alfred and Father Indore, respectively, all of Norwood Park, Chicago, will attend, as will also rectors and superiors from the Eastern provinces. An election of Superiors will be held.

FIRST HIGH MASS.

Tomorrow morning at St. Peter's church on Garland avenue the Rev. Father Matthew Schneiders, O. M. C., who was a boy of that congregation, will sing his first high mass. Father Matthews was ordained at Louvain, Belgium, last July, and arrived here this week. He is the son of Henry Schneiders, of Dumessil street.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. Mayme Costello spent a week with Mrs. John E. Sexton in Richmond.

Miss Mary Barrell spent the past week in Cloverport with Mrs. J. B. Severs.

Miss Anna O'Keefe has been visiting in Frankfort, the guest of Miss Mary Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoertz, of Beechmont, will return next week from Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Fidegan has returned from a week's visit to Miss Alice Stamper at Crestwood.

Mrs. George Buchart had as her guest this week her sister, Miss Katherine Kearns, of Lebanon.

Miss Mary G. Ridge will leave tomorrow on a visit to relatives at Bedford, Ind., for a two weeks' stay.

Mrs. M. J. Kelly, of Marydale, is home from Washington, D. C., where she visited her sister, Miss Mayme Cook.

Misses Catherine Green and Eliza Burns are home from Springfield, where they visited Miss Gertrude Shader.

Sojourning at West Baden last week were M. W. Walsh and wife, Thomas W. Ford and R. Montgomery and wife.

Misses Doris and Goldie Herfurth spent last week as the guests of Misses Mayme and Blanche Tobin in Frankfort.

Misses Margaret Leamy and Kathryn Heffernan have returned from a three weeks' visit in Lebanon and Springfield.

Miss Marie Donovan has returned to her home in Jeffersonville, after a visit to her brother, Patrick Donovan, in Indianapolis.

Miss Elsie Huber has been entertaining as her guest Miss Ethel Newman, who accompanied her home from Bardonia Junction.

John Meagher, Deputy License Inspector, is on his vacation and has been visiting relatives and friends in Frankfort this past week.

Mrs. Ellen Steele, who was the guest of Mrs. Patrick Dickson and family in Jeffersonville, left Wednesday for her home in Evansville.

Mrs. Walter Cummings and children spent a delightful week at Lebanon Junction with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tilden.

Mrs. John McLaughlin and Miss Mamie Hennessy have been visiting back of New Albany this past week as the guests of Miss Katie Jackson.

Mrs. Henry Bach and daughter, Mary Rose, have just returned from Nashville, after a ten days' visit to Miss Blanche Dennis, a niece of Mrs. Bach.

William George Gross is the title of the newly arrived son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gross, of 1362 South Sixth street, being christened last Sunday.

Misses Mayme O'Brien, Nell Sullivan, Virginia Donahue and Lula O'Brien have returned from a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hurlie at Farabee, Ind.

William J. Chawke left Sunday night for a six weeks' business trip of the principal Western cities, including Kansas City, Denver, Omaha and St. Louis.

Mrs. John King and son, Thomas King, and Misses Margaret Walsh, Margaret and Evelyn King motored to Frankfort to spend a few days visiting friends.

Harry J. Hennessy, who has been located in Toronto, Canada, since the first of the year, arrived home Thursday to spend his vacation of about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Feder, Mrs. E. F. Hickey and Miss Kitty Ritz, of New Albany, have returned from a three weeks' motor trip to Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.

Pierce Dixon, who has been spending the vacation season with his parents in Jeffersonville, left this week for St. Melrad's, where he is studying for the priesthood.

Miss Marie S. Hill, the popular young stenographer in the local office of the Illinois Central railroad, has just returned from Springfield and other points in that section, where she was the recipient of much social attention, several dances and receptions being given in her honor.

Miss Irene Schmitt entertained with a musicale at her home Tuesday evening, and those present were Misses Mary L. Bax, Grace Kinn, Mary G. Ridge, Hortense Tryman, Irene Schmitt, Messrs. Walter L. Pilson, John M. Hennessy, Joseph R. Kelly, T. Flink Martin and J. Carlyle Schmitt.

Mrs. J. E. Waller and little daughter returned to their home in Lexington, after spending two weeks here as the guests of their mother, Mrs. M. J. Daly, of 721 South Fourth avenue. During their stay the visitors were honor guests at a number of delightful entertainments arranged by their friends.

CARROLLTON.

The contract for the interior wood work of the new St. John's church at Carrollton has been let to the Scott Brothers Company, who will begin the work at once. A concrete sidewalk is now being constructed, and this promises to beautify the church property considerably.

On Wednesday last week the pastor, Rev. C. Bocklago, united in marriage Andrew Westrick and Miss Clara Reuchler, both prominent young people of his parish.

CATHOLICITY.

Has Grown at Atlantic City and Four Churches Upholds the Faith.

St. Nicholas of Tolentino Was Cradle of the Religion There.

Father Michael Francis Gallagher an Earnest and Faithful Worker.

REPETITION OF THE OLD STORY

By James A. Rooney, LL. D.

The alumni of Niagara University who will gather at Atlantic City next month in their regular annual session, as well as Catholics in general, will be interested in reviewing the Catholic history of that now famous watering place, whose old Indian name of Absecon or Absegami (Little Water) was changed at the time of its incorporation in July, 1854. The Catholics among the throngs at the noted resort will have something to regret if they fail to visit the Augustinians' Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentino, a real gem of architectural genius, built of Mount Airy granite and the center of a story cluster of buildings on Pacific avenue, between Tennessee and New York avenues, free from debt and representing an outlay of \$350,000. This new church was begun in 1902 under the present worthy rector, the Rev. F. J. McShane, O. S. A., and was solemnly consecrated irrevocably to the service of God and religion by the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. John Bonzano, on June 6 of this year.

The cornerstone of the original church was laid on the feast of its patron, the wonder-worker of the fifteenth century, on Thursday, September 10, 1857, by the Rev. Dr. Patrick E. Moriarty, O. S. A. But Catholicity had made some little progress even before that, for the first mass was celebrated by Father Michael Francis Gallagher, O. S. A., in the large room of the Bedloe House, at what is now the corner of Atlantic and Massachusetts avenues. The date was probably about April 15, 1855, when the first place of worship for Divine worship became apparent. Col. Daniel Morris and Patrick O'Reilly, a contractor building the Camden & Atlantic railroad, presented Father Gallagher with a plot of ground on the south side of Atlantic avenue, near Tennessee, and on this he built a two-story church. This first place of Divine worship was blessed and placed under the patronage of St. Nicholas, the preacher of the dedicatory sermon being the Rev. Daniel Sheridan, rector of St. Michael's church, Philadelphia, who on July 12, 1856, lost his life with a large number of his parishioners in a collision on the North Pennsylvania railroad at Camp Hill.

In a very few years the Catholics had increased so in numbers, especially during the summer seasons, that a larger church became a necessity, and the cornerstone was laid, as stated, September 10, 1857. The building was constructed of material intended for the Church of St. Denis at West Haverford, Pa., also in charge of the Augustinians, and the frame and timbers were transported to Atlantic City and used there. The church was blessed and opened for divine service June 24, 1858. All this work devolved on Father Gallagher, the founder of the mission and an indefatigable worker. He was born at Drummore, Ireland, in 1802. Coming to America in his youth, he studied under Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick, of Philadelphia, by whom he was ordained in 1837.

As St. Nicholas has always been attended by the Augustinians as it is now, they continued the ministrations after the departure of Father Gallagher, and among those who labored there both during his time and afterward up to 1880 were Fathers Edward M. Mullen, Louis M. Edge, Patrick A. Stanton, Patrick E. Moriarty, D. D., Philip O'Farrell, Mark Crane, Joseph D. Bowles, Joseph Higgins, George A. Meagher and Peter Crane. During the summer there was always daily mass and once a month on Sundays for the rest of the year. In 1880 the Very Rev. John J. Fedigan, President of Villanova, became permanent resident rector of St. Nicholas. He entered the church to double its former capacity and today, with a new church, the parish has grown beyond the fondest dreams of its founders in numbers and influence, with Father McShane as rector. The planting and growth of the faith in Atlantic City is only a repetition of the story of Catholicity throughout our country. The seed sown in the poor little mission by the sea and its handful of Catholics in 1855 has increased many hundred fold, and now the capacity of four Catholic churches is taxed by the adherents of the old faith who make up the permanent population or seek health and relaxation from the cooling breezes of Absecon Island.

FUND FOR WAR VICTIMS.

In accordance with the resolution passed at its recent convention in Pittsburgh, the Central Verein, or National Federation of German Catholic Societies, has begun to collect funds for those of German or Austrian nationality who are rendered dependent by the present European conflict. Such funds are to be sent directly to Germany and Austria for distribution there, and are not to be turned over to the American or English Red Cross or any like agency. The bread winners of many thousands of homes will be killed in the present struggle, and no matter what nation may be victorious, the sufferings among the people as the result of the war will be very great and will be experienced no doubt

for some time after the termination of actual fighting. It is to provide for such cases that this collection is to be made. Money intended for this purpose should be sent to Joseph Frey, President of the Central Verein, New York City, or to J. Q. Juenemann, Secretary, St. Paul, Minn.

BISHOP MAES.

Right Rev. C. P. Maes, Bishop of Covington, who was in Belgium at the time of the invasion of that country, is now in London, and this week cabled Father Gorey that he will sail for home from Liverpool on September 11.

STATUTE OF HOME RULE.

The war in Europe has relegated home rule to something like comparative oblivion; but it is a live issue still, an only one interpretation is put upon the Premier's speech of July 30, and that falling a settlement which can afterward be embodied in an "amending" measure, the home rule bill will be sent to the King for his signature and placed upon the statute book when the date fixed for the prorogation of Parliament arrives.

Some Tories may pretend not to understand the vital importance to the Government which is attached to the triumphant passing of the two measures now ripe for the statute book under the provisions of the Parliament act, but a great majority of Unionists are under no delusions on the point. They realize that failure to pass these measures would discredit the Government in the eyes of the country, and might easily prove fatal to the Ministry and wholly disastrous to the British empire. If the Orange leaders persist in ignoring this feature of the Imperial situation, they will—use a phrase that may be described as striking—"run their heads against a stone wall."

Among the dire threats with which it is sought to intimidate the British people is the nerve-shattering statement that the Ulster Volunteers will not leave the North of Ireland if the home rule bill is passed. As no one, or without authority, ever suggested that the volunteers would be wanted outside their own country, the threat leaves the average Britisher extremely "cold."

The bare idea of a German invasion of Ireland has scared the British Government into fits, and along the Southern coast the most ridiculous "precautions" are being taken. From Queenstown along to Berehaven and into Valencia may now be described as a series of connected fortifications fully occupied by troops and powerfully equipped with guns and artillery. Queenstown is absolutely in the hands of the military, railway connection to that port having been entirely cut off. At the other side of the harbor Crosshaven, a popular summer resort, is also deserted, the women and children having been ordered out of the place at two hours' notice. The hotels at this town have been commandeered by the military, and are being fitted up for hospital purposes. Even the nuns of the Crosshaven Convent have had to leave at once. Similar steps have been taken in Cork City, where all the local hospitals have been requisitioned. The Cork Carnegie Free Library has also been commandeered for hospital purposes.

GENEROUS PROTESTANT.

Bishop Lillis, of Kansas City, at the Knights of Columbus banquet last week related the following:

A gentleman who is not a Catholic—I can mention his name, and I do it with a great deal of gratification—called at my house and asked me what charity I would like to have helped at the present time. I told him that nearly every one of the charity institutions in the city were always in need of help, and that just at the present time the House of the Good Shepherd seemed to be the greatest in need. He and I visited the House of the Good Shepherd. He came back and he said: "Let's go to the Little Sisters of the Poor." And when he came back to the residence after visiting these institutions he handed me over \$10,000—\$5,000 for the House of the Good Shepherd, \$2,500 for the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$2,500 for the Orphans' Girls' Society; and that man is Mr. Ford Harvey. I want to say to you that he appeared to have a great deal more pleasure in giving that \$10,000 than I had in receiving it.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

We have reached the second sober sense in our attitude toward the great European war. There was no gainsaying the fact that at the opening of hostilities there was a pronounced anti-German sentiment in this country. Why it is difficult to explain. But all that is now changed and we have become impartial spectators of the mighty struggle that is going on across the water. Perhaps the greatest factor in bringing about such a change in public sentiment was the systematic attempt on the part of British sources of information to deceive the American public. We were led to believe that the Germans had received an irreparable check at Liege. All the despatches were of a decidedly anti-German character. The facts have gradually come out. The American public is at length undeceived. "Perfidious Albion" has sought to play its old game, but events have proved too strong for the lying agency.—Boston Hibernian.

GROWING.

The movement to organize a Colorado Catholic Historical Society to preserve records of the work done by priests and laymen in the missionary days in that State is growing.

DROPS 50 PER CENT.

War's effect upon the tide of immigration into the United States was indicated last week by official figures showing a decrease of more than 50 per cent. in the number of aliens coming in during the first half of August, compared with the same days last year.

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