PATRIOTIC NOTE IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES DISTURBS GERMANS

Belgian Congregations Buoyed Up by Stirring Word of Priests and Playing of Proscribed National Anthem.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S STORY.

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

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Explanatory Comment by Professor Fernand Mayence.

TWO significant facts are emphasized in the accompanying correspondence. One is the pervasive effect of the first pastoral letter. The other is the absolute inability of the German government, with all its power, of denying to the Belgians patriotic refreshment in their churches.

Writing nearly a year after the event, Von Bissing almost meekly admits that "the pastoral letter of last Christmas (1914) appears to embody a programme and to act as an encouragement to the faint-hearted."

That was, of course, the cardinal's purpose in issuing it. The knowledge of this plan continually irritated the governor-general, and by every means at his command, some of them absurdly extravagant, he referred events which did happen and many more, melodramatically prophesied, back to the outspoken pastoral. That document was a defeat for German methods of repression and the truth was thoroughly unpalatable.

As to putting the sermons of the clergy of patriotic sentiments, that was a task as impossible as backing the way to Paris. Music played a striking part in the church services when words were repressed.

In the early days of the German occupation the Belgian air "Vers l'Avenir" was not prohibited. Expectant crowds would remain in St. Gudule and other churches in Brussels and elsewhere, to be quickened with new hope by its inspiring melody. And occasionally the organist, keyed to ecstatic mood, would spurn threats of arrest and imprisonment and launch into a ringing proclamation of the proscribed "La Brabanconne."

The national hymn is not intrinsically great music. Its words, by L. D. Jenneval, are not remarkable poetry, but to a people in chains the text and air expressed the maximum of soul-stirring and vitalizing beauty.

"Archbishop's House, Malines,
"December 11, 1915.

"To His Excellency Baron von Bissing, governor-general, Brussels:

"Sir—I do not know whether your excellency thinks your letter No. 10182 still requires an answer from me.

"As far as I am concerned, I have only one word to add, by way of conclusion, to my preceding letters.

"Your excellency has written me that I have passed over in silence the Abbe Cardyn's sermon at Ste. Gudule. If your excellency will take the trouble to reread my last letter, you will discover your error. The only objection which the German authorities have, to my knowledge, brought forward against this sermon is grounded on an equivocation which I have laid bare.

"I have summoned the priests whose names were mentioned in your excellency's letter; I have listened to their versions, and I have let them know what my views were, and consequently what their own views must be about their ministry. I pledge myself, therefore, for the correctness of their behavior: 'Burgschaft fur korrektes Verhalten der Geistlichkeit.' (Surely guarantee for the behavior of the clergy.)

"Your excellency can rest assured that the clergy is not inciting the people to sedition. One year's experience must have convinced you that not one of the ugly prophecies put forward so often by those round you has been realized. Since the time our provinces have been occupied is there a single Belgian who has played a low trick on a German soldier?

"Belgian folk are steadfast, but self-respecting in their patriotism, and the Belgian clergy is no stranger to this calm and noble attitude.

"Accept, dear governor-general, the expression of my sincere esteem.

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

In his answer to this letter the governor-general declared his insistence on putting an end to all "future abuses of liberty of worship" and contended that the fact that there had been no outbreaks in the past did not warrant any let up in precautions which he was taking.

The following extracts of a correspondence from Brussels in the Vingt-Ieme Siecle of December 2, 1915, were inclosed with the preceding letter:

"How the Belgian people gave expression to their religious feelings.

"For the house of God is the only place where one is still allowed publicly to proclaim the ardor of one's feelings as a citizen, where the national colors float freely, exposed to every eye; where resound, sustained by the peals of the organ, the hymns dear to our patriotic hearts; where from the pulpit words—noble and manly—are heard, by which are fed and nourished our energies.

"The Belgian clergy, regular and secular, is equal to its task in these days of public mourning. The example given to them by the head of the episcopate, the programme he has drawn up for them in the famous pastoral letter, have stimulated the zeal of the most faint-hearted."

Note.—The passages in quotations were underlined by Von Bissing.)

"There are times when the public, spellbound and electrified by the proud words emanating from the pulpit, feels an irresistible desire to give full vent to the surging emotions by which they are agitated. 'They forget the majesty of the place' and abandon themselves to the joy of breaking forth into raptures of delight.

"On the evening of All Souls' day in a Brussels church, where hundreds of spectators were squatting even on the steps of the altar, the advertised preacher, who wore the gown of the disciples of St. Dominic, gave out to his audience with a bluntness, excusable under the circumstances, that they must restrain themselves from any demonstration out of place in such a spot.

"The orator had taken as a theme for his sermon 'Patriotism.' He spoke of the war, the country, its glories past, present and future, with an enthusiasm and an earnestness calculated to send a thrill through every one.

Such harangues have a salutary effect on the crowd. We are comforted, braced up, electrified. If after that the national anthem, 'Vers l'Avenir,' resounds stentoriously through the vaulting, sung with full voices, then immediately patriotism raises its head, our lips quiver. It is at times like these that we do realize how dear our country is to us, and what sacrifices we are prepared to make to save her."

CHAPTER XX.

An accident had happened in the district of Vilvorde to the telephone wires. What was the cause nobody knew. No matter, the town was made responsible and by way of punishment the magnates of Vilvorde were ordered by the German commandant to secure the guarding of the line. Several priests and religious clerks having been summoned to act as sentries, the cardinal sent Von Bissing a letter of protest:

"Archbishop's House, Malines, Dec. 18, 1915—To His Excellency Baron Bissing, Governor-General, Brussels—Sir: The kreischef has passed the order to the commercial authorities of Vilvorde to have the telephone lines guarded by the magnates of the commune.

"In his proclamation of December 11, 1915, the imperial representative himself says explicitly: 'It is doubtful whether the line broke down.' The immediate consequence is that no mischief has been proved, and that therefore there is no case for repression.

"Nevertheless the claim is made to impose on the parochial clergy of Vilvorde, on the director and professors, on the priests of the College of Notre Dame, on the Christian brothers, the guarding for 12 consecutive hours of a telephone line.

"The clergy has declared their inability to take up this task and I have approved their decision.

"I feel sure, sir, that it will be enough to draw your kind attention to this incident to have an end put to this persecution and in anticipation I express my gratitude to your excellency, and at the same time beg you to accept the expression of my sincere esteem. (Signed)

"D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER,
Archbishop of Malines."

The governor-general replied, throwing the responsibility of summoning priests and clerks on the communal authorities, stating that the appointment of priests for guarding the telephone lines was not due to his administration, but to the Belgian communal authorities.

The truth of the matter is this:

A vicar of the town, the superior of the Christian brothers, and several reverend professors of the college had been summoned by the communal authorities for sentry duty during the night. At this news the Dean Van Reeth went at once to the town hall. In the absence of the burgomaster he was received by an official, who told him that the orders had been given by the Germans. With a view of finding out for himself the exact meaning of these orders, the dean went to see the commandant; the latter declared that he had indeed given orders that the telephone wires should be guarded by the magnates of the town, but that he had not specified any particular class of persons.

(To Be Continued.)

MAIL-ORDER WIFE LEAVES

EXPENSES TO DETROIT PAID BY REJECTED MAN.

Mable Lewandowski in Letters Often Asked for Money and Told of Attempt at Suicide.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel Lewandowski, who succeeded in inducing two men, Edward Deckert of Kalama, Wash., and John Sullivan of this city, to give her sums of money upon her promise to marry them and who arrived here Sunday, left last night for her home in Detroit without a husband. Both Mr. Deckert and Mr. Sullivan said they were willing to marry her. Neither man knew the other was corresponding with Mabel and neither knew the other was sending the same girl money to come west.

In her letter to the men she kept asking for money, saying she was cold and about to take the grippe, diphtheria, scarlet fever and other diseases because she was poorly clad. She insisted that the men send the money to her under the name of Mabel Schwartz, general delivery, Detroit, Mich., as she had a mean sister and her parents were dead. She said her brother-in-law beat her. Miss Lewandowski told of crying and attempting to take her own life. She said she was a hard-working girl, a good sewer, was neat and clean and could cook well. Again she said she was not 20 and later that she was 22 and "be sure to remember me on my birthday." She enclosed fashion plate pictures with the numbers on them and suggested that her proposed husband send her "that coat; or you can send me the money and I can get it here."

Edward Deckert, Kalama, Wash., man whose mustache lost him mail-order bride.

When Mr. Sullivan sent her money to come west on and $15 additional money for expenses, she said she lost all of it on the way to the depot, and perhaps one of her girl companions stole it from her. In every letter to both men, written during the same months, she pleaded for money to buy clothes, saying that all she made was only enough to pay her board. "But I am an honest, decent girl, and God knows it," she insisted several times.

Mr. Deckert paid her fare and expenses home after she had refused to marry him.

Idaho Board Wants Contract.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The state board of examiners in session today with O. P. Hendershot, secretary, and Miles Cannon, commissioner of agriculture, endeavored to arrange a contract with the directors of the state fair by which the obligations of $19,000 over and above the annual appropriation made by the legislature of $22,500 will be met. By the terms of this contract, the position of director of fairs will be left vacant. The deficit from the fair is not a deficit in reality, that amount having been spent for permanent buildings at the grounds. The contract may be signed this week.

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