

THE POPE AND GREAT BRITAIN

English newspapers, of the last part of February, which have just arrived in this country, contain interesting items of information concerning the discussion of the notorious Article XV of the Secret Treaty in the House of Parliament. Mr. McKean complained of the British Government's treatment of the Vatican on two grounds: the lack of courtesy shown the Holy Father in the matter of the Pope's peace proposals, and the offense given the Vatican in Article XV of the Secret Treaty.

It was open to the Foreign Office to explain that the Government, having given full consideration to the Papal Note, felt unable to accept its suggestions. If this had been done, there could at least have been no question of discourtesy, but to promise that the proposed action of the Holy See should receive "the closest and most serious attention," and then never to say another word, is difficult to justify.

The Tablet contrasts President Wilson's courtesy with the Foreign Office's "atrocious neglect." Nevertheless Lord Cecil's explanation, if not satisfying, contained several passages which Catholics will read with pleasure.

"The honorable member appears to think that the Government is committed to some anti-Papal policy. This is an entire mistake. The Government, as everyone in the House is perfectly well aware, is trustee for the good administration of an Empire which contains many tens of thousands, many millions, of Roman Catholic subjects, and quite apart from any personal feeling that one member of the Government or another might have on the subject, it would be falling in its duty if it launched out into action disrespectful or injurious to the Holy See."

The Universe in its issue of February 22, commenting on Lord Cecil's reply, endorses the opinion of Mr. McKean, that there is more than a suspicion that the Government was terrified by the press into trying to gag the Pope, but believes that "the old no-Popery cry of Lord John Russell's day will not be galvanized into life even by the joint efforts of those eminently Victorian organs, the Post and the Spectator."

The Tablet accepts Lord Cecil's explanation of the meaning of Article XV of the Secret Treaty, namely, that the clause was inserted in order to put on record the settled purpose of the belligerents to limit attendance at the Peace Congress to the Powers which had waged the war. Accordingly it acquiesces in the Foreign Office of anything but a gaucherie. It gives expression, however, to criticism of the action of the Government, which is practically identical with that of the belligerent Powers, and asks very pointedly why the clause if it was aimed at all non-belligerent Powers, was not expressed in terms applicable to all—Spain and Holland and Scandinavia, as well as to the Holy See.

"Could anything be more stupid or needlessly offensive than to single out one Power by name for exclusion, when the clause was to apply to all the Powers of the world except the belligerents? Italy, no doubt, in her dread of the influence of the Vatican, had no time to think of anything else, but surely it might have occurred to the Foreign Secretary of an Empire which includes many millions of Catholics, that such a law of proscription, pointed solely at the Pope, would arouse the deepest feelings of anger and resentment. What a little imagination and regard for the feelings of others were needed to convert the particular exclusion which was effected into the general exclusion which was intended!"

The explanation of Lord Cecil is undoubtedly rather lame, it palliates but does not remove the offense. It had, however, one very good element, for it called forth a very frank expression of esteem and appreciation of the services rendered by the Pope in the war. In the course of his reply to Mr. McKean, Lord Cecil said: "The honorable member quoted a number of cases in which the Pope had assisted in connection with the war. That has not only not been objected to, but it has been gratefully received by the Government, and there are many occasions on which the Pope has interfered in connection with the war, and interfered most benevolently, and in a way which has earned the gratitude of

every person in this country. There are other cases to which I could refer, cases in which His Holiness obtained better terms for prisoners, the repatriation of prisoners, where he has rendered services in regard to hospitals, and in regard to the graves of our soldiers in Italy. He has also taken action with regard to matters of civilian relief, and so on, as to which we have had many diplomatic conversations in this country, and as to which we have always treated all his representations with the utmost respect, and we are grateful for the many things he has done to alleviate the condition of our prisoners and others who have suffered through the war. The idea that we were precluded by this clause from allowing the Pope to interfere in any matter with the war is clearly and obviously untrue, and equally untrue in reference to the bigger matter such as the Papal Note."

Like the Tablet, the Universe accepts the explanation of Lord Cecil at its face value, and quotes with approval the statement made by Cardinal Bourne in his sermon at the Lourdes celebration: "I know that those who in an unguarded moment consented to such a clause in that treaty had certainly no thought or intention of showing any disregard or want of respect for the apostolic See. There would seem to be no one among our statesmen to grasp and understand the historic place which the Holy See possesses in all great events."

The Universe characterizes the incident as a "very bad blunder." "It is the same story of that want of insight, imagination, prevision and the kner fact which has involved our nation now as always, in so many difficulties, so much odium, and also very often in the commission of injustices only remedied after an enormous amount of unnecessary suffering to all concerned." It is pleasant to note that both Catholic papers, while reserving to themselves the right to disagree with President Wilson's answer to the Holy Father, agree in paying tribute to it as "admirable in tone," and in accordance with "the most exacting code of courtesy."—America.

WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE K. OF C.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Arrival of Overseas Commissioner Walter N. Kernan with a party of sixteen in France affords a happy Easter note in the work of the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities. Messrs. Dillon E. Mapother and C. P. Connolly have also been heard from abroad where they are gathering information about materials and resources to make them available for the corps of K. of C. field secretaries and volunteer chaplains now being assembled to be rushed overseas to the American Expeditionary Forces. Monsignor James N. Connolly, of New York city, widely known as chaplain of a famous New York National Guard regiment during the Spanish American War and Mexican troubles, accompanied Commissioner Kernan to take charge of chaplains abroad as the representative of Rt. Rev. P. J. Hays, bishop Ordinary of Army and Navy Chaplains. The others in the party were five volunteer Knights of Columbus chaplains, six field secretaries and three women who will be assigned to work in the Paris office of the Committee. The field secretaries have already begun their work at the debarkation ports of American troops.

MUCH TO BE DONE ABROAD Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, now in France, during the past week called Col. P. H. Callahan, Chairman of the Committee: "Magnitude of operations on the American Expeditionary Forces increases constantly the importance of its recreational facilities. More power to you in your war fund campaign in co-operation with Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross." At once, assurance of every possible effort to meet the situation was called back as follows: "Your message inspires Knights of Columbus to redouble effort in carrying out our program for American soldiers."

Secretarial units and supplies are sailing in each steamer. KEEPING PUBLIC IN TOUCH "Now that the shock of conflict is felt," says Chairman Callahan, "more and more news about their boys will be given their folks at home, and those everywhere whose generosity is making our work possible. The Knights of Columbus have undertaken no great publicity campaign but always, through the secular and religious press, have kept a white light shining upon our War Activities. In so doing, we feel that we have not violated the dignity or natural conservatism of Catholicity."

Many a good Catholic parent has found life brighter and the war time burden of surrendering loved ones has been lightened by the feeling that a Catholic agency, the Knights of Columbus, is at hand always to supply the means of both religious and recreational comforts, and to be a safeguard to the boys under the colors against the temptations of camp life.

To bring the work closer to public vision Publicity Director Paul R. Martin is now visiting army camps and naval stations, studying Knights of Columbus camp methods at first hand. "Though connected with the work from its beginning," he writes, "I am astounded at the results of our

efforts. It is gratifying to hear the testimony of officers and men to the important part the Knights of Columbus war work has in this national crisis. Our secretaries have certainly won their spurs and one must wonder when they eat or sleep, they are kept so busy all the time."

OBITUARY

JOHN O'NEILL

Eganville Leader, March 22

On Friday morning, March 15th, death removed from Bromley one of its oldest and most respected citizens in the person of Mr. John O'Neill. Scarcely nine days in bed he succumbed to pneumonia which followed a light stroke of paralysis. The fading moments of his illness were brightened by the presence at his bedside of four children who have consecrated themselves to the service of the Lord in holy religion. Conscious right to the last, Mr. O'Neill gave a continuous example of heroic patience and calm resignation. Long years of solid piety engendered by his unique Christian faith developed an spirit of prayer that was manifested by a continual use of ejaculations. Thus, strengthened by his own devotion and fortified by the sacraments of the Holy Church he breathed forth his soul most peacefully—a fitting close to a most edifying life.

After having spent his youth in Bantony Mr. O'Neill settled in Bromley on the present homestead. A tireless worker, the forest soon gave way to golden harvests; while he established himself in the esteem and respect of his neighbors by his sterling qualities of justice, patience and generosity. Countless numbers in need ever found his purse open, but the right hand never knew what the left had done.

In 1871 Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Ellen Daley, of Osceola. Of thirteen children two passed away years ago; four are members of Religious Orders: Rev. Brother Gregory of De La Salle Collegiate, Toronto; Sister Mary Zita, of St. Ann's Convent, Lachine; and Sisters Theodora and Adile of St. Joseph's, Peterboro; the others are Michael James, of Osceola; John Charles of the District of St. Leslie, of Outlook, Sask.; and Joseph on the homestead. Besides the members of his immediate family, Mr. O'Neill is mourned by his oldest brother, Jeremiah O'Neill, of Wilberforce.

The funeral took place at Douglas on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The church was crowded with friends and relatives. Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. T. O'Neill, P. F., abroad where they are gathering information about materials and resources to make them available for the corps of K. of C. field secretaries and volunteer chaplains now being assembled to be rushed overseas to the American Expeditionary Forces. Monsignor James N. Connolly, of New York city, widely known as chaplain of a famous New York National Guard regiment during the Spanish American War and Mexican troubles, accompanied Commissioner Kernan to take charge of chaplains abroad as the representative of Rt. Rev. P. J. Hays, bishop Ordinary of Army and Navy Chaplains. The others in the party were five volunteer Knights of Columbus chaplains, six field secretaries and three women who will be assigned to work in the Paris office of the Committee. The field secretaries have already begun their work at the debarkation ports of American troops.

THOMAS CLOHECY

The funeral of the late Thomas Clohocy took place on March 29, at 9 o'clock from his late residence, 27 Hilda Ave., Hamilton, to St. Ann's Church. Owing to the death taking place in Holy Week there was no Requiem Mass sung. The obsequies were recited by the deceased son Rev. T. J. Clohocy, of Dundalk, assisted by Rev. J. Englert, and Jos. McCowell. Rev. Fathers J. F. Hinchey, and W. P. Dermody were present in the sanctuary.

The ceremonies at the grave were performed by Right Reverend Mons. Mahoney, V. G. The following priests being also present: Rev. T. J. Clohocy, Jos. Englert, J. F. Hinchey, A. Savage, J. Bonomi, P. J. Maloney, W. P. Dermody, J. P. McGreavey, Jos. McCowell.

The pall bearers were: Chief Ten Eyck, John C. Waller (Brantford) J. B. Nelligan, D. Galvin, Andrew O'Brien, W. Jos. O'Brien.

Solemn Requiem High Mass will be sung in St. Ann's Church Wednesday morning April 10th, at 8 o'clock.

FRANCIS P. BRAZIL

After a week's illness Francis P. Brazil died on Friday, March 8, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. The immediate cause of death was kidney trouble. He was born at Bond Head, Ont., and came to Toronto thirty-six years ago and spent twenty years in the retail grocery business. About ten years ago he entered the lumbering business. For almost twenty-five years he attended St. Michael's Cathedral, and was well known in church circles. His brother-in-law is Monsignor Kidd of St. Augustine's Seminary. In 1882 he married Annie Kidd, eldest daughter of John Kidd, of Adajala, Ont. Besides his wife there are four children: Ivan, Patrick, Inez and Lieut. Rudolph F. in France. Two sisters—Mrs. Hugh Ferguson and Mrs. Fred Mullins—reside in Toronto.

DECORATIONS FOR AMBULANCE NUNS OF MESOPOTAMIA

An interesting letter has been received from the superiors of the Sisters of the Presentation serving in Mesopotamia. It describes a ceremony which took place there some time ago "when three of the Sisters of the ambulance corps were decorated by the British authorities," the late Gen. Maud officiating, with the

Royal Red Cross, the highest distinction conferred on women. The grand court of the classes was decorated with French and British flags and with palms, the gallery was filled with nine hundred pupils of the Sisters, and the guests included the military staffs of the Allied armies and the matrons from all the hospitals. Gen. Maud who died eight days later, pinned the cross, in gold and garnets, on the breast of the superiors, and then gave the cross of the second class to Sister Madeline, in charge of the Civil Hospital, and to Sister Adolphe, who occupied herself exclusively with the English troops. After a moving speech the General invited the Sisters, the guests, and all the poor orphans to rest, served at the expense of the British army which was highly appreciated.—New World.

DIED

BOOK.—At her late residence, 446 Central Ave., London, on March 25, 1918, Mrs. H. P. Book, aged seventy-two years. May her soul rest in peace.

DADEY.—On March 30th, 1918, Marion Dadey, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dadey, 166 Rochester St., Ottawa, aged six days.

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