

INFORMATION

A WEEKLY STORY ON CATHOLICITY, FROM THIRD ORDER SECULAR, LORETTO, PA.

60,000 People Become Catholics in the U. S. A. Every Year.

More than sixty thousand people embrace Catholicism each year in this country alone. That's 5,000 a month, 1155 a week, 164 a day. And mind you, these people are not born Catholics—

are not educated in Catholic schools. No, they enter the church—most of them—in adult life, after considering the subject of religion from every angle, and after the thorough course of study required for such a step.

Can it be the Church that teaches all those absurd, superstitious, evil and unpatriotic things which have been so widely circulated? No, for such a church does not exist except in the minds of the misinformed.

Have you ever talked with a Catholic of your own intellectual status—about the many accusations against the Church? Perhaps you have not for fear of hurting his feelings. Our Society has no feelings to hurt, but only a great desire to give you the truth, so that you, in your fairmindedness, may hear both sides of the story.

ALTOONA EXPECTING BUSINESS INCREASE

Harrisburg — Increased employment during November and December and an increase in retail business are in prospect in the Altoona district, a survey by the State Department of Commerce showed last Wednesday.

Altoona industries in October furnished employment to approximately 800 more persons than in September. Payrolls last month were 30 per cent higher in one of the city's largest industries and from 155 to 255 percent higher in a number of other industries, than in October, a year ago, the department said.

MISS MARY SARGENT.

Miss Mary Sargent, 72, of Munster, died on Sunday morning in the Mercy hospital, Johnstown, where she had been a patient since September 18. She was born in 1867, an dmade her home with her sister in Munster. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning in St. Michael's Catholic church at Loretto, interment being in the church cemetery.

It pays to advertise in the Union Press-Courier.

Advertisement for Bulova watches featuring a Santa Claus illustration and several watch models with prices like \$24.75, \$27.50, and \$33.75.

Karp's Jewelry Store Barnesboro

39 STATES TO LEND EFFORTS TO REUNITE LABOR

Washington — Representatives of 39 state governors last week offered "every assistance possible" in reuniting the warring American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The sixth National Conference on Labor Legislation, called by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, adopted a resolution directing that "this conference and the various delegates in attendance utilize every effort in promoting a reconciliation and good will among organized labor of this country with the hope that a united labor movement may again be realized."

"The existence of a division in the ranks of organized labor in the U. S. with its accompanying strife is inimical to the best interests of all who are interested in the improvement of working conditions of our millions of wage earners," said a resolution adopted by the group after it had been received by President Roosevelt.

"Obstacles created by this division not only tend to hinder and retard the enactment and administration of beneficial labor legislation but also are proving a serious impediment to the progress of organized labor itself."

Missouri State Labor Commissioner Earl H. Shackelford was chairman of the resolutions committee which offered the labor peace resolution.

It was the first time that the labor legislation conference ever had taken a stand on the labor peace issue.

The Roosevelt Administration has been exerting considerable pressure for more than a year to persuade the two groups to end their four-year struggle for supremacy in the American labor movement.

Only last week, Mr. Roosevelt con-

ferred separately with A. F. of L. President William Green and C. I. O. President John L. Lewis and asked them to resume soon the peace talks which suspended last April 5.

Green said the federation was ready to resume negotiations whenever the C. I. O. committee was ready. Lewis would not tell newsmen what answer he had given the President and Mr. Roosevelt was non-committal when questioned at his press conference.

WEDDING BELLS

Prycer-Weiland.

Miss Emma Weiland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Weiland of Nicktown, was married recently to John Prycer, son of Mrs. Catherine Prycer of Ebensburg R. D., the ceremony taking place in St. Nicholas' Catholic Church at Nicktown. The newlyweds will make their home in Ebensburg where Mr. Prycer is employed.

Thomas-McNelis.

Marriage of Miss Donna Mary McNelis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McNelis of Carrolltown, and Charles Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of Bedford took place on Wednesday at last week at a ceremony performed by the Rev. Father Thomas Wolf in Carrolltown. Attendants were Hugh Malloy, of Carrolltown, and Miss Janet Thomas of Bedford, sister of the bridegroom.

Rietscha-Pavlock.

At a beautiful ceremony preceding a nuptial high mass in St. Benedict's Catholic church, Carrolltown, recently, Miss Genevieve Pavlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pavlock of Carrolltown, became the bride of John Rietscha, son of Mrs. John Rietscha of Nicktown. Rev. Father Method Mraz performed the ceremony and sang the

nuptial mass which followed. Attending the couple were Miss Mary Rietscha, sister of the bridegroom and Paul Pavlock, brother of the bride.

Sarafin-Hipps.

Miss Mary Hipps of Carrolltown, daughter of the late G. E. and Mary (Sharbaugh) Hipps, and Jack Sarafin son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sarafin of Spangler, were married last Thursday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic church in Carrolltown by the Rev. Father Thomas Wolf, who also sang the nuptial mass. Following the mass the "Ave Maria" was sung by Miss Bernice Ertter. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, G. R. Hipps and was attired in a gown of white moire, with finger tip tulle veil, which was held in place with a rose colored velvet flower. She carried a bouquet of talisman roses. Stanley Sarafin, brother of the bridegroom, was his brother's best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride and a dinner was served the bridal party and immediate relatives at the Brandon hotel in Spangler.

Mrs. Sarafin is a graduate of the Carrolltown high school and Indiana State Teachers College and is a teacher in the Ashville Public School. The couple will reside in Carrolltown.

WORKERS TO ORGANIZE

Harrisburg — Delegates representing various sections of the state will attend a convention at Philadelphia November 17-19 of the State County and Municipal Workers of America in order to formulate a constitution and elect officers and a state Executive Board, it was announced at regional headquarters last week.

David Kanes, regional SCMW director, said the convention would be key-noted by consideration of "a program of action to ensure continuation of orderly civil service . . . which is now under attack in the state."

The Wizard of Oz had quite a system for impressing and terrifying the natives. Hidden behind curtains as he worked the controls, he could produce smoke and fire and magnify his voice until all bowed down before the apparitions he created.

The whole affair fell flat, however, and the Wizard felt decidedly foolish, when a little girl pulled back the curtains and showed him working at his fakery.

The Labor Board has been cast in the role of Little Dorothy in two recent decisions. It has pulled back the curtains to show how the Western Union Company and the two Eagle-Picher companies in the tri-state area have been working to control two of the oldest and phoniest company unions to intimidate their employees.

In exposing the company character of the Association of Western Union Employees, the board has also ordered the company to stop restraining its workers from joining a bonafide union and to return to them the tribute it has mulcted from them in the guise of dues to the phoney union.

In the Eagle-Picher case, the Blue Card company union was taken into the AFL without losing its company-dominated character. The companies

have been forbidden to coerce their employees into joining the Blue Card outfit, and to leave them free to join a bonafide union. Many workers fired for union activity have been ordered reinstated with back pay.

Now that all this fake wizardry of company unionism has been exposed, the bonafide unions in these two fields—the American Communications Association and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, can go to town in bringing the benefits of real collective bargaining to the workers concerned.

PENNSYLVANIA EDISON COMPANY

Preferred Shareholders

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held Wednesday, November 22, 1939, the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share was declared on the \$5.00 Series Cumulative Preferred Stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 70 cents per share was declared on the \$2.50 Series Cumulative Preferred Stock. Dividends will be paid on both classes of stock, January 2nd, 1940, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 11th, 1939.

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Large advertisement for Hamilton Ross Streamlined Dinnerware Ensemble. Features a 109-piece set for \$12.95 with 25¢ down a week. Includes images of the dinnerware and a list of items: Dinnerware (45 pieces), Glassware (32 pieces), Silverware (32 pieces), and a complete service for 8.

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