

IRISH TRUTH SOCIETY

DISCUSSES PLANS FOR A CLEAN PRESS

Dublin, Oct. 9.—One of the most interesting discussions of today's control and increase of the twenty-third annual conference of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland followed the reading by James Geoghegan, H. C., a leading Catholic barrister of a paper on "The Rule of Christ and the Press of Today."

Mr. Geoghegan said he saw no real difficulty in the task of cleansing the press. Partly by law and partly by voluntary action the thing could be done. For example, a system of licensing all new vendors would render them amenable to control and increase their sense of responsibility.

On the voluntary side, he considered that all persons connected in any way with the press, from editors to newspaper sellers, could be leagued together to give the public nothing but clean prints. As individuals they had often declared their helplessness. But their collective strength would be irresistible, and any objectionable exceptions could be speedily crushed.

This interesting view is getting a hold. It is recalled that the demoralizing papers have been condemned not only by the clergy and the local elective bodies, but by the Railwaymen's Union and even by the News-vendors' Association. A transport strike against the carriage and distribution of the "sewer" press is a possible happening.

Mr. William Dawson, supporting Mr. Geoghegan, has emphasized the need for pushing the good press. The Irish public, he believes, is a unique market for Catholic intellectuality, and if the people are offered the right stuff in printed form they will eagerly buy it.

Father McInerney, O.P., editor of the Irish Rosary, stated that the Catholic press was still in want of a salesmanship campaign. "It could be a blessing if a Guild were formed composed of young men in every parish, determined to sell as many Catholic publications as possible at the church doors, where they could also enlist subscribers for Catholic publications."

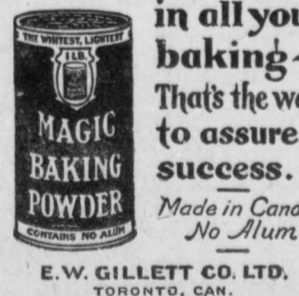
As a result of the attention focused on the matter it seems likely that legislative steps to check the importation of printed garbage into Ireland will not be much longer delayed.

PRESIDENT URGES UNITY

Omaha, Nebraska.—The incompatibility of racial and religious intolerance with American traditions and institutions, and regret that frictions based on such divisions have arisen in the United States, formed the major themes of the address delivered by President Coolidge before the national convention of the American Legion. Ascribing the growth of intolerance to the abnormal psychological conditions generated during the War, the President deplored that such feelings should carry over into times of peace.

"In this period of after war rigidity, suspicion and intolerance, our own country has not been exempt from unfortunate experiences," he said. "Thanks to our comparative isolation, we have known less of the international frictions and rivalries than some other countries less fortunately situated. But among some of the varying racial, religious and social groups of our people there have been manifestations of an intolerance of opinion, a narrowness of outlook, a fixity of judgment against which we may well be warned. It is not easy to conceive of anything that would be more unfortunate in a community based upon the ideals of which Americans boast than any considerable development of intolerance as regards religion. To a great extent this country owes its beginnings to the determination of our hardy ancestors to maintain complete freedom in religion. Instead of a State church we have decreed that every citizen shall be free to follow the dictates of his own conscience as to his religious beliefs and affiliations. Under that guaranty we have erected a system which certainly is

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Citing the example of cooperation given during the War and urging its continuation in peace, Mr. Coolidge said:

"If we are to have that harmony and tranquillity, that union of spirit which is the foundation of real national genius and national progress, we must all realize that there are true Americans who did not happen to be born in our section of the country, who do not attend our place of religious worship, who are not of our racial stock, or who are not proficient in our language. If we truly create on this continent a free republic and an enlightened civilization that will be capable of reflecting the true greatness and glory of mankind, it will be necessary to regard these differences as accidental and unessential. We shall have to look beyond the outward manifestations of race and creed. Divine Providence has not bestowed upon any race a monopoly of patriotism and character."

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MAP MADE IN 1700 IS FOUND AT VATICAN

St. Louis.—An ancient map of the area where St. Louis now stands, believed to be the oldest in existence, has been found in the Vatican Library, by the Rev. Gilbert J. Garraghan, S. J., of St. Louis University. Father Garraghan, who has been in Europe gathering material on the history of the Jesuits in America, announced the discovery upon his return here.

The map is dated 1700. Among other things, it shows a settlement at the junction of the Mississippi and Des Peres rivers, where a mission of the Jesuits was established, undoubtedly giving the one river its name of "Des Peres," or "The Father." The existence of this settlement was not known until Father Garraghan recently found a record of it in some historical material in Canada. It was a small fur-trading post, and had a life of only a year, but knowledge of it is of considerable historical value.

ARABS TAKE MATTER OF POSTAGE STAMPS INTO HIGH COURT

By Dr. Alexander Mombell (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) A case has been brought against the Palestine Government in the High Court charging it with infringing the rights and injuring the national feelings of the "Palestin-

ian Arab Nation" through the use of Hebrew characters, and asking an injunction.

The action is brought by Jamal Al Hussein, secretary of the Executive Committee of the Moslem-Christian Association, and concerns the postage stamps now in use in Palestine. It recites that at present the Hebrew initials "E-I," standing for "Eretz Israel," or "Land of Israel," are used on the stamps, and demands that the Palestine Government either be restrained from using these initials or be compelled to add the initials "S-J," standing for "Saris Jemba," or "Southern Syria."

Attention is called to the fact that according to the Mandate for Palestine, English, Arabic and Hebrew are made the three official languages for the land, and that any matter inscribed in Arabic on coins or stamps must also be inscribed in Hebrew, and vice versa. The complainant charges that the interpretation of the initials "E-I" is "political."

DIED

McQUINN.—At his home in Kenilworth, Ont., on Friday, October 23, 1926, Thomas M. McQuinn, aged fifty-nine years. May his soul rest in peace.

THOMAS.—In the New Waterford General Hospital, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, Victoria A. Williams, beloved wife of James A. Tighe of Low Point, Cape Breton, after a long illness, in her fifty-eighth year. May her soul rest in peace.

COLLINS.—At Ottawa, on Oct. 23, 1926, Michael Gilbert Collins, aged thirty-seven years, elder son of the late Michael Collins of the Savings Bank Branch, P. O. D., and the late Mrs. Collins. May his soul rest in peace.

KRETSCH.—Killed while working in the Coulter Wood Products Co., Park Row Avenue, Hamilton, on October 10, 1926, William J. Kretsch, beloved husband of Mary A. Casey, La Salette, leaving six young children. Funeral took place at Teeswater, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

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