

The Solemn Blessing of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Michael Ott, O.S.B.

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The Knights of Columbus rejoice that another son of the great Republic, which is the cradle of Catholic Knighthood, has been honored by the Supreme Pontiff, and humbly beg leave to assure you of our loyal obedience and unswerving attachment to your person.

We beseech the Holy Spirit, the Giver of all good gifts, to pour forth on you his choicest graces on this benediction day.

Signed on behalf of Humboldt Council, Knights of Columbus. F. I. Hauser Grand Knight. I. E. Brodeur Financial Secretary.

The address was delivered by Grand Knight F. I. Hauser in the presence of a goodly number of fellow-Knights and handed to Abbot Michael. Among those present was Mr. J. J. Leddy chief representative of the Knights in Canada. Father Abbot was deeply moved at this unexpected expression of loyalty and esteem by the Knights. He addressed to them words of heartfelt appreciation and assured them of his best efforts in behalf of the inhabitants of the Colony.

We thank the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wehrle and the many visitors, especially the Rt. Rev. Bishops and Abbots, for the honor and pleasure of their presence. The chief attraction, next to the new Abbot, was the grand interior of our beautiful church. We thank all who have assisted in the kitchen, refectory, choir, at the altar or in any other way. The singing of the mass by the choir was beyond all expectation; after weeks of practice the choir surpassed itself.

Besides gifts mentioned in a previous issue of the St. Peter's Bote, and special contributions to the college fund, Abbot Michael received also a beautiful rochette from the Elizabethan Sisters of Humboldt and a costly ring from Abbot Oswald. Telegrams and letters of congratulation poured in from all sides, among them a congratulatory telegram from the students of St. John's University. During the ceremonies the first collection was taken up for the new college. More definite particulars regarding the collection are to be found elsewhere in this issue. We thank all who have contributed so generously toward this noble and sacred cause and ask God's hundredfold blessings upon them here and hereafter.

After the Signing of Peace

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 25.—The entire staff of Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik minister of war, has been captured at Tsarkoe Selo, according to a Reval dispatch to the National Tidende. Trotzky himself escaped by clinging to a railroad car and later fleeing in an automobile. Troops of the northwestern Russian army pursued the minister and fired upon his car, but Trotzky succeeded in reaching Petrograd. The left flank of General Yudenitch's army is reported to be under fire from the Bolshevik dreadnought Poltava, which is lying in the Neva river inside of the limits of Petrograd and shooting over the house tops.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Rallying under the command of war minister Leon Trotzky, troops of the Russian Soviet government have savagely attacked the lines of the Russian northwestern army and have succeeded in parrying the thrust of the latter against Petrograd, according to reports reaching this city. Tsarskoe Selo and Pavlovsk, south of Petrograd, have been recaptured from the forces of Gen. Yudenitch and the advance of the Bolsheviks continues.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Pierre Lenoir convicted of a charge of having held intelligence with the enemy, was executed at Sante prison at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Pierre Lenoir was the third person to be executed on charges arising out of attempts made by German agents to conduct a "defeatist" campaign in France in 1915 and 1916. The others who met death as a result of the revelations against them were Bolo Pasha, executed April 17, 1918, and M. Duval, who faced the firing squad July 17, 1918. Both were directors of the Germanophile newspaper Bonnet Rouge.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Bulgaria's answer to the terms of peace presented her by the allied and associated powers [is moderate in tone and adheres unreservedly to the clause concerning the league of nations and labor. It accepts the principle of the protection of minorities in Bulgaria on condition the same measures are applied to other Balkan states. On the other hand, the reply makes reservations regarding reparations and protests especially against the total sum demanded of Bulgaria. It asks for the suppression of interest charges and requests an extension of time

limit for payment. Regarding the military clauses, Bulgaria objects to the voluntary enlistment system, maintaining that conscription alone can produce sufficient forces to maintain order. The longest part of the reply concerns territorial clauses and protests against modifications of frontiers on ethnical grounds, and quoting masses of statistics, proposes notably a plebiscite in Thrace and its formation into an autonomous state.

VIENNA, Oct. 26.—President Karl Seitz of the Austrian republic today signed the treaty of peace with the allied and associated governments. This completes acceptance by Austria of the treaty of St. Germain. The treaty will become effective when the formal notices of ratification by Austria and three of the principal allied and associated powers have been deposited in the French foreign office.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—A Moscow wireless despatch contains a proclamation by Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik war minister, made on the subject of English participation in the anti-Bolshevik operations. It is addressed to the "Red warriors," and says in part: "On all fronts you are meeting with the hostile schemes of England; on every front you find British guns and material, and troops dressed in English clothing. Women and children in Archangel and Astrakhan are being killed and mutilated by English, English ships are bombarding the coasts, English gold is sowing corruption. Soldiers, commissioners, sailors, more than once your hearts have flowed with hatred against the predatory, recaptive, bloody, false-faced English. But never forget there are two Englands. Beside the English of the lucre, vice, corruption and blood-thirstiness there exists an England of mental power, noble ideals, of international solidarity. The base, dishonest England of the stock exchange is against us; England's toiling masses are with us. We firmly believe that England will rise before long and put a strait-jacket on the criminals who are directing the plots against the toiling masses of Russia."

TOKIO, Oct. 27.—The privy council today approved the German peace treaty. VIBORG, Finl., Oct. 28.—The best informed military opinion here is that if Gen. Yudenitch fails to capture Petrograd within the next fortnight the present attempt will definitely be a failure, as the Bolsheviks already greatly outnumber him, and are rapidly bringing up reinforcements from the southeast. Yudenitch now has every available man fighting and has no reserves unless the Finns unexpectedly decide to join with him.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—General Denikine reports by wireless that an advance is developing between the Medvitz and the Khoper rivers, where 800 prisoners have been taken. (This section lies north of Tsaritzyn.) Many Reds were drowned. One Bolshevik regiment was annihilated. "We abandoned Kromy (a little southwest of Orel) after severe fighting," the dispatch adds.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Siberian peasants are fighting the Japanese troops in the Transbaikalian and Amur regions. The third Japanese division, according to a wireless message from Moscow, had suffered very severely, and been replaced by the fifth division.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Earl Beatty, the new first sea lord, declared last night that, while public economy was essential, our vast lines of communication were as important as before the war and the navy was our insurance for maintaining them. The league of nations was a pious hope for relieving us of some of that insurance, which he hoped might be fulfilled, but the navy made us into a strong armed man, and without it the empire would fall to the ground.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29.—The Belgium ministry has given its approval to a list of 1,150 Germans, soldiers and civilians, who will be prosecuted on charges arising from violation of the laws of war at the time of the invasion of Belgium or during the occupation of this country by German troops, according to the Independence Belge. The list will be sent to the peace conference in Paris.

REVAL, Oct. 29.—The Bolshevik forces defending Petrograd received fresh reinforcements during the past two days, according to advices reaching here, enabled them to bring the strongest pressure against General Yudenitch, who was compelled after the fiercest fighting to withdraw from Gatchina. Between Gatchina and Krasnoye Selo a severe battle was still in progress at the latest advices, the Bolsheviks being supported by armored cars and trains. The soviet also tried to force the Esthonian front, but were checked.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Fighting of the fiercest character is in progress between the troops of Gen. Denikine and General Makhno, leader of one of the Ukraine irregular forces. Gen. Makhno has captured Alexandrovsk, an important town on the Dnieper. He is also besieging Elizavetgrad, a city of 100,000 population, the most important in the northern part of Kherson province. Several other towns on the Dnieper and south of it, within 30 to 95 miles of Kiev, are in the hands of Makhno's irregulars, and he is approaching the important Black Sea ports Nikolajeff and Kherson.

PARIS, Oct. 30.—The supreme council today, upon recommendation of the committee on Polish affairs, requested the German government to abstain from holding municipal elections in Upper Silesia, before the arrival of the allied mission entrusted with the supervision of the plebiscite. (Representatives of Poland had complained that the German authorities were holding these elections in defiance of the terms of the peace treaty.)

MAINZ, Oct. 30.—General Degoutte, commander of the French occupation troops, has imposed a fine of 60,000 marks on the town of Kaiserslautern (Rheinpflalz), on account of recent disorders fomented by German political agents. The manifesto of Gen. Degoutte imposing the fine says the French authorities will tolerate no movement of a revolutionary character.

BASEL, Oct. 31.—The German government note to the entente declining to participate in the blockade of Soviet Russia asks

that the blockade be completely raised and that all the German ships held in Baltic harbors be restored to their owners.

New Brunswick

FREDERICTON.—Werner Horn, the German who attempted to destroy the St. Croix bridge by dynamiting, on February 1, 1917, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary by Mr. Justice Barry on Oct. 31.

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