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RUSSIANS IN FRANCE TURN TO CHURCH

Paris, Feb. 25.—Msgr. Chaptal, the new auxiliary bishop of Paris, has been specially assigned to work among the foreigners, particularly the Slavs residing in Paris. He is familiarly known as the "foreign-ers" bishon"

ers' bishop." He took up his new work with enthusiasm immediately after his nomination, and has devoted himself particularly to those foreigners who are in moral or material distress. In the first place there are the perity without that would be a In the first place there are the Russian emigrants, whose condi-tions are lamentable. Many of them were born in opulence, and today all are reduced to seeking employment of the most humble kind competings without success employment of the most humble
 kind, sometimes without success.
 Only recently a former Procurator
 of the Holy Synod tried in vain to
 find a place as office boy.
 A Catholic committee has been
 formed to coordinate and develop
 work on behelf of these unbapar

work on behalf of these unhappy refugees. At the head of the com-mittee are Msgr. Chaptal, Msgr. de Guebriant, who was Visitor Apostolic | He proposed : in Siberia, and Rev. Father Rouet de Journal who, like Msgr. Chaptal, knows the Russian language and Russian people well.

The committee is endeavoring to find homes and shelters for indigent Russians. It collects worn clothing, which is mended by the nuns, and an effort is also being made to establish cheap restaurants and boarding houses for them.

At the request of this committee the Rector of the University of Paris has exempted students of this class from the registration and examination fees which are paid by French students.

"No distinction will be made from the point of view of religion in rendering assistance," says Msgr. Chaptal.

Of course the majority of the Russians living in Paris (not count-ing the Jews) are schismatics, but it is an undeniable fact that they are coming much closer to Catholicism. "Just now," says Msgr. Chaptal, "We are trying to establish for the

Russians in Paris a Catholic Church which will follow exactly the 'paleoslav' rite, the rite of our Russian friends. This church will receive or bring together more people than one would believe. For some time have been many conversions in Paris and throughout France from orthodoxy to Catholicism. These conversions occur in all ranks of society. Is not this encourage-

ment for us to persevere in our charitable work ?" Msgr. Chaptal—Count Chaptal—is a grandson of the famous scholar of

that name who was Minister of the Interior under Napoleon I.

### CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND THE VATICAN

Prague, Feb. 18.-Speaking of the relations between Czecho-Slo-vakia and the Vatican, M. Benes, President of the Council, made the following statement to representatives of the Prazsky Vecernik :

"I opened relations with the Vatican in the name of the National Council as far back as 1916, during my different trips to Rome, through the intermediary of four persons: M. Loiseau, in charge of ecclesias-tical affairs of the French Embassy Rome, Msgr. Deploige, (of vain,) the English Cardinal Louvain.) Bourne and the Rumanian Prince

Ghiki. "Through them I tried to inform the Vatican of the aspirations of the natural rights which belong to him in order because of his nature, because influence of the a person and because of his intrinsic not be exercised sacredness. As the State does not powerful the Vatican might not be exercised sacredness. As the State does not against us among the allied nations. create or confer these rights, it At the time of the discussion cannot take them away. This doctrine is not only Catholic, but it is a part of the traditional appointment of bishops in Slovakia, the Vatican showed that it with the Vatican in regard to the American political theory, and it is specifically included in the Declara-Vatican showed that it understeed the religious needs of the Slovaks, and despite some very great difficulties aroused by this question, an accord favorable to the tion of Independence. The second paragraph of that immortal document begins thus: Slovaks was reached by the Govern-"We hold these truths to be ment and the Vatican. In other self-evident, that all men are created equal, that an men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." questions also, as, for instance, the division of dioceses according to the frontiers, the Vatican anticipated our desires."

# THE "MOVIES" IN IRELAND

Rev. J. S. Sheehy. C. M., who re-cently addressed the Irish Vigilance Association on the necessity of more strict supervision of cinema theatres declared that American visitors to Ireland had assured him fare Council's News Service, we are receiving lively, up-to-date and in-teresting articles from the capitals of Europe, and we are in touch with the activities of the Church everywhere. If we are really Cath-olic with a big Catholic interest— that interest out to the that films had been shown in Irish picture-houses which had been definitely turned down in the United States. The greatest inheritance of that interest ought to extend to the Catholic Church wherever it is at work. Her sorrows are our sorrows -her joys our joys. Interest must be aroused and this can be done calamity. The corroding influences of Anglicization had done much to weaken the moral fibre of the Irish only by the Catholic press." Among the resolutions presented by Mrs. James F. Hartnett, Chairpeople. That things were not worse was due to the religious instincts of the Gaelic nature and the principles of the Irish Ireland movement. man of the Committee on Resolu-tions, were the following :

tions, were the following: Resolved: That we urge our Alumnae to encourage a weekly Catholic Press Hour in our schools, and to foster it by the gift of sub-scriptions to the Diocesan Journal. The National Catholic Welfare Council Bulletin, the I. F. C. A. Bulletin and at least one Catholic educetional magazine The time had come when a De-partment of State should deal with the activities of the cinema and the theatre so as to give the sanction of law to the censors when they exer-cised their judgment as to what was objectionable or unobjectionable. educational magazine.

1. The establishment of a central censorship in Dublin which should inspect all films to be exhibited in Ireland.

WEEKLY CALENDAR 2. No films should be allowed in picture-houses anywhere in Ireland which had not passed the censors in Sunday, Mar. 12.—St. Gregory the Great, a noble Roman, who re-nounced his wealth, turned his house Dublin. He laid down the following prin-

into a monastery and lived as a monk. He did great work for the ciples for the guidance of a censorship Department: church at the court of Constantin-

a. Everything contrary to Chris-tian purity and modesty should be banned mercilessly; b. All films and performances which were used for propaganda purposes alien to Catholic and Irish ideals should be turned down i

ideals should be turned down;

c. Pictures and performances which took for granted an unChris-Virgin, who, when seven years old, begged that she might be permitted tian state of society should not be tolerated. If Sacred subjects from the Bible

and ecclesiastical history were to be depicted on the screen they should Egypt at an early age and she spent a life that was a pattern of meekbe under the supervision of the ness, humi died in 410. Church

In Dublin the corporation has already appointed a number of cen-sors. Members of the public who observe anything objectionable in the films at theatres are requested to notify the censors. In Dublin the corporation has to notify the censors. two eldest sons, Otho and Henry, tried to strip her of her dowry on

He died in 604.

Monday, Mar. 13 .- St. Euphrasia,

## THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZEN

John A. Ryan, D. D., in the March Catholic

Probably a majority of the writers on political science, as well as the greater part of non-Catholic

authorities in economics and sociology, reject the doctrine of natural rights. In their opinion, all rights are derived from the State. Hence, the citizen possesses Thursday, Mar. 16.—St. Abraham, a rich nobleman of Edessa and guar-dian of St. Mary, a daughter of his brother. The saint, who had retired to a cell, placed the maiden in a cell only civil rights. It is not neces-sary in this place to set down a close to his own and guarded her carefully. Finally she fell from grace, but Abraham by prayer and intercession brought her to repentformal refutation of this theory. will be sufficient to point out that the theory inverts the position of the State relatively to the indi-vidual. According to its logic, the

individual exists for the State. Against the State he has no moral rights, but only those which the State itself is willing to grant. Consequently, the State may, if it chooses, deprive the citizen of all rights whatever, may arbitrarily take away his liberty and his temple. Cyril suffered many perse-cutions before his death in 386. He property, and even put him to death. According to the Catholic doctrine, the State exists ultimately been preserved.

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church worker and a member of many pious confraternities. She was a life member of St. Joseph's Union, of the League of the Sacred Heart, of the Benefactors of the Holy Land, etc., and was, besides, a generous supporter of the various charitable parish organizations. The many friends and callers at the Windsor Hotel on the occasion of Windsor Hotel on the occasion of her death and the wonderful display of Mass cards and spiritual offer-ings of various kinds bore eloquent testimony to the great esteem which the many virtues and kindly deeds of the departed had won for her.

ner. The funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa; on Tuesday, Feb. 28th by the Rev. Father Smith. The remains were then taken by the C. P. R. to Cobden for interment at Osceola where the descend had ment inter where the deceased had spent sixtytwo years of her life. A great many former friends and associates met the cortege at Cobden and followed in procession to St. Pius'

Church, Osceola, where the Libera was sung by the Rev. W. H. Dooner, P. P., a relative of the deceased, assisted by Rev. I. French of Eganville and Rev. Father Case of Portage Du Fort. The remains were then laid to rest in the family plot beside those of her late hus-band in ground donated to the church long years ago by her father as a burying place for the faithful

of the rising parish. R. I. P. NEW BOOK

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## CATHOLIC LEADER IN HERZEGOVINA

Vienna, Feb. 18.-Catholics of Bosnia-Herzegovina have tears in their eyes for the passing of Father Didak-Buntic, their great Francis-can leader, and fears in their heart ance. Mary worked many miracles before her death in 365, five years after that of Abraham. Friday, Mar. 17.—St. Patrick, the

at the very moment when he was vindicating the rights and liberties of the northern Balkan States were Apostle of Ireland. Saturday, Mar. 18.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, at the time of whose episcopacy the apostate Julian tried in vain to rebuild the walls of the Cyril of the Minister of War at Bel-grade against the inhumane treat-ment of some recruits from Herzetemple. Cyril suffered many perse-cutions before his death in 386. He was noted as a teacher and many of his expositions of the faith have been preserved. He to is some recruits from Herze-from cold in the loft of a barracks to Valjevo, Serbia. The indignation felt by Father Didak-Buntic at this outrage to his fellow countrymen is can predecessors, who carried the cause of the lighting Catholics and as a member of Par-liament he led them in the defense of their faith, in this way following the example of his great Francis-can predecessors, who carried the cause of the lighting the many perse-solution of the faith have being the prediction of the some recent strong the trans-temple of the lighting the prediction of the some recent strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the some recent strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the strong the strong the strong the solution of the some recent strong the solution of the some strong the st believed to have caused the stroke of apoplexy which killed him.

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A PRIEST IS FOREMOST LINGUIST

The New York World of a recent date informs us that the world's foremost linguist recently cele-brated his sixtieth birthday in the small parish of which he is the Cure. Rev. M. Koudelka, who is better and more widely known under the

and more widely known under the pseudonym of "O. S. Vetti," has already mastered thirty-four dif-ferent languages. While a student already mastered thirty-four dif-ferent languages. While a student in school, and later at the seminary he attended. he learned Latin, Italian, English, Spanish, and many Slav tongues. Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood he added to his accomplishments a knowledge of Swedish, Dutch, Fin-insh, and other languages and and did do ins accompliant the school."
insh, and other languages and dialects. While pursuing these studies, and also exercising his priesthood, unnumber of contriations in periodicals and magazines. A little later in life he became in the Magyar tongue, and also studied Turkish, Arabian, Hin-Polish and German.
Polish and German.
Father Koudelka is now engaged

# PRESS HOUR IN THE SCHOOL LINK BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC

SCHOOL AND CATHOLIC LITERATURE

"Reading is a habit and we get into the habit of reading, and read-ing only certain things, and the longer we read them the stronger

Buntic to the Serbian Minister of MRS. JULIA HART War have been suggested as a suit-able epitaph for this heroic priest. Mrs. Julia Hart one of the best

Mrs. Julia nown and highly dents of the Ottawa Valley, away, after a rather protracted illness borne with Christian resigna-illness borne with Christian resigna-moved instantly from-moved instantly from-moved instantly from-moved instantly from-Mrs. Hart was a daughter of the Mrs. Hart was a daughter of the Michael Mulligan and was family from family family clutured, Father Didak-family from family family clutured, father Didak-family from family family clutured, father Didak-family family clutured, fathe Mrs. Hart was a daughter of the late Michael Mulligan and was born at Osceola, Renfrew Co., May 10th, 1844. The family from which she sprang was one of the outstanding Catholic families of Bromley township and in the early mission days, before the organiza-tion of parishes and the erection of churches in that section of was not long in making himself churches in that section of the country, the Mulligan home was the "station" at which the mission outstanding figure among the Cath-olics of the northern Balkan States. As provincial in Herzegovina, Father Didak-Buntic organized the priests and bishops were made ever welcome on their apostolic rounds.

> Herzegovina the Catholic curacy exclusively recruited from among the Franciscans. His work is all the more deserving of credit because in these Balkan districts the Catholic priest is now almost the only representative of the higher culture.

Only a few decades since the country was shut off from western

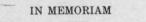
Father Koudelka is now engaged<br/>in translating the gems of literature<br/>of the languages he has studied in<br/>Czech.press and literature.Aller optimize (and control optimize)Aller nave already gone to their<br/>reward. The surviving children<br/>Mrs. Wm. Somers of Ottawa, Rev.<br/>Brother Stanislas of St. Ann's<br/>School, Montreal, John of Cobden,large centers of European learning<br/>and civilization accessible to the<br/>young theological students of the<br/>Balkans. In spite of theWANTED<br/>(GOD, inductious young Catholic farmer<br/>married man. to rent my farm. Good land<br/>condence for a good chance for a young couple starting<br/>good care and work will be appreciate<br/>2265-2

DIED

FRASER.—At the Royal Victory Hospital, Montreal, Feb. 25, 1922, Mr. Charles W. Fraser, son of the late William S. Fraser of Bathurst, N. B. May his soul rest in peace. SHEEHAN.—At the family resi-dence, White River, Mrs. Harriet Sheehan, beloved wife of John Sheehan, of Grant, on Feb. 19th, aged fifty-one years. May her soul

rest in Peace.

Cook.-At Bredenbury, Sask., on January 29, 1922, Joseph Cook, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cook, late of Marmora, Ontario. Funeral took place from St. Edward's Church, Winnipeg. May his soul rest in peace.



Father Didak-Buntic organized the priesthood of the country, where Orthodoxy and Mohammedanism are always hostile and aggressive toward all things Catholic. In Harzageving the Cotholic generation



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