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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Canadian

—Patrick Hickey, eldest son of John A. Hickey of the Interior Department of Ottawa, was suffocated by gas in New York, and was brought to Ottawa for burial.

—Mr. George V. McInerney, K.C., a leading barrister in St. John, N.B., and prominently identified with public life in New Brunswick, died at his home after a lingering illness.

—Rev. E. A. Latulippe, P.P., was presented with an address and a birretta by the school children on Sunday, Dec. 29th, immediately after High Mass.—Eganville Visitor.

—Rev. P. J. Donovan, now of Dunnville, late of Hamilton, was forwarded a gift by the Secretary of the Separate Schools of Hamilton, as an appreciation of his work for the schools while associated with the Board.

—Word has been received at Quebec of the drowning at Seven Islands of Rev. Father Conan, parish priest of Clarke City. Rev. Father Conan was crossing in a dog-sleigh from Clarke City to Seven Islands, when the team broke through the ice.

—Since the judgment of the court in the Hochelaga fire disaster case, the Montreal School Board has ordered fire escapes for all the schools, to cost \$1,100 each. The pupils have been ordered to use the escapes daily in leaving the school at noon.

—The grand bazaar and drawing of prizes in aid of St. John's Church, Gananoque, postponed last November, will commence about the middle of next month. It will last over a week, commencing on Saturday, 15th February, and ending on Monday, 24th.

—Henry Herbert Godfrey, a composer of Canadian patriotic songs, died on Saturday night. Mr. Godfrey was born in England and came to Canada at an early age. Some of his compositions are: "The Land of the Maple," "Men of the North," "Johnny Canuck," and "A Greeting to Our King."

—In the St. Sauver parish, in Quebec, 2,000 workmen, after they have left the factories at 6 p.m., answering the invitation of the Rev. Father Lelièvre, O.M.I., repair to the church for their weekly hour of adoration, coming into the church with their working clothes on, and carrying their dinner pails.

—His Lordship, Bishop Scollard, was in Peterborough a few days ago and attended the T.A.S. concert, where he gave a short address and was welcomed by many old friends.

—During the past year there were at Cobalt ninety-nine baptisms, forty-four deaths and eighteen marriages; at Haileybury thirty-seven baptisms, nine deaths and nine marriages; at New Liskeard, eighteen baptisms, three deaths and two marriages.

British and Foreign

—Dr. Mary Teresa Gallagher, who is an Irishwoman and a Catholic, has been appointed assistant medical officer of the city of Glasgow.

—The German Association of the Holy Land has planned a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for next year. It will leave Cologne on the 23rd March and the cost of the journey for each pilgrim will be about £25.

—The new programme drawn up for the seminaries of Italy by the Commission which the Pope appointed a year ago was, it is stated, introduced on the 1st of January. His Holiness has taken a part in arranging the details.

—The King of Spain signified Monday the name day of Queen Victoria Eugenie, by pardoning four prisoners condemned to death and thirty-four sentenced to other penalties. Among the latter are two guilty of insulting his Majesty.

—Eighty-six boys of the parish of St. Martino at Monti, Rome, who had just made their first Communion, were received on Sunday in the Hall of the Consistory by the Holy Father. His Holiness delivered a short address and presented each of them with a silver medal.

—The Parents' League, which was started for Lancashire, England, is to be extended to the whole of the country. The League is open to persons of all denominations. Its professed object is to secure that children shall be brought up in the religion which their parents desire.

—The installation of electric lighting and heating apparatus at the Vatican has been followed by the installation of linotypes in the Papal printing house. Cardinal Merry del Val assisted in the work of placing the new machines, and is now giving them his personal supervision.

—Fifteen teachers formerly associated with the All Saints' Sunday School, Newton Heath, Manchester, England, have tendered their resignations on the ground that owing to Ritualistic practices in the services they cannot conscientiously comply with requirements by being regular worshippers at All Saints' Church.

—The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, writes the Catholic Times, Liverpool, says to a Nationalist paper in Carlow advocating the candidature of Mr. Walter Kavanagh for the Parliamentary vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hammond. Mr. Kavanagh is a Home Ruler and in favor of a Catholic University and of the State's acquiring the grazing ranches for distribution.

United States

—One hundred years old in April, the diocese of Philadelphia will observe its centennial with a general celebration by its clergy and laity.

—The American Catholic Historical Society, it is said, will make an effort to compile a complete history of Catholic institutions of New York.

—Columbia University, New York, will have a department of Celtic, to begin with the academic year 1908-09, under the care of Dr. John Lawrence Gerig.

—Archbishop Farley presided and nearly six hundred priests were present at the twelfth diocesan synod of New York, which was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday of last week.

—During the last twenty-two years the Ancient Order of Hibernians has established more than five hundred scholarships in the United States and endowed a \$50,000 chair in the Catholic University.

—It is reported that the Rev. Jos. T. Roche, LL.D., pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Nebraska City, Neb., will succeed the late Rev. Thos. Judge, as editor of the New World, the official organ of Archbishop Quigley.

—Rev. James Spellman, of Straide, Ireland, who is collecting funds in America for a memorial church to Michael Davitt, the great Irish patriot, announced recently that he had collected sufficient funds for the church.

—Efforts of the Most Rev. James H. Blenk, Archbishop of New Orleans, who has congregational singing and plain chant in the churches of his jurisdiction are bearing fruit. One by one the rectors are complying with the Archbishop's order.

—The Rev. Father Gregory, O.S.B., the priest of Sacred Heart Abbey, Oklahoma, has received the first prizes for his exhibition of paintings at the Oklahoma State Fair. Among the portraits exhibited by Father Gregory was one of Pope Pius X., which was exhibited at the St. Louis exposition.

—The London Times gave more than two of its columns to a notice of Father Tabb's Selected Poems, recently published in England. Father Tabb modestly styles himself "teacher of English grammar," in St. Charles' College, Endicott City, Md. He is 62 years of age, and up to date published six little volumes of poetry.

—Morgan O'Donoghue, Irish patriot, yeoman, educator and advocate of Irish home rule, died at Washington, D.C., on Dec. 31, aged seventy-eight years. He was a personal friend of

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Parnell and the early leaders of the Irish national movement as well as John Dillon and the other later champions of the cause.

—Holy Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, was entered by expert thieves early last Sunday morning and all the gold and silver altar vessels were stolen. Not content with robbing, the vandals broke much of the furniture of the church. This is the fourth large Pittsburgh church desecrated by robbers during the past month. In no case have the marauders been apprehended.

Method of Settling Industrial War in Canada

(The Catholic Universe.)

An act has been passed in Canada which is entitled "The Industrial Disputes Investigation Act." It is a very good piece of legislation for promoting industrial peace and industrial peace is very much needed every place and all the time.

The purpose of the measure is not arbitration, but conciliation, investigation and publicity. The act applies to all mining properties and to all agencies of transportation, including railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, gas, electric light, water works and power houses. It covers any disagreement between an employer and one or more of his employees, including wage disputes, hours and conditions of employment, refusals to employ any person or class of persons, allegations as to the suitability of materials, trade customs and interpretation of agreements.

The Minister of Labor is charged with the administration of the act. The regulations of industries in all strikes which arise in industries falls to the national administration and not to the provincial.

Neither of the parties in dispute may make application for an investigation board of three members. Each party appoints one and the third is appointed on the recommendation of the first two. The board of three

must be appointed within fifteen days. During the inquiry made by the board no lockout or strike may be declared by either party, but nothing in the measure restrains them from so acting on its conclusion.

Fines of from \$100 to \$1,000 a day may be imposed on employers who declare a lockout, contrary to the provisions of the act, and fines of from \$10 to \$50 a day on employees who go on a strike. Any person inciting or encouraging a strike or lockout in the circumstances is liable to a fine of not less than \$50, or not more than \$100.

The act prevents a change in wages or hours without thirty days' notice and insures that no lockout or strike can occur until after an investigation by an impartial public authority and then only in the face of full publicity.

Though this act has not been very long in force, it has been the means of bringing about the adjustment of serious industrial differences, notably, that between the Western coal operators and their employees. The act in particular prevents the sudden cessation of industries vital to the public welfare and makes it impossible for capital or labor to deal an industrial blow without due warning. This provision is very essential, for when men are wrought up by anger or revenge they are apt to do all the harm they can to their opponents without warning. The aggrieved party in such cases will be inclined to seek revenge on those whom he thinks did not play fair. The Canadian act makes it necessary for the aggressor in the industrial dispute to have a well considered case before inviting public sympathy.

It might be well for our law makers to enact some legal requirements that would embrace the provisions of the Canadian act in order that there might not be so many inconsiderate or revengeful strikes and lockouts. We cannot deny that the tendency now is to make capital and labor antagonistic, whereas the interests of one should be the interests of the other and the scale of justice be held so as to balance. So many proclaim their rights and think little of their duties, yet right and duty should be the measure of each other.

Papers from C.Y.L.L.A.

II.
A man much under the eye of the public at the present time is Signor Marconi, the young scientist, yet in his early thirties, who has, without doubt, to a great extent revolutionized the telegraphic system of the world. He has proved not only the possibility, but the practicability, of transmitting messages (1) over land without the use of the tedious system of wires and poles previously necessary; (2) across the ocean at about one-half the cost of ordinary cable despatches; (3) to moving vessels.

Marconi was born at Bologna, Italy, in 1874, his father being an Italian, and his mother an Irishwoman. At eight years of age he showed signs of inventive genius; at twelve his mechanical devices were the bane of his tutor's life; at sixteen he had made great progress as a chemist and physicist, and at twenty was deep in the problem of wireless telegraphy, achieving his first success in the latter at his Italian home, where he succeeded in transmitting waves over a distance of two miles. Shortly afterwards he went to England, where he interested Sir William Preece, engineer of the British Telegraphic System, in his project, and demonstrated its practicability by sending messages from Penarth to Weston, and across the channel from England to France.

The inventor's success began really with the twentieth century. On Jan. 23rd, 1901, Marconi established communication between St. Catherine's, Isle of Wight, and The Lizard, in Cornwall, a distance of 183 miles, thus proving the principle of non-influence of the curvature of the earth, which interference was anticipated by many men of learning and confidently predicted by the cable companies' experts. By December 13th of the same year, he astounded the world by sending messages between Poldhu, in Cornwall, and St. Johns, Newfoundland. This opened the eyes of the world to a vision of new possibilities and every move and achievement of Marconi and other inventors in the same field have from that time been watched by all nations with the keenest interest. During the succeeding years the work went rapidly ahead, communication being established from Poldhu to Cape Cod, Glace Bay, Kronstadt, Corsica, Gibraltar and aboard various vessels. A regular trans-Atlantic service was not immediately established, because various influences, weather conditions, electricity of the atmosphere, etc., had to be met. These problems have, however, been solved with the result that the opening of the Marconi trans-Atlantic system was formally declared on Oct. 17th of this year. The inauguration of this service is one of the events which stand out as mile-stones along the path of the world's progress.

Wireless telegraphy is based on the principle of wave motion. Just as sound is transmitted by waves or vibrations of air, so the wireless message is transmitted on waves of ether, an invisible and impalpable fluid that is supposed to occupy all space. In producing the vibration which is transmitted the electric spark plays a part. It sets up an ether-wave motion, which is sent vibrating through space at a rate so rapid as to be practically instantaneous, and is received by an instrument supposed to be attuned to the instrument which transmitted it. The possibility of a message being intercepted by another instrument than the one for which it is intended, constitutes as yet the chief practical disadvantage of the wireless system, but this will, no doubt, be overcome in time.

Lord Strathcona, who sent the first press despatch, revives his recollection of the first message by the Atlantic cable and contrasts the opening rate of one pound sterling (\$4.86) per word with the initial charge of ten cents per word to the public and five cents to the press by the wireless system.

The efforts made towards perfecting the mechanism and establishing the system on a commercial basis, together with the caution and care which have marked Marconi's course, justify the public in accepting the inventor's pronounced ability to handle commercial business. In this there is more than a wonderful triumph of inventive genius—he has brought a unifying influence into the world. The cable has given common interests and the new avenue of intelligence will multiply these many fold. That Canada has played part in bringing this new power to the world is an achievement of which we may justly be proud.

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