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DEPUTY INTERRUPTS MASS

Trouble at Elgin, Ill., Church Comes When Father McCann Refuses to Surrender Pastorate to Newly Elected Successor.

ELGIN, Ill., March 17.—(Special.)—Rev. John H. McCann, who contends he is an "apostolic" priest, was removed suddenly and violently today from the church where he has officiated for 19 years. This is the latest chapter in his quarrel with Bishop Madison at Elgin, who has ordered a siege of the church, seven rifle shots being fired at the besieging force before the doors were broken down.

The arrest took place at 12 o'clock, after seven shots had been fired from the interior of the church while Attorney Frank A. McCarthy, chairman of the board of trustees of the church, and several Deputy Sheriffs, Constables and city policemen were forcing their way into the church with crowbars.

Rev. Mr. McCann, wearing his brother, George McCann, were the only persons found in the church when entrance was finally effected. The deputies found Rev. Mr. McCann standing at the altar, his back to them, saying the mass, and his brother assisting him.

Deputy Inspector Mass. First Deputy Claude Poole, from the office of Sheriff Hecker, proceeded at once to the altar and interrupted the pastor by placing a hand on his shoulder and announcing that he was under arrest.

Rev. Mr. McCann insisted that the arrest wait until the service was finished and the deputy complied. An incident of this kind occurred Friday afternoon to restrain Rev. Mr. McCann from saying masses there or interfering with the programme of Rev. Mr. Gilbert Flynn, who had been appointed by Bishop P. J. Muldoon, head of the Rockford diocese, of which Elgin is a part, as successor to Rev. Mr. McCann, in charge of the parish and the property of the church.

Rev. Mr. McCann was sought all day yesterday and all last night by deputies who searched the city with a view to the arrest of the priest, who was reported to have been staying at a hotel in Chicago.

Shots Fired in Seattle. Constables and watchmen were stationed at the church all last night in relays, and at 6 o'clock this morning the church was in charge of P. C. Lorenz, of the police force. At 6:30 o'clock Lorenz stepped outside the door to have a smoke and while he stood near the door George McCann walked in, carrying a rifle, and fired two shots at Lorenz, during which two shots were fired. Lorenz did not have the authority of an officer of the law and rushed to the police station to report the incident.

During Lorenz's absence Rev. Mr. McCann drove to the church in a taxicab and a short time later all the doors were found locked.

By 7:30 o'clock there were 15 officers in the locality, some of them guarding the entrances to the church while others were stationed as much as a block distant in all directions from the edifice. Some of them tried the doors and a voice from within said "I am Father McCann, and I am in possession."

Entrance to Church Forced. This statement was followed by shots from the interior of the church. With the officers was Trustee McCarthy, who carried a wrecking bar. The first man to enter was Chief of Police H. J. Halverson, with Rev. Mr. Flynn in charge. Shortly before 10 o'clock the door was broken in an automobile, but was closed by Chief of Police D. Frank Gahan not to remain, and drove away.

Fashionable men came for the morning service, but were turned away, but many of them remained in the immediate vicinity.

Chief Gahan, at the request of Deputy Poole, rapped on the door and called "Father McCann. This is Frank Gahan, the chief of police. Listen to me and be decent about this."

The only response was three shots from the inside of the church. Then Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Poole and others forced their way in at the front door of the church and they were taking on the city police drove the crowd to the opposite side of the street.

SPOKANE QUOTA \$100,000

METHODISTS PLAN HUGE FUND FOR ENLARGING SCOPE OF WORK.

Buildings to be Freed of Debt and Five New Community Churches Will be Erected.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—Preliminary details for the establishment of at least five community churches, which, while under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will nevertheless drop the "E. M." name, and the expenditure of at least \$100,000 in clearing the Methodist churches of this city from debt and equipping them for broader, more modern community work, have been tentatively agreed upon.

The visit to Spokane during the last week of Dr. Ralph Deffenbacher, of New York, secretary of the home extension bureau of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, has resulted in the Methodist clergymen and laymen of Spokane agreeing to put this large sum of money into the world-wide missionary work of the church, in which Spokane is to assume \$100,000 of the \$10,000,000 Methodists the world over are planning to raise by 1925, the 100th anniversary of the organization of the board of home mission and church extension work.

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YOUNG GIRL FINGER-PRINT EXPERT FOR NAVY.



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MISS MARIE DAHN.

To the long list of women who are holding important war jobs, another name must be added, that of Miss Marie Dahn, of New York City. Despite her youth she is now filling a post for the Navy Department that requires a high degree of technical skill. Miss Dahn is a fingerprint expert in the bureau of identifications, and her work is very important in keeping track of men serving in every branch of the Navy.

PROFITEERS CUT OUT

Board of Experts Reports to War Department.

VAST WORKS UNDER WAY

Many Millions to Be Spent for Federal Government on Housing for Troops and Hospital Accommodations.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—With the creation of a construction division in the War Department yesterday to handle the largest single building programme in history—aggregating \$1,084,000,000—a board of eminent experts appointed by Acting Secretary Crowell reported that the present form of construction contract, in "profiteer price" Mairan, of St. Louis, president of the American Institute of Architects; Charles J. Schnabel, of Boston, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; John R. Alpine, representing the American Federation of Labor; R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; E. W. Hise, of Schenectady, N. Y., president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Frederick L. Cranford, of Brooklyn, president of the General Contractors Association of New York; and Oscar A. Reum, of Chicago, representing the Building Construction Employers' Association.

Because of the hundreds of millions of dollars involved the board was asked to examine the present form of contract and, if necessary, propose a new one. The board reported:

Contract Thoroughly Approved. "The form of contract permits starting actual work weeks, and even months, before the details are completely worked out and delineated, and permits the Government to push the job at any speed it may elect, changing at will its scope and plan, but paying only what the work actually costs, plus a which is so reasonable as to be above the reach of fair-minded criticism."

This form of contract, so thoroughly approved, is known as the "cost plus sliding scale of fixed fee" in which fixed fees to contractors range from 7 per cent on contracts of \$100,000 or less down to as low as 1 1/2 per cent on the very largest sums.

The fee, according to this form, is fixed when the contract is let, and if the cost exceeds the estimate because of higher labor and material prices, the contractor receives no additional compensation whatever. Labor and material prices always will be subject to approval by the Government.

Under other forms of the "cost plus" contracts, so widely attacked in Congress, it was possible for a contractor by running up labor charges and paying extravagant prices for material to increase his fee accordingly.

Day Labor Plan Rejected. The board rejected the suggestion that the Government embark on the day labor plan, because it was convinced that it would entail inefficiency and delay and because the board believes the existing forces and organizations of contractors should be maintained as a public policy.

Furthermore, it was thought the cost of the estimate because of the wide scattering over the country. A survey of the work to be done by the new construction division indicates the magnitude of the Government's

preparations to push the war to a successful conclusion. There are already under way in the United States 85 big jobs aggregating \$295,000,000. There are in prospect now 139 more representing \$178,000,000. In addition, there are 40 jobs for housing troops representing \$290,000,000, and \$100,000,000 construction alone represents \$10,000,000.

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Charles J. Schnabel, a Portland attorney, expects in a few days to declare formally his intention of seeking the Republican nomination in the forthcoming primary for United States Senator for the short term. This term would be a period of four months, beginning at the date of the general election in November, 1918, and continuing to March 2, 1919. This will hold for the unexpired term of the late Senator Harry Lane, now being temporarily filled by Senator McNary.

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Well-Known Lumberman Passes Away at Los Angeles.

Clark W. Thompson, a well-known Oregon lumberman, died at Los Angeles Saturday from heart disease, aged 51 years. He had been in ill-health about a year. Mrs. Thompson, the eldest daughter and the youngest children were present at the bedside. Two daughters have been attending a private school in Portland; one son, Clark, is in the Navy, and another son, Samuel, is attending a polytechnic school at Troy, N. Y. The body will be cremated in Los Angeles Tuesday.

For about 12 years Mr. Thompson was vice-president and general manager of the Wind River Lumber Company at Cascade Locks. The company's holdings were purchased about a year ago by the British Vell Lumber Company, Mr. Thompson retiring at that time on account of ill-health. One

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ESTATE OF \$7,000,000 Is Left. OTTAWA, Ill., March 12.—F. W. Mathieson, La Salle zinc manufacturer, who died recently, left an estate of \$7,000,000, it became known today when his will was filed. The Hygienic Institute of La Salle, which he founded, receives \$200,000 and employees are given \$100,000. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070, A. 6955.

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While the prizes of these valiant patriots have gone unsung, and to no small degree unnoticed, their loyalty and accomplishments are no less noble and the requirements less surprising than are those who have been given publicity.

The old jokes about putting straw in the bread of expanding it with more air have taken on a mighty serious aspect. How to get 29 per cent substitute in bread and get the same results as heretofore is a big problem, and one that Mr. Hoover says must be solved.

There are good bakers in Portland—none better on the Pacific Coast. They are good chemists in Portland. By good, we mean "efficient." There are big flour mills here. And an efficient Food Administrator has been willing to do their part in helping to solve the problem, which is not a local one, but National. And the bakers of the Nation have responded nobly—uncomplainingly.

The Royal Bakery and Confectionery prides itself on having the best baker in Portland. But it does not know the value of a product better than any one man could produce. Like the Government seeking the skill of the most capable engineers in the production of the Liberty airplane, it is willing to entrust it to the brain and skill of any single individual, finally completed the lightest, most powerful, most simple and most economical engine ever built.

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There are thousands of women everywhere in Mrs. Fitzgerald's condition, suffering from nervousness, backache, headache, and other symptoms of a functional derangement. It was a grateful spirit for health restored which led her to write this letter so that other women may benefit from her experience and find health as she has done.

For suggestions in regard to your condition write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.