BELGIAN PRIEST HELD FOR HAVING CARDINAL'S PHOTO

Mercier's 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.

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.

Explanatory Comment by Professor Fernand Mayence.

Brother Devroye, whose cause among that of other priests is so sturdily championed by the cardinal in the following correspondence, was rector of the College of St. Michael, Brussels. This institution was raided by the German police, who made every effort to pretend that they were exposing a center of dangerous operations against the occupying government.

Nothing more incriminating was actually found, however, than some copies of the inextinguishable patriotic and proscribed newspaper, Libre Belgique (Free Belgium). Its delicious humor, its biting and scornful satire, its undaunted frankness, continually irritated German readers.

In the present instance the authorities were, as usual, conventional in their retaliation. They arrested Brother Devroye. But that act did not efface the memory of the exceedingly pointed regular features of Libre Belgique.

"The price of this number," declared a line at the tope of page one, "is elastic, from zero to infinity. Dealers are requested not to surpass the limit."

The "masthead" bore this quotation from Burgomaster Max of Brussels, "We accept provisionally the sacrifices which are imposed upon us and await patiently the hour of reparation," and this announcement by Cardinal Mercier, "Toward the persons who dominate our country by military force, let us bear the regard commanded by the general interest. Let us observe the limitations which they impose upon us so long as they neither outrage the liberty of our Christian consciences nor our patriotic dignity."

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

To Baron von der Lancken, Chief of the Political Department, Government General, Brussels:

My dear Baron—The letter I 5635, which you did me the honor to write on May 31, answers very courteously the considerations contained in my letter of May 22 relative to the severe treatment meted out, especially of late, to the clergy.

It never once entered my head to beg privileges for the clergy, nor the systematic exercise, on your part, on the prerogative of pardon. When a punishment is justified and deserved priests courageously submit to it without murmuring. If, indeed, the military tribunals confine themselves to enforcing, as regards the clergy, the provisions of the Belgian code, to which your esteemed letter alludes, we should not think of complaining.

The letter of May 22 has in view a complex situation where many surprising incidents synchronize. Thus at certain epochs, following upon events that have no connection with anything criminal, justice suddenly redoubles alike its zeal in seeking for real or imaginary infringements of regulations and its severity in repressing them. We find ourselves during these last months in the presence of an acute crisis of judicial activity. Perquisitions, preventive arrests, convictions have kept increasing, while the clergy has made no change in its previous attitude.

Protests Are Entered.

Then there are certain proceedings of which I submit two specimens to your consideration. A seminarist on Easter Monday was going on his holiday. At the railway station of Enghien his luggage was examined; he was then taken to Braine-le-Comte and from there to Mons, where he was condemned and imprisoned for several days, merely for taking with him some photographs of his cardinal-archbishop.

M. van Houdt, curate at Tervueren, had already undergone a year's imprisonment at St. Gilles on the charge of having furnished a young man who wished to join our army with information about the route. His detention having come to an end, the good priest had just peacefully resumed his ministry. But the German authorities, recollecting that he had formerly in January, 1915, refused to give an undertaking not to read from the pulpit the pastoral entitled "Patriotism and Endurance," did not hesitate to make him face a second time the alternative of paying a fine of 100 marks or undergoing a week's imprisonment. At the present moment the worthy curate of Tervueren is in prison.

Promise Is Given.

I thank you, baron, for having been so good as to intrust to me by your esteemed letter of June 3 (No. 5020) the duty of looking into the case of Frere Pauwels. As I was present at Frere Pauwels' sermon I am in a position to speak to you of it with complete knowledge of the subject.

The Rev. Frere did not attack the occupying power. On the contrary, he expressly declared that he would refrain from uttering one single offensive word and make it his duty, if overcome by emotion, to restrain the ardor of his patriotism.

It is not difficult to understand that chance hearers, ignorant of the purpose of the meeting and ignorant in consequence of the social aims which actuated the audience, might have misunderstood. . . .

I did, nevertheless, fear confusion of thought, which, according to the report with which you were furnished, did actually arise. I therefore requested Frere Pauwels to come and see me and I recommended him for the future to give his thoughts and his language greater precision, for the subjective dispositions and susceptibilities of the present hour are also facts which a prudent preacher should consider.

I have received, my dear baron, the letter you spoke of from the governor-general. I shall do well, I think, in deferring my answer to his excellency, to reserve till then the examination of the questions which your correspondence only touches incidentally.

Receive, dear sir, the assurance of my sincere esteem.

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

Permission Is Granted.

In his reply Von der Lancken granted permission to the cardinal to visit the prisoners at St. Gilles, but denied in a general way the charges which the cardinal had made regarding unlawful arrests and ill-usage of priests.

Archbishop's House, Malines.
June 25, 1916.

To Baron von der Lancken, Chief of the Political Department, Government General, Brussels.

Dy dear Baron—I am very grateful for the permission you obtained for me to visit MM. Cocheteux and Wittemberg, detained at the prison of St. Gilles. It was a consolation to see them again. As you had conjectured, Frere Devroye was still at Charleroi. I presume that the permission already granted me is available for the next occasion I may have to see him.

Would you be kind enough to say to the governor-general for me that I am pleased he did not pursue Frere Pauwels' case any further?

Misleading Report Received.

Let me assure you, baron, that you have received a misleading report of the incident mentioned in my letter of the 8th, regarding the seminarist, Emile Mertens. It may be that the ultimate finding of the court in the case of this seminarist does not mention the circumstances that he carried portraits of this archbishop; but the examination at Enghien and Braine-le-Comte dwelt long and pointedly on this fact. The student was arrested April 24 at Enghien, detained at Braine-le-Comte the 25th, taken to prison at Mons the 26th and before being set at liberty, which was on the 28th, he had to undergo a fresh examination, which had nothing whatever to do with the previous examination. It is very likely that you have received only information regarding this last.

You are quite right in pointing out that my portrait is on sale in the shops, but you seem to be unaware that this sale was more than once forbidden, especially during a definite period at Namur and Dinant. But this is very unimportant and I have never complained of it to any one, my sole object being to call your attention to certain vexations and petty doings of underlings.

Receive, baron, 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.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

GUN COLLECTION FOUND

HOOD RIVER MARSHALL DUMPS BEQUEST INTO RIVER.

Cleaning Out of Dead Man's Former Home Reveals Lot of Unused Clothing in Closets.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Officials, in clearing out a residence bequeathed to the county by the late J. M. Blossom, who died here in 1918, discovered an interesting array of old clothes, guns, powder, balls, ammunition and other accessories used by hunters. While Mr. Blossom was never known to hunt, he had every appliance that a nimrod of 25 years ago might have fancied. The display of ammunition was delivered for sale by county authorities to a local hardware store.

Eleven pairs of new shoes of assorted sizes were found on the premises. A number of unused suits of clothes hung in closets.

Mr. Blossom was one of the county's most unique citizens. He was a profound student and his library, bequeathed partly to the local county library and partly to the Oregon state penitentiary, was one of the best in the mid-Columbid. Although Mr. Blossom died worth several thousand dollars in addition to real property, he so conducted himself as to make people think him destitute. In his will Mr. Blossom bequeathed various sums to children who had shown him kindness.

Mr. Blossom left a collection of guns that any hunter might have envied. Under the terms of his will these were turned over to the city marshal, who dumped them into the Columbia.

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ALCAZAR WILL HOLD MIDNIGHT MATINEE.

Mabel Wilber, prima donna.

The Alcazar Musical Players, who have made history in Portland so far as magnificent presentation of musical comedies goes, will present Portland with an entirely novel manner of seeing the "old year out and the new year in" at the special midnight matinee at the Alcazar theater Wednesday night, beginning at 11:30 o'clock.

This is the last week of the Alcazar Players. They are presenting that wonderful New York musical success, which has not yet visited the coast, "Oh, Boy." The entire performance will be given. But as the clocks toll the midnight hour the entire performance will stop and in a novel and unusual way the Alcazar people will wish those present a "Happy New Year."

"We'll do it as they do it in Chicago and New York, anyway," said Mabel Wilber, the charming prima donna, who is making her last appearance this week. The Alcazar company closes next Sunday.

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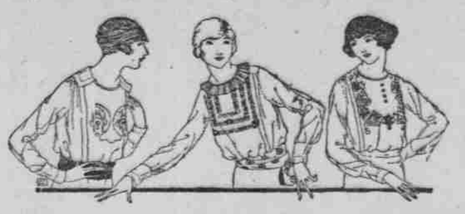
Main Floor—Carter's Knit Underwear "seconds"—garments that are slightly imperfect but not in any way injured as far as service is concerned. Wool, wool and cotton, and fancy striped silk and wool—Union Suits only in this lot.

Sale Prices

—$2.00 Underwear now **$1.69**
—$2.25 Underwear now **$1.85**
—$3.00 Underwear now **$2.39**
—$3.50 Underwear now **$2.85**
—$3.75 Underwear now **$2.89**
—$4.50 Underwear now **$3.75**
—$5.00 Underwear now **$3.95**

Girls' Silk Hose At 69c

Main Floor—Children's Thread Silk Hose—irregulars of well-known $1.00 and $1.35 makes. Shown in white and pink. Sizes 4 to 6½. Priced special for the Inventory Sale, at **69c**



Women's Waists $10.98

—Special Inventory Offering

Second Floor—Beautiful high-class Waists of Georgette Crepes, Tricolettes and Taffetas. Novelty styles in embroidered and beaded effects—also dainty lace-trimmed models and a number of smart tailored styles. Flesh, white, taupe, navy, brown and light blue. Good range of sizes. Inventory Sale price **$10.98**

Sweaters At $10

Second Floor—Jersey, Georgette Mohair, Shetland and Filet Sweaters in a great many attractive styles. Small roll collars, large collars or collarless. Some have belts and sashes, others are made in the slip-on styles. Green, copen, purple, turquoise, rose, navy, etc. Special **$10.00**

Sale of Undermuslins

—Inventory Specials

—At the Bargain Circle, 1st Floor, today we offer special lines of Women's Undermuslins at notable savings. Thrifty shoppers will avail themselves of this great opportunity to save.

Envelope Chemise 98c, $1.39

Bargain Circle—Women's Envelope Chemise of excellent quality material. Many attractive styles—some are slightly soiled and mussed. Special at only **98c** and **$1.39**

Night Gowns At 98c

Bargain Circle—Women's Night Gowns of good quality flowered and striped batiste. Made in slip-over styles. Special today at **98c**
—Lace and Embroidery Trimmed Gowns, special at **$1.49**

Muslin Skirts At $1.29

Bargain Circle—Women's Skirts of splendid quality muslin, trimmed with laces and embroidery. Well made and nicely finished. Inventory Sale price **$1.29**

Boys' Suits $5.95

Main Floor—Serviceable, sturdy Suits that will give splendid satisfaction. Odd lines from our regular stock and this means, of course, sizes are somewhat broken. Waistseam and belted styles. Mostly fancy muslins, at **$5.95**

Model Grocery

Fourth Floor

—STANDARD Tomatoes, 15c can—2 cans for only **25c**
—PARIS brand Canned Corn, **$2.65** doz.—the can **25c**
—PRINCESS ROYAL Canned Peas—special a can **22c**
—35c Preferred Stock Catsup—special today at only **29c**

5-Lb. Box Figs At $2.50

—Delayed shipment just received. Choice Pulled Figs put up in 5-lb. boxes. For quick selling we offer them at, a box **$2.50**

Girls' Coats Reduced

—Lot 1—Values to $21.50, Now $12.98
—Lot 2—Values to $25.00, Now $17.98

2d Floor—Girls' Winter Coats in many smart styles with or without belts. Large collars and deep cuffs. Mostly in plain fabrics. Values to $21.50 at **$12.98**

2d Floor—This lot of Coats is composed of garments from our regular stock selling heretofore up to $25.00. Very latest models. Inventory Sale **$17.98**

—ALL GIRLS' WINTER COATS OVER $35.00 NOW AT ½ PRICE.

Girls' Dresses at ½ Price

Second Floor—Odd lines of Girls' Serge and Silk Dresses in the Inventory Sale at ½ price. Many beautiful styles to select from. Girls' $22.50 to $32.50 Dresses now offered at special, **$11.25** to **$16.25**

Towels, Sheets, Sheetings

—Good Savings

Main Floor—BLEACHED Sheeting, 2¾ yards wide. Excellent quality. Inventory Sale, yard **69c**
—PILLOW CASES, size 45x38 inches. Secial 3 for **$1.00**
—BLEACHED SHEETS, size 63x90 inches. Special **$1.75**
—81x99-inch Bleached Sheets **$2.25**

10 Yds. Nainsook At $3.50

Main Floor—Lingerie Nainsook of fine soft quality—especially adapted for underwear. Put up 10 yds. to the box. Priced special **$3.50**

Odd Pairs Lace Curtains At HALF PRICE

Third Floor—Extra special offering for the Inventory Sale—odd pairs of Lace Curtains to go at just half price. Fine Laces, Nets, Marquisettes, etc.
—only one pair of a kind.
—$3.50 Curtains a pair **$1.75**
—$4.00 Curtains a pair **$2.00**
—$5.00 Curtains a pair **$2.50**
—$6.00 Curtains a pair **$3.00**
—$7.50 Curtains a pair **$3.75**
—$8.00 Curtains a pair **$4.00**

$7.50 Madras Curtains Special $3.48

3d Floor—We have a number of odd madras Curtains (one of a kind)—just the thing for that single window—Curtains such as usually sell at $7.50. Special, each **$3.48**
—WHITE RUFFLED SWISS Curtains for bedrooms—on sale at **98c**, **$1.15** and **$1.98** pair.
3d Floor—Voile Curtains with lace edge or hemstitched. Special, pair **$1.48**

Beautiful New Filet Net Curtains

Third Floor—210 pairs of new filet net Curtains—a special lot, bought underprice, will go into the Inventory Sale at great savings. Many beautiful patterns with wide insertions and edges to match. These are priced special for the Inventory Sale at **$5**, **$6**, **$6.50** and **$7** a pair.

Millinery Clean-Up Sale

Trimmed Hats $2.50

Second Floor—Women's Hats in attractive styles for winter wear. Mostly in neat small effects. Smartly trimmed. Formerly $5 to $10—choice **$2.50**

Second Floor—Trimmed Hats in many smart models, $7.50 to $12 models, at **$3.50**
—Felt and Velour Outing Hats—vals. to $10 **$2.50**

All Pattern Hats ½ Price

—Choose any Pattern Hat in the Millinery Department today at just ½ the regular price. Many beautiful models to select from. $15.00 to $30.00 Hats at **$7.50** to **$15.00**.—Double Stamps with purchases.

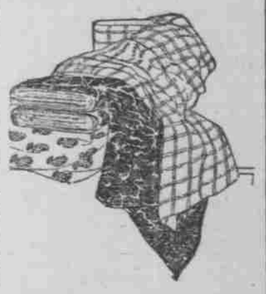
Wool Suitings, Coatings

Reduced for the Inventory Sale

—We have taken many odd lines of Wool Dress Goods and Coatings and repriced them at splendid savings for the Inventory Sale. Note below:

$2.50 Wool Serges $1.89 Yard

Main Floor—38, 42-in. Wool Serges for women's dresses and skirts. Reg. $2.50 grade **$1.89**
—TWEED SUITINGS, 56 in. wide—$3, $3.50 vals. **$2.68**
—HOMESPUNS and Checked Suitings, 56 inches wide. Formerly priced at $4.00 and $4.50. Specially priced at, yard **$2.98**
—VELOURS, Broadcloths, Duvet de Laines—$5.00 and $6.00 grades. Specially priced **$3.98**



CARS SOUGHT FOR WEST

DISTRICT DIRECTOR GOING EAST TO OBTAIN EMPTIES.

Oregon Public Service Commission Is Advised East-Bound Traffic Preponderates Heavily.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Everything possible is being done by federal railroad officials to relieve the car shortage situation in Oregon and the northwest, from indications in a letter received at the offices of the Oregon public service commission today from L. C. Gilman, district director with headquarters at Seattle.

"Prior to the coal shortage on November 1 there was a very marked shortage of cars," says Mr. Gilman's letter. "The demoralization of transportation conditions due to that strike greatly accentuated this situation. We have been having a very heavy preponderance of eastbound traffic, our westbound loads being not more than 50 per cent of our eastbound loads. This necessitates long distance movement of a very large number of empties, and for some months past the westbound empty movement has not kept pace with the eastbound loaded movement.

"I have for some time past been endeavoring earnestly to get the movement increased. My efforts have been supplemented by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, and has now been taken up actively by the chamber of commerce, Seattle. I am going east soon to endeavor to get a larger empty movement to this territory.

"I appreciate your courteous telegram, and you may rest assured that everything that I can possibly do to improve the situation will be done.

"I note your reference to the use of outside facilities for car repairing. Some months ago there was an excessive number of 'bad orders' on hand, while at present there are less than 2000 of them in the entire district, which I do not consider above normal. Bad orders are being handled as fast as they come in.

"I will communicate with you again shortly, and hope to be able to advise you that some arrangement has been made by which we can get a larger supply of empties from the east."

NEW AUTO LAW PROPOSED

Measure Would Require Full Stop at Railroad Crossings.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Because of the many accidents due to carelessness of automobile operators a bill will be introduced at the special session of the legislature in January requiring drivers of all motor-driven vehicles to come to a full stop before crossing railroad tracks.

The bill now is being prepared, according to letters reaching the capital, and will be ready for introduction in the house on the first day of the session.

Assessment Opinion Given.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Property taken over by a city because of non-payment of street assessments is not subject to assessment by the county assessor, according to a legal opinion given today by I. H. Van-Winkle, assistant attorney-general. The opinion was asked by the state tax commission, following receipt of an inquiry from J. P. Beyers, assessor of Coos county. Although affecting all incorporated towns and cities in the state, the question referred to the attorney-general made special reference to lands taken over by the city of Marshfield.

Legion Building Planned.

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Within the next few months Wallace will vote at a special bond election on the question of issuing municipal bonds for the erection of a building to be used for municipal purposes and as permanent quarters for the local post of the American Legion, if the city council approves the plans.

Fog Heavy at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The heavy fog which has been experienced in Portland has prevailed also in this section of the state part of the time the last few nights. Saturday night there was a heavy fog here and auto drivers reported that when they attempted to drive along country roads it was impossible to see at all.

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