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BISHOP AND MINISTER RALLY CATHOLICS TO UNITE AGAINST DANGER

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden (Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Two recent utterances by men of the highest standing, ability and experience justify the fear that Belgium finds itself for the moment in a condition that portends no goo for its political, political, economical and future, because of the

religious future, because of the steady Socialist advance and the political division of the Catholics.

The first utterance is from the aged and revered Bishop of Liege, Eupen and Malmedy, Mgr. M. Rutten, who adds weight to his words by addressing them to the words by addressing them to the deans of his diocese assembled in

therefore, that we apply ourselves with might and main to stay further Socialist advances and to secure Socialist advances and to secure again to the Catholic party the zation is created to win or to hold

majority it has lost.
"What is to be done? The vary. ing results of the elections in the various electoral districts hold out

to us the clue.
"Socialism has progressed everywhere; and it has been fought off with any degree of success only where social service work is solidly

The priests to whom we entrusted the task of social work are full of zeal, and bestow upon the ful-filment of their mission their utmost devotion. Unfortunately they do which they are entitled.

crusted with prejudice against them and their work. Granting that grounds for complaining may be pointed to; that the Christian propagandists have at times, in the heat their concessions, and exaggerated the claims of the working classes; that the Christian syndicates have not always kept the just and even balance between the rights of the not always kept the just and even balance between the rights of the workingmen upon the one hand and those of the workgivers upon the other—the inevitable conclusion for the control of t mulated above is in no wise weak-ened thereby, the conclusion that it is urgently necessary to put Chris-of the war. tian syndicates and other Catholic social organizations upon a solid

'Ientreat you, therefore, reverend co-workers, to speak in this sense not to the lay people only—to the employers, the heads of industrial firms, and in a general way to all the men of the higher class—but also to the pastors and their assistants. For, alas, there are those among them who adhere to the ultra-conservative views of the laymen and who, instead of sustaining their confreres devoting themselves to the thankless task of social reform, strain every effort to make public even the most trifling mistakes of the syndicates and to find therein a justification for their sad practice

of doing nothing. VAN DE VYVERE'S WARNING

enators and representatives, called | Genera charged with electricity, and an irremediable cleavage between Conservatives and Democratic members threatening, M. Van de Vyvere, calmly said:
"I beseech my friends to say no

more; for everybody's mind is made up. For my part, I beg but to recall the saying of a young Spanish writer, Balmes: "When you have exhausted every argument to con-vince our friends of the truth, and they refuse, in spite of all, to be convinced, there remains but one thing to do; to be silent and to

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"And then," said one of his Democratic admirers, "the great Statesman extended his hands toward the Conservative group and added with emotion: "They may be in need of our prayers sooner than they expect."

And, man of few words that he is, he sat down amid a profound and impressive stillness.

The Democratic wing of the Catholic party is active in the organiza-

The Democratic wing of the Cath-olic party is active in the organiza-tion of economic and social centers whence its influence radiates and penetrates to the masses whom it seeks to save from the deleterious influence of Socialism. The Con-servatives, alas, hold fast to the worn-out propaganda of mass meetings at election periods. These are frequently only oratorical contests, ending in high-sounding resolutions, rounds of applause and warm but

When it is all over with, a splensynodal council.

"The danger of seeing the country fall under the yoke of Socialism has become very serious indeed," he says, "It is imperatively necessary, therefore, that we apply ourselves therefore, that we apply ourselves to be present, and - that is all. The masses are not touched; nothing

ACTION NOT ELOQUENCE NEEDED

"That is the way," says a Flemish emocratic paper, "the Catholics Democratic paper, "the Catholics of France have ever worked, saving religion over and over again at their congresses and meetings. To no purpose, alas, for their grand eloquent speeches and shigh-soundresolutions left them more

powerless from day to day.
"We cannot keep the Walloons and such Flemings as sympathize devotion. Unfortunately they do with them, from stepping into the not always receive the support to footprints of the French, if they which they are entitled.
"Not a few heads of industrial plants, Catholics among them, are rousted with prejudice against them crusted with prejudice against them."

Choose to do so, but we flemings are not going to be dragged on another yard by them."

Pulling the componically and religious componical comp

Politically, economically and religgandists have at times, in the heat of the fight, exceeded the limits in of a dictatorship a la Mussolini can keep the land from going farther down the road of Socialism and Anarchism. That is not the Flemish

#### GENERAL OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COMES TO CANADA

The Very Rev. Brother A. Charles, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, has arrived in Canada on a visit to the houses his Order in this country, United States, and the West Indies. He was accompanied from Europe by Reverend Brother Philip, Assistant General for the United States. This is the first time that a Superior General of the Brothers has ever come to America although, Assistant General, Reverend Brother Charles has frequently visited Canada and is well known here. He is a man of genial personality, The second utterance is from ripe scholarship, rare experience in Minister Van de Vyvere, whose leanings are democratic, but who is forging to the front as the leader of both wings of the Catholic party.

At a meeting of all the Catholic party, and the catholic party and representatives called General and election as Superior. to discuss the party's participation in a government composed of Catholics and Socialists, the air being having been successively Director of having been successively Director of having been successively Director of St. De La Salle in 1923, he held many important posts in the Order, having been successively Director of having been successively Director of St. having been successively Director of the famous Technical School of St. Nicholas in Paris, Provincial of the Paris Province, and Assistant Genbers threatening, M. Van de Vyvere, who, as is his wont when heated discussions are going on, had sat still, quietly listening, arose and calmly said:

Taris frowince, and Assistant General America and for canada. He numbers among his intimate friends many of the most prominent French clergy and leaders among the Catholic laity. The venerable Superior will be the guest of the Christian Brothers of Toronto for a few days next week and will be tendered a reception at the Mother House at Aurora which owes its foundation largely to his sympathy and influence.

### A GREAT TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL BENSON

By N. C. W. C. News Service

Washington, July 3.—A national tribute of gratitude for long and eminent service to his country is to be paid Admiral William S. Benson, sident of the National Council of Catholic Men, at a testimonial dinner here September 19. One hundred prominent men from

one hundred prominent hear from all parts of the country are sponsor-ing the event. It has a dual purpose: First, to observe Admiral Benson's attainment to the age of seventy; and second, to commemorate his completion of fifty years' service to the country as a naval

and civil officer.

Among those who already have accepted membership on the Committee of One Hundred are a Justice of the United States Supreme of the United Sta of the United States Supreme representatives of the various confidence of the various confidence

being sent to many of the Admiral's friends in foreign countries, includ-ing British, French, Italian, Belgian and Japanese civil and Nava officials with whom he was associated during and after the World War. Diplomatic representatives of all the nations which conferred decorations on him also will be

Nearly a thousand are expected to attend, and the event will be one of the most notable of its kind the

Capital has ever seen.
Admiral Benson is now serving as Admiral Benson is now serving as a member of the United States Shipping Board. His record of accomplishments for his country, both in war and peace, is among the most distinguished in the United States. He also is probably the most eminent Catholic layman in American for the country of the America; for four years he has been president of the National Council of Catholic Men.

Some of Admiral Benson's services for which honor will be paid him are as follows: Through the World War, he was Chief of Operations of the United States Navy, in command of every American vessel; every soldier, sailor and marine who went over-seas to fight for his country was in

As a member of the Special

American Commission appointed by President Wilson to help the Allies plan and prosecute the War, he rendered services for which he received the highest honors an American citizen with the received the highest honors and the received the received the received the highest honors and the received the American citizen may accept from foreign powers.

Italy and Japan.
He was United States Naval

he served in Paris as naval advisor to President Wilson. He was recommended to Congress by the President to be made a per-manent admiral for life, and has received two honorary degrees of

His active service in the Navy totalled forty-seven years. For the last five years he has been member of the United States Shipping Board, of which at time he was the chairman.

LOCAL K. C.'S HONOR NEW STATE DEPUTY

Recently in their club rooms on John street the Arnprior Council, Knights of Columbus, held a dinner in henor of the new State-Deputy of the province of Ontario, R. A. Jeffery, who was elected to this chief executive office at the annual convention in Kitchener recently. In attendance were close to one hundred guests many of whom were prominent members of the Knights of Columbus from other Ottawa valley towns and other places in Eastern Ontario. The Grand Knight of Arnprior council Mr. S. J. Galvin, presided and the dinner was

prepared and served by the young ladies of the Sodality of Mary. There are 59 councils of the There are 59 councils of the Knights of Columbus with 16,000 members in the Province of Ontario and the State Deputyship is the chief office of the provincial exec-

### HINDENBURG FOR TOLERANCE

Hindenburg, Germany's new resident, has made a definite plea for religious tolerance and mutual cooperation among the churches of

the country.

His appeal came at a function at which high representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religions pledged adherents of their churches to loyal cooperation for the national welfare, at the same time congratulating the President

on his election.

Dr. Kapler, president of the Evangelical church in Berlin, thanked the President because, in accepting the felicitations, he had not regarded them as a political act, but as the expression of a deep religious sentiment.

religious sentiment.

Auxiliary Bishop Deitmer, speaking for the Catholics, declared that the attitude and pronouncements of the President had won the approval of all the German Catholics and promised that they were willing, as the Catholic Church teaches order and authority, to cooperate in the restoration of the nation with all the forces reposing in Religion and Church.

The representative of the Jews, Kammergerichtsrat, L. Wolff, said that the German Jews are assured that the President will care for all religious groups, and in the name of his people pledged true devotion and patriotic cooperation.

Hindenburg then replied to his visitors as follows:

three former senators, two railroad presidents, three judges, a score of educators and mayors of large cities, the war-time secretaries of the Army and Navy, and the head of the Pan-American Union.

Leaders in diplomatic, political, military, civic, professional and business life will attend the dinner.

An international air will be given by the fact that invitations are the same sentiment of readiness to devote the religious powers of the

"On this occasion I give you once more my promise that in my high office I will esteem all faiths and opinions with the same reverence and protect the spirit of sincerity "If I may give expression to a desire, I beg you not to regard this common reception of the different confessions by the representative of the German nation as a mere formula. As you have met to give expression to your common wishes, so also may there be found in the bodies of the churches and communities the spirit of tolerance, mutual esteem and harmonious cooperation, without which the future of Germany cannot be worked out.

### ARABS STRESS CLAIMS

Jerusalem.—Commenting on the recent visit to Palestine of Lieut.—Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the British Colonial Secretary, El Carmel and Falistin, two of the leading Arab newspapers, take opportunity again to press the claims of their

How is it possible " asks one of "to admit that Palestine can be the national home of Arabs and Jews alike? Arabs and Jews have each their own national culture, history, traditions and hopes, which are incompatible. Every Jew prays daily for the restoration of the kingdom of Israel and every Jew foreign powers.

He was decorated by his own Government and by England, France, ernment and by England, France, national homes in one land and country, without any boundaries, under one Government and common

representative in the drawing up of the terms of the Armistice with Germany and the Central Powers.

During the negotiations for peace, he served in Paris as naval advisor to President Wilson. system of administration in Pales-tine has not its parallel among all British dominions and that Pales-tine is not a portion of Africa where people can be driven like a flock, then he will certainly urge his government to behave with wisdom and prudence, grant every resident his right, and give up the Jewish National Home scheme, existence of which affects Anglo-Arab relations.'

On his return to London, Mr. Amery, had an opportunity of giving his impressions about his visit to Palestine in the form of replies given to questions put to him by members in Parliament. He had to answer questions as to the military as to the administration, and principally concerning popular feeling. He stressed the point that the Arab executive had no occasion complain about the treatment that the Arab population received at the hands of the Palestine government,

What the country needs," said Mr. Amery, "is more capital and more immigration." He spoke even in high terms of the industry and perseverance of the Jewish settlers and paid a warm tribute to the work achieved by them in so short a

Is this the British official answer to the claims of the Arab Palestinian press?

IN MEMORIA M

Maguire.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Patrick J. Maguire, of Camrose, Alberta, who died July 2, 1919. May he rest in

BATTRAM.—At Hotel Dieu Hospital, Windsor, June 24, 1925, Mrs. Mary Teresa Battram, wife of Thos. H. Battram, and mother of Helen and Elizabeth May, her soul rest rest in pages. rest in peace.

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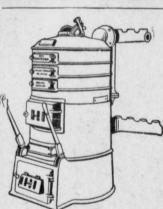
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