

In all quarters of the city, the celebration of the canonization of St. Alphonsus Liguori is being observed with the greatest interest...

Various Notes...

CHRISTIAN BROTHER DEAD.—Brother Tellow, a well-known member of the Christian Brothers, died on Friday of last week at the Normal Institute, Ammendale, Md.

Brother Tellow was 73 years old, and had passed a half century as an active member of the Order. He was a native of Germany, and during his long period of usefulness he occupied some of the most prominent and responsible positions in the religious community of which he was a member.

He was one of the founders of the celebrated New York Catholic Protective in 1864, and for fourteen years he was director of the institution. At the close of his administration he had 1,665 boys under his charge.

In 1870 he was called to Ecuador to consult with the government in regard to establishing a training school there, and seven years later he organized one at Quito. In 1879 he took charge of St. Mary's Training School, Chicago, and in 1884 of St. Joseph's Industrial School, Glenco, Mo., diocese of St. Louis.

Five years ago he was appointed director of St. Francis' Industrial School, Eddington, Pa., where he remained until five months ago, when his health gave way from constant and earnest work. He was ordered to take an extended trip to Europe. After several months' travel in France and Germany there was no apparent benefit to his health, and he returned and took up his residence at Ammendale. A severe hemorrhage carried him off.

A PLUCKY PRIEST.—Father Byrne, of St. Agnes' Church, South Omaha, Neb., had a thrilling experience recently with two burglars. The priest had occasion to visit the church late at night, and upon his return he noticed two men in one of the upper rooms of the parochial rectory. Securing a pistol from his study, Father Byrne ascended the stairs after the strangers, who started for the rear part of the house, but not too quick for their pursuer, who headed them toward a large closet, into which they both ran, no doubt thinking it another room.

As soon as he was inside Father Byrne fastened the door and then telephoned for the police, who came on the run. The men tried to break out the closet, and did succeed in breaking the lock, but the energetic clergyman pushed the re-entrant in the partly opened door and declared he would shoot if further attempt to escape was made. The burglars were placed under arrest by Captain Burson.

LOSS AT GALVESTON.—A letter received at the Cathedral, says the Catholic "Standard and Times" of Philadelphia, from Right Rev. W. A. Gallagher, Bishop of Galveston, gives the following estimate of the Catholic loss of life and property in that city in the hurricane of September 8.

More than 1,000 persons, including ten Sisters of Charity and about eighty orphans under their charge, lost their lives. One priest was lost; Rev. T. Keany was killed at Velasco by a falling hotel.

About 8,000 were made homeless, having lost all, or almost all, their earthly goods and property. Several hundred were injured and crippled. The property losses in Galveston were: St. Mary's Cathedral, school and Bishop's residence, damaged, \$6,000; St. Joseph's Church, destroyed, \$14,000; St. Patrick's Church destroyed, school and residence damaged, \$55,000; Sacred Heart Church destroyed, school wrecked, college damaged, \$65,000; Holy Rosary Church and school, damaged, residence wrecked, \$2,500; St. Mary's Orphan Asylum totally destroyed, \$45,000; St. Mary's Infirmary almost destroyed, \$80,000; the Ursuline Convent partially destroyed, \$35,000; Sacred Heart Convent damaged, \$3,500; other church property destroyed or damaged, \$20,000; total in the city, \$326,000; outside the city in the diocese, nine frame churches were destroyed, \$35,000; total, \$361,000.

Several other churches and schools were damaged, loss not estimated. As our insurance was against fire only these losses are total.

N. A. GALLAGHER, Bishop of Galveston. The above estimate is too low according to the opinion of some persons. The Jesuit Fathers (Sacred Heart Church) estimate their loss at \$125,000.

SOMETIMES FAIR.—The Buffalo "Commercial" says:—It is to be hoped that Archbishop Ryan will use his influence in effort to adjust the difficulties between the miners and the operators. The Roman Catholic priests have a power with the laborers in the mine that cannot be claimed for any other body of Christian ministers.

ITALIAN CATHOLICS.—Five thousand Chicago Italians on a recent Sunday witnessed the consecration and participated in the festivities incident to the opening of the new Italian church, Maria S. B. Del Carmine, between 12th and 14th streets. There were masses for consecration and tonsure in which representatives were

served. A procession, with a statue of the Blessed Virgin carried under a canopy was one of the features of the day.

FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE.—Miss Helen Veeder, daughter of Daniel H. Veeder, of New Haven, Conn., has taken the veil in the sisterhood of the Dominican Order of nuns, and will enter the convent in Louisville, Ky., at once.

This announcement caused much surprise in New Haven as Miss Veeder is well known socially. Her father was several times bishop of the High Church Episcopalians.

GREAT CATHOLIC ORDERS.—Mr. Keating, national president of the A.O.H., informed us a few weeks ago that his order is now 100,000 strong.

At the convention in 1887 the membership of the national organization did not amount to 50,000. Since then it has gone forth by leaps and bounds. In 1895 we ran up 75,000; to-day we are 81,000, and now we are reaching out for the 100,000 mark.

High Treasurer Callen says that there are 85,300 Foresters. During his visit this week in Milwaukee, Edward L. Feeney, the highest officer of the Knights of Columbus, stated that his order now had 65,000 members.—Catholic Citizen, Milwaukee.

IN MEMORY OF BRAVE IRISHMEN.

The United States torpedo-boat O'Brien, the first vessel of the United States navy with an Irish name, was launched Monday at the Crescent shipyard of Louis Nixon at Elizabeth, N.J. The launching of the new craft marks another step in the consummation of the government plan of perpetuating names of the more prominent figures in the American revolution, and the name O'Brien recalls a family of heroes that may have become almost forgotten by those who do not delve deeply into the history of the country. The bottle of wine was broken over the O'Brien prov by Miss Mira Lincoln O'Brien, a direct descendant of one of the O'Brien brothers.

These patriots, Jeremiah, Gideon, William, John and Joseph, were the sons of Morris O'Brien, who came from Ireland and settled in Machias, Me., where his sons were born. After the news of the battle of Lexington reached Machias the townspeople erected a liberty pole. The British sloop of war Margaretta, commanded by Lieutenant Moore, proceeded there from Boston and ordered the pole taken down. A hurried caucus of the leading citizens was held and for a day the matter was held in abeyance.

On Sunday morning, May 11, 1775, the day after the town meeting, a lumber sloop, commanded by Jeremiah O'Brien, with his brothers and about fifty men, arrived with muskets and pitchforks, left the town and sailed lazily down the bay in the direction of the Margaretta, which lay at anchor two miles away. The sloop drifted down upon and fouled the Margaretta. Just as Lieutenant Moore, who had been ashore, reached the vessel, and ordered the now suspected craft to keep clear. It was too late. The guns of the Margaretta were practically useless at these close quarters and the Americans were pouring over the side of the Englishman.

There was a hand-to-hand fight, but it took O'Brien and his men only a short while to make a prize of the Britisher. Lieutenant Moore and ten of his men were killed, the attacking party losing six men. The capture was the first naval engagement of the American revolution, but Jeremiah O'Brien and his brothers, William and John, subsequently received provincial commands and participated in other engagements as commanding officers. Joseph O'Brien, the youngest of the brothers, was but 16 years old at the time of the Margaretta engagement, but was one of the first on the decks of the Englishman. The sword of Lieutenant Moore was recovered and by unanimous accord was turned over to Joseph O'Brien as the baby of the expedition. The sword has been handed down from generation to generation, and was an object of much interest at the launching of the O'Brien.

The O'Brien is 17 1/2 feet long, 17 feet beam and draws 4 1/2 feet. She has a guaranteed speed of twenty-five knots an hour.—Milwaukee Citizen.

LARGE CHURCH COLLECTION.

Australia beat her own record in the matter of church offertories on Sunday, when the sum of \$60,000 was taken at the dedication of the new Cathedral at Sydney. It appears that previous to this Australia had the credit for the largest offertory, namely, \$42,500. It happened that the subject was discussed last week by some correspondents in the "Westminster Gazette." The largest offertory was claimed for Ireland by "Catholic," who wrote to the "Westminster" as follows:—"I believe, you are in error in stating that the largest recorded offertory was received lately in Australia. The sum, \$42,500, was exceeded at the opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, when Father Burke preached in 1874. I state this under correction; but the amount then gathered, I think, was nearly or quite \$50,000."

This brought the following communication from Mr. G. Cooke, of Myrtle Villa, The Avenue, Bruce Grove, London, N.:—"Allow me to correct the statement signed 'Catholic' in your issue of this date. I was present at the opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral,

Armagh, when Father Tom Burke, the distinguished Dominican priest, preached, and the offertory amounted to \$37,000, the largest offertory ever collected in the United Kingdom. In all fairness let Australia have the credit of the largest offertory yet made. Perhaps England will exceed Australia at the opening of the new Cathedral at Westminster next year. There will be the opportunity at any rate."

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

A machine was started the other day for the first time in the blast furnace sheds of the Illinois Steel Company's plant at South Chicago which will do work which has heretofore required 250 men. The machine requires but six men to operate it, says the Chicago "Inter-

Admission to the plant is denied all who do not work there, and the fact of the existence of the new machine has been guarded as a secret of the enormous steel company. In the manufacture of steel great quantities of pig iron are used. Formerly this pig iron was bought in ingots at the blast furnaces near the iron mining centers and then shipped to Chicago. Lately the Illinois Steel Company commenced the construction of a number of blast furnaces with the expectation of manufacturing their own pig iron. This was to be done by bringing the ore to the plant. In the last year the company has had 16 blast furnaces turning out pig iron night and day. This required a number of men on the pay roll there was the additional disadvantage that after a run had been made there was a necessary wait of several hours for the metal to cool. Then each ingot had to be carried by hand to the cars.

The new machine does all this. Several hundred steel molds are arranged on a long link belt. This belt is kept in constant motion, and brings the molds under the noses of the furnaces. The molten iron fills the molds as they pass under, and then the belt carries the mold down into a deep trough of running cold water. In passing through this the ingot is cooled and then is carried by belt out into the yards, where the belt dumps the ingot into a freight car standing under it. Hardly a minute elapses from the time the molten iron leaves the furnace until it lies an ingot in the freight car ready to be dumped into the steel furnaces.

The machine, which is the invention of Walter A. Hardy of the Carnegie mills, cost \$50,000 to construct. It is estimated that the machine will pay for itself in three months in the saving of wages. One of the most unjust edicts ever promulgated, an edict reading more like an ukase of the Czar of Russia, was that of Gen. Leonard Wood, the Governor-General of the island of Cuba, refusing to recognize a marriage solemnized by the rites of the Catholic Church, performed by a priest of that church, and declaring that none but a civil marriage contract would be valid. Such an edict was iniquitous in the extreme and clearly showed discrimination. "One of the most unjust edicts ever promulgated, an edict reading more like an ukase of the Czar of Russia, was that of Gen. 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