

N PRIEST IMPRISONED FOR HAVING CARDINAL'S PHOTO

Letter to Baron Von Der Lancken, Chief of Political Department, Protests Arrest and Denies the Rector of St. Michael's College Attacked the Occupying Power

Explanatory Comment

FRERE DEVOYE, whose cause among that of other priests is so stoutly championed by the Cardinal in his correspondence, was rector of the College of St. Michael, Brussels. This institution was man police, who made every effort to pretend that they were exposing a center of dangerous to the occupying government.

But that act did not efface the memory of the exceedingly pointed regular features of the face of this number," declared a line at the top of page one, "is elastic, from zero to infinity. It is requested not to surpass the limit."

Cardinal Mercier's Story

During his correspondence with the German authorities in Belgium during the war, 1914 to 1918, edited by Professor Fernand Mayence of the University and translated by the Benedictine Monks of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, England.

Archbishop's House, Malines, June 24, 1916.

To Baron Von Der Lancken, Chief of the Political Department, Government General, Brussels.

Dear Baron—The letter I 5035, which you did honor to write on May 31, answers very fully the considerations contained in my letter relative to the severe treatment meted out to the clergy.

When once entered my head to beg privileges, not the systematic exercise, on your part, of the prerogative of pardon. When a punishment and deserved priests courageously without murmuring. If, indeed, the tribunals confine themselves to enforcing, as the clergy, the provisions of the Belgian law, your esteemed letter alludes, we should be complaining.

My May 23 has in view a complex situation many surprising incidents synchronous in epochs, following upon events that in connection with anything criminal, justice would alike its zeal in seeking for real infringements of regulations and its repressing them. We find ourselves in the last months in the presence of an acute official activity. Perquisitions, preventive detentions have kept increasing, while there has been no change in its previous attitude.

Protests Against Unjust Arrests

There are certain proceedings of which I object to your consideration. A seminarist Monday was going on his holiday. His station of Enghien his luggage was taken then taken to Braine-le-Comte and Mons, where he was condemned and for several days, merely for taking with photographs of his Cardinal-archbishop.

He had, curate at Tervueren, had already a year's imprisonment at St. Gilles on account of having furnished a young man, who had just peacefully resumed his military duties, with information about his detention having come to an end, the German authorities, recollecting that he had just peacefully resumed his military duties, merely in January, 1915, refused to give him a passport to read from the pulpit the "Patriotism and Endurance," did not make him face a second time the alternating a fine of 100 marks or undergoing a imprisonment. At the present moment the curate of Tervueren is in prison.

My dear Baron, for having been so good to me by your esteemed letter of June 24, the duty of looking into the case of Frere Devoye. As I was present at Frere Pauwels' trial in a position to speak to you of it with full knowledge of the subject.

Frere Devoye did not attack the occupying power, he expressly declared that he did not gain from uttering one single offensive word in his duty, if overcome by emotion, the ardor of his patriotism.

He was the subject of his discourse an encyclical "Rerum novarum" on the condition of the working classes. He, indeed, had been called to celebrate the anniversary of the promulgation of the encyclical.

Frere Devoye had chosen for his text these words on the Mount: "Blessed are those who thirst after justice." That was his exhortation once, directing his thoughts toward the social inequality, and with some added that it should be respected by all, in the interest of social peace.

It is difficult to understand that chance rant of the purpose of the meeting and consequence of the social aims which audience, might have misunderstood and the international struggles what the Cardinal of the struggles of classes; but the fully following the speaker could not that mistake.

Nevertheless, fear the confusion of thought, according to the report with which you were actually arise. I therefore requested Frere Pauwels to come and see me, and I recom-mended for the future to give his thoughts and to give greater precision, for the subjective and susceptibilities of the present hour facts which a prudent preacher should con-

ceive, my dear Baron, the letter you received from the Governor General. I shall do well, in deferring my answer to his Excellency, to fill then the examination of the questions your correspondence only touches incidentally.

I am, dear sir, the assurance of my sincere esteem.

(Signed) D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER, Archbishop of Malines.

Preludes to the Widening Debate

While this correspondence was taking place between the Cardinal and Baron von der Lancken relative to the attitude of the occupying power toward priests, the Governor General, on his part, began a correspondence on the same subject. If any of the clergy are prosecuted and convicted, it is due, he maintains, to their transgressing the German decrees and taking advantage of their priestly ministry to trespass on the domain of politics. To this charge the Cardinal replies by proving that the clergy does not step outside its province while maintaining the patriotism of the people and preaching love of country and Belgian liberty.

As it progressed, the debate widened and extended to the rights of the occupying power. This question later will be the subject of a long controversy between the Cardinal and Baron von der Lancken.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

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Free Stolen in Palmyra
N. J., Dec. 30.—Amateur of Palmyra are making a tree inspection in the hope a \$50 reward by discovering shoots of two magnificent that disappeared Christmas the lawn of T. E. Steele, a The trees were rare speci-

FIRE ON STEAMSHIP
Cabin and Several Staterooms of Callispeil Damaged
Fire on the steamship Callispeil early today damaged the steward's cabin and several staterooms. It is not known how the fire started. The vessel is at the Race street pier. It is owned by the United States shipping board and operated by the Charles Kurz Co., of Philadelphia.

Music Covers Burglars' Work
Burlington, N. J., Dec. 30.—Noise of their movements submerged in the loud harmony of a talking machine and a player-piano at work in the parlor, burglars entered the home of John Keans, 518 South High street, early in the evening, and as the family sat listening to the melodies, ransacked the second floor. While the concert continued the thieves escaped.

POLES MASS ARMY ON RUSSIAN BORDER

Anti-Bolshevik Forces Too Weak to Withstand Pressure, Warsaw Archbishop Says

ASSAILS IDOL WORSHIPERS

Rome, Dec. 30.—Poland has her entire army marshaled along the Russian frontier to form a barrier against the western spread of bolshevism, according to an interview with Cardinal Karakewski, archbishop of Warsaw, printed in the Corriere d'Italia.

The cardinal says, however, that Polish detachments are too weak to withstand Bolshevik pressure from the East, which he predicts will last from twenty to twenty-five years.

"Bolshevism is not understood, even by Socialists," he declares. "Socialists identify bolshevism as maximalism, which is a great mistake. Maximalism is a positive program of government aiming at the securing of the maximum class of the proletariat."

"Bolshevism, instead, has no positive aim, its program being merely a negative one; namely, to destroy everything, like traditional Russian nihilism. The only ideal of bolshevism is the brutal blindness of ignorance."

"I believe the state of anarchy and anarchy in Russia may last from twenty to twenty-five years longer. I know Russia, having been for several years director of the Catholic academy at Petrograd. The brute element there is stronger than generally believed."

"At the very gates of Petrograd there are Finnish villages still in paganism, while along the Pechora river, on the western slopes of the Ural, there is territory which, according to census returns, belongs to the Christian religion but which is still pagan, the people worshipping idols and making sacrifices like tribes in the center of Asia or Africa."

PAYNE DENIES HE RESIGNED

John Barton Payne, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, today denied the reports that he had resigned. "I have no thought of resigning," he said, in a telegram sent here.

PER DETERMINARE IL FUTURO DI FIUME

Un Nuovo Plebiscito Sarebbe Stato Ordinato da Gabriele D'Annunzio

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Roma, 30 dicembre.—Il Giornale "L'Espresso" annunzia che Gabriele D'Annunzio ha ordinato un nuovo plebiscito per determinare il futuro della città. Due plebisciti sono stati già tenuti in precedenza.

Roma, 29 dicembre.—Il Generale Rubilant, parlando al Senato durante la discussione riguardante la questione di Fiume, ha detto che i capitoli anglo-americani sono colpevoli della opposizione alle aspirazioni dell'Italia. Egli ha detto che il commercio anglo-americano aveva bisogno di Fiume come porto di penetrazione nell'Europa centrale e preferivano che rimanesse sotto il controllo di una piccola nazione, anziché di una grande potenza. Il piano fu seguito alla Conferenza della Pace, che fu favorevole ai popoli slavi. I capitalisti in parola scelsero tre porti per i loro scopi: Fiume, Danzica e Costantinopoli, assegnando il primo alla Jugoslavia, il secondo alla Polonia, ed il terzo alla Turchia. Quest'ultima sotto il controllo della Lega delle Nazioni, la quale è nelle mani degli Anglo-Sassoni.

Il Generale Rubilant fu al comando della Quarta Armata durante la guerra e poi rappresentante dell'Italia nella Commissione Militare Internazionale a Versailles e fu membro della commissione d'inchiesta per fatti di Fiume. Il Generale Rubilant terminò il suo discorso dicendo: "Lo scontento va dilagando nell'Esercito per le ingiustizie che sono state commesse, ma io ho fedeltà all'Italia trionfante" sopra tutte le difficoltà presenti."

Durante il suo discorso il Rubilant criticò il Supremo Comando per non aver occupato immediatamente Fiume, dopo l'armistizio con l'Austria, quando Imbroschi fu presa dalle truppe italiane. L'ex-Ministro Mazzotti ha protestato contro il recente discorso del Primo Ministro di Francia, Clemenceau, a l'elogio illecito fatto innanzi alla Camera dei Deputati francesi, secondo il quale i serbi ed i Jugoslavi avrebbero combattuto valorosamente per la causa degli Alleati.

"I serbi lo fecero, ma i Jugoslavi hanno combattuto contro di noi e contro gli Alleati per un cattivo fine—ha dichiarato il Senatore Mazzotti. E' penso paragonare questo popolo agli Italiani che entrarono in guerra e combatterono per il trionfo di un grande principio."

L'On. Mazzotti si dichiarò disapprovante delle parole del Clemenceau, perché la maggioranza degli Italiani desidera vivere in pace ed in armonia con gli ideali di Francia.

American Line Gets Liner

Washington, Dec. 30.—The shipping board yesterday awarded the George Washington, the vessel which twice carried President Wilson to France, to the American Line for service between New York, Boston, Cherbourg and Southampton.

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