

MERCIER'S LETTER TO POPE DEPLORES PARTITION ORDER

Dual Organization Adopted by Occupying Power Means Attempt to Disrupt Belgium and Divide Affections of the Flemings and Walloons.

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 the University of Louvain, Belgium, and translated by the Benedictine Monks of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, England.

(Explanatory Comment by Professor Fernand Mayence.)

SOLATED as he was, especially after the recall of the American minister from Brussels, Cardinal Mercier was never for any length of time out of touch with outside facts distinctly bearing upon his own position and upon the rights of the Belgian people.

Von Bismarck's cynical posthumous disclosure of German intentions in Belgium was published in a German magazine in May, 1917. In August of the same year the cardinal made his entire familiarity with the "Denkschrift" or "Memorandum" in his letter to the pope concerning the administrative partition of the invaded territory.

The late governor-general's programme for absorbing Belgium in a comprehensive and explicit as witness the following extract:

"When religious teaching will have been made compulsory like the other matters of education, it will be possible for us to exert, in conjunction with the clergy, a profound influence upon the schools, now so different in character and tendency."

"That policy will provide many occasions for reconciliation and for common action between the German administration and the Catholic clergy which must lead us to believe that under German rule the church is better than under French influence."

Von Bismarck, doubtless recalling with chagrin the cardinal's resistance and the flaming pastorals also advocated ingratiating the priests by "making their tasks easier" and exercising such an influence over the clergy as was fondly hoped, they would be reduced in time to the position of these alleged intellectual German theologians who were among the 93 scholars signatory to the manifesto endorsing the imperial policy at the outbreak of the war.

The holy see, through the medium of the nuncio, manifested a desire to be accurately informed as to the attitude of the Belgian episcopate toward the administrative separation imposed on Belgium by the occupying power. The cardinal complied with this request in a long and detailed letter addressed to his holiness, Pope Benedict XV.

"Malines, Aug. 5, 1917—Most Holy Father: I regard it as my duty to give to your holiness exact information as to the attitude of the Belgian episcopate toward the measures the occupying power has decreed. I am not to accomplish what it terms 'administrative separation.'"

"In reality it is not with measures of administration that we have to deal, but with an attempt to effect national disruption. No one doubts this in Belgium and no one doubts that Belgium will have any doubt of it after the publication of the late Baron von Bismarck's 'Denkschrift' or memorandum. In it the German emperor general lays bare his hope that in flatter the crude aspiration of a few adventurous spirits of a separatist frame of mind Germany will, on the one hand, ultimately succeed in detaching their affection and perhaps also in fact from the Walloon part of the population, and on the other hand will hinder their withdrawal from under the hegemony of the German empire. Belgium has come to the conclusion that they must oppose by all legitimate means this anti-national policy, while the almost complete unanimity of the Flemings as well as the Walloons, embracing Belgian citizens of every party, whether in the occupied or unoccupied parts of the country, have rallied around their king and government."

"On March 22, 1917, the governor-general decreed the partition of the Belgian administration into sections, one Flemish and one Walloon, and created a separate central bureau for each of them."

Liberties Are Curtailed.
These measures are contrary to article 43 of The Hague convention of October 18, 1907, and are an infringement of our constitutional liberties in the matter of language. Until now the functions of the central administration were carried on by delegates of the lawful authority under the supervision of the occupying power. For the future there will be no central authority of national origin. The occupying power, in order to lead everybody outside Belgium to believe that this dual organization has the approval of one part of the nation, surrenders the rights of the whole nation, and so well does it know this that it has tried to effect this change by reconstituting the national congress comedy of the Council of Ministers."

"The staffs of the ministries, minister of the loyalty they owe to the Belgian government, were prepared in great numbers to resign their posts rather than lend a hand to a policy of national secession."

"Some persons, nevertheless, foreseeing the peril of the hands of the occupying power and more anxious to protect the private interests of official families or to safeguard certain party advantages than to preserve intact the supreme interest of national unity, would have advised all the staffs to hunt the worms of the occupying power in order to avoid greater evil. These two opinions were submitted to the government at Malines, which substantially replied as follows: 'The higher officials sought to resign; the lower may remain at their posts.' Immediately the directors-general and the secretaries-general of all the ministries complied with the wishes of the Belgian government and were, just as was expected, led away captive to Germany."

"The occupying power thought itself capable of the obvious exodus of the staffs by taking these violent measures, whereas all with very rare exceptions rejected the offer of a position and their liberty with a lofty disinterestedness that one could not but admire. The logical sequence of these events was that a crisis question arose, viz., what was to be done respecting the new dualist arrangement? Were we to treat with it, obey or oppose it with passive resistance?"

Opinions Are Divided.
"Opinions are again divided: some deemed it best to break with rather than appear to recognize this new situation; to close the colleges, the training and private schools. The majority, and I sided with these, refused to proceed to extremes at the first onset. The Belgian government itself gave the example of moderation by not demanding from all officials equality of sacrifices. It was decided to protest against a separatist administration, but practical life is made up of obstacles unsurmountable by formal logic. In consequence, we decided to leave the primary schools open in order not to consign our children to

vagabondage, but we proceeded to draw up a programme for the colleges and training schools for elementary teachers.
"Now we decided after consulting the masters and mistresses concerned that the final examinations would take place as usual at the end of the school year, but in private; that is to say, without inviting the German officials to assist at them and without submitting the certificates for their signature."

We subsequently carried out our decision in effect quietly, unostentatiously and liberally. We anticipated the withdrawal of the subsidies granted to the normal schools by the state as well as the scholarships awarded to the scholars in subsequent years. What would happen to these scholars? What would the parents say? All these questions were looked squarely in the face by those present at the meeting convened by us. They were peacefully solved in that spirit of national loyalty inspired by the motto: 'Do thy duty. God will do the rest.'"

"Providence Will Provide."
"A mistress of the normal school in Flemish Campine stated that she needed an annual sum of 15,000 francs to pay the salaries of her lay mistresses. All her school children belonged to Flemish families of the lower middle class. We were for the moment certain that the Belgian government would in its turn legalize the certificates of our private boards and give us the grants which the Germans might refuse, yet we had not absolute certainty. This particular mistress contented herself with saying: 'Providence will provide.' Yes, Providence will provide. It has provided, in fact, our Pouillet, our minister of science and arts, wrote us congratulating the head teachers on their courageous attitude, promising that the certificates granted should be legalized on his return and the financial difficulties met. The parents have raised no objection to this and the scholars with only one or two exceptions have approved."

"As soon as this decision was arrived at I informed the official authorities responsible for the management of these alleged intellectual provincial schools, and without hesitation they adopted our way of thinking and followed the same line of action as ours. In the entire normal schools nobody could prevent the Germans from setting up a board to their liking. The board was set up, but the scholars themselves refused to appear before it."

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FROST DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

MARION COUNTY FRUIT TREES ARE INSPECTED.

Injury May Prevent Set of Next Year's Crop, but Loss Is Not Permanent.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—That the damage to Marion county fruits as a result of the recent freeze was not as disastrous as first reported, and that the loss to growers will be slight, is indicated in the official findings of Professor W. S. Brown, chief of the horticultural division, who yesterday completed an inspection of local orchards. In his report Professor Brown says: "The most serious injury was found in the fruit of the trees just above the snowline in the main limbs. The tender growing points and sometimes the inner portion of the fruit spur have been affected, especially on sweet cherries and peaches. 'If the trees have been killed it is only throwing away money to prune when pruning will do no good, but if hard hit no pruning is advised. When the condition of the tree is definitely determined later in the season, all wounds made by removing larger branches should be considered in relation to drying out, thus injuring circulation of the sap.'"

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ALIENATION SUIT LOST

Wife Fails in Case Against Salem Young Woman.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Mattie Leland did not alienate the affections of E. M. Erickson, according to the verdict returned by a jury in the circuit court here today in the case brought by the latter's wife to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 from the defendant.

In her complaint Mrs. Erickson alleged that Miss Leland lived at the former's home, and while treated as a member of the family wrongfully and maliciously alienated the affections of Mrs. Erickson's husband, Miss Leland denied the charges preferred against her and alleged she was not responsible for Erickson's attitude toward his wife and that Mrs. Erickson left her home of her own accord.

CHURCH WILL USE FILMS

Corvallis Presbyterian Pastor to Offer New Attraction.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Eighty men sat down to a men's fraternal banquet at the Presbyterian church parlors last night.

J. Bruce Evans of Los Angeles made the principal address. It was resolved to purchase a motion picture machine for the church and to join a national film association.

Dr. J. E. Snyder, the church pastor, said if he "couldn't get 'em to come to church any other way, he was in favor of adopting the plan."

The section to be improved is between Richland and Robinette, about 45 miles east of Baker, and will require about 10,000 cubic yards of crushed or screened gravel.

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Annual Inventory Sales All Over the Store

Reduced Prices on Odd Lines, Small Lots, Remnants and Odds and Ends in All Depts.

INVENTORY CLEAN-UP SALE OF Plain and Fancy Georgette Special at \$2.49 Yard

Lace Dept. First Floor—40-inch Georgette Crepes in a good selection of wanted plain colors, also in novelty patterns—for waists and dresses. Priced very special for Friday's selling—the yard, \$2.49

—Plain and Printed Chiffon Cloth and Chiffon. Special, yard \$1.00

Veils and Veilings at Half Price

Main Floor—Drape Veils in various styles and colors—also Chiffon Veils and Veilings by the yard—odd lines on sale Friday at ½ price.

Women's Neckwear

—Odd Lines Collars, Sets and Gimpes; formerly priced to 95c; at

25c

—An Inventory offering that will clear the Neckwear stock of all odds and ends. Large assortment to select from. Organdie Collars and Sets—Figue Collars and Sets—Net Collars and Gimpes. Embroidered, tucked, hemstitched and lace effects. Values to 95c; choice 25c.

\$25.00 Plush Capes \$17.95

—Special Inventory Offering

Neckwear Department, Main Floor—Extra good quality Seal Plush Capes at a sacrifice price to clear away a small lot. These are shown in deep, lustrous black and have black satin or fancy silk linings. Styled with the new reversible collar. Beautiful dressy \$17.95 wraps for year around wear; \$25.00 Capes—special at

New Net Flouncings

in 6 different styles. Cluster tucks, ruffled, hemstitched and picot edge effects. Priced \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25 and \$3.75 the yard.

Detroit Jewel 'New Way' Combination Range

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—This Range is guaranteed to bake perfectly, burning gas, coal or wood—because the oven is constructed in the "new way" patented plan that does away with oven troubles. It is the most attractive and finest finished Range ever placed on the market. Four-hole cooking top for coal or wood and a four-burner cooking top for gas just like a separate coal or gas range. Extra large baking oven—high, wide and deep enough to bake without crowding. Compact in size. Built from "Kemi-Let" iron—will not rust out and will last a lifetime. CALL AND LET US DEMONSTRATE THE LABOR AND FUEL SAVING ABILITY OF THIS RANGE.

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Basement Millinery Sale!

—Women's Untrimmed Hats—Black, Navy, Brown, Taupe—Various Styles—\$3.69 to \$5.69 Values \$1.48

Men's Shirt Sale!

—Thrifty men will be quick to take advantage of these savings. Special lines of Savoy, Metric and Arrow Shirts at Reduced Prices

\$1.50 Shirts \$1.15

\$6 Shirts \$4.95

Main Floor—Not all sizes at each price, but all sizes in the sale. An excellent assortment of patterns.

—Men's \$1.50 Shirts now \$1.15

—Men's \$2.50 Shirts now \$1.98

—Men's \$3.00 Shirts now \$2.45

—Men's \$3.50 Shirts now \$2.95

—Men's \$6.00 Shirts now \$4.95

Men's Union Suits

At \$1.15

Main Floor—Men's medium weight Union Suits in natural wool color. Size 36 only. Limited \$1.15 number on sale, at only

Men's Hosiery

At 39c

Main Floor—Men's Mixed Wool Hose in medium weight. These are slightly imperfect but are wonderful values at the price. Nat. 39c

Men's Cotton Hose

6 Pairs \$1

Main Floor—Men's Cotton Hose of splendid quality at less than today's wholesale cost. Black, navy, tan, cordovan and grey. Double sole, heel and toe. Special 20c, or 6 pairs for

Boys' Suits

\$5.95

Main Floor—Broken range of sizes 7 to 18. Belted and waist-seam styles. Made up in novelty mixtures. Good serviceable Suits for spring wear. Limited \$5.95 number. Inventory Sale

\$1 Caps at 69c

Main Floor—Boys' Blue Serge Caps specially priced for the Inventory Sale. These are of splendid quality and are well worth \$1.00. 69c

While any remain—at only

No More "Blue Mondays"

—Monday is just like any other day in the home that is equipped with a famous

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—One of these machines will do the family washing in far less time—with less labor and at a fraction of what you are now paying for your laundry work, besides the saving in the wear and tear of clothes and fabrics.

\$2 Down

\$2 a Week

will send a One-Minute to your home. See demonstration in the Housewares Dept., Third Floor

Great Sale of Women's Suits

\$32.50

Second Floor—One of the best offerings in Women's Suits we have featured this season. Strictly high-class garments from our regular stock. Wool Velours, Silvertones, Broadcloths and Mixtures—beautiful dressy models in belted and tailored effects. Colors include wisteria, henna, brown, burgundy, taupe, open, pekin, navy, black—also a few checks and stripes. Sizes from 16 to 44. Priced for inventory sale at only

\$32.50

Silk Petticoats

Special \$5

Second Floor—Taffeta and Messaline Silk Petticoats and a few Silk Jersey Petticoats in this offering. Plain and ruffled flounces. Black and a large assortment of plain colors, as well as light changeables. Practically \$5.00 all lengths. Priced very special at

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Bath Robes \$4.28

Second Floor—Women's Bath Robes of good heavy quality blanket material. Floral and conventional designs. Large assortment of colorings and patterns. Cord girdles, plain or with cord trimmings. Full range of sizes in this lot. Priced special at

\$4.28

Model Grocery

Fourth Floor—Experienced telephone clerks at your service, 8 A. M. to 5:45 P. M.

Friday Specials

—Cranberries on sale today special, the pound, at 15c

—Small White Beans on sale today, 3 pounds for 27c

—Douglas Corn Starch, one-pound packages, only 11c

—Other Brand Mince Clams, special 3 cans for 50c

Commercial Wool Batts

2-lb. Size \$3.25—3-lb. Size \$5.25

Main Floor—Make your own comforters—you will find they will last longer and be much more satisfactory in every way. Commercial Wool Batts in full comfort size—sterilized and anti-moth processed. The 2-pound size is priced at \$3.25 and the 3-pound size at \$5.25.

Silk Mixed Wash Goods \$1.25 Yard

Main Floor—Hundreds of yards Silk Mixed Crepe de Chine, Novelty Voiles and various other materials for dresses and waists. 36 inches wide. Good colors. Priced special for today's selling—\$1.25 yard.

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At HALF PRICE

Bargain Circle. First Floor—Good useful lengths for pillow tops, bags, small curtains and many other uses. High-grade Velours, Tapestries and Damasks in beautiful patterns and colorings. Large assortment to select from. On sale at just ½ regular prices by the yard.

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At Special Low Prices

Bargain Circle—Rug Samples in size 64x72 inches. Attractive patterns. These make splendid rugs for any room. Worth \$5.65 up to \$10.00. Special \$3.99 and 29c

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Inlaid and Printed Linoleum Squares 98c

—Women's Untrimmed Hats—Black, Navy, Brown, Taupe—Various Styles—\$3.69 to \$5.69 Values \$1.48

To Break Up a Cold

Mrs. William Ackerman, Collinsville, Ill., writes: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will break up a cold on the lungs the quickest of anything I know of."

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ROAD BILLS COMMENDED

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER TALKS ON LEGISLATION.

Passage of Act to Increase Indebtedness for Improvement Is Held Most Important.

EGGERS, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The work of the extra session of the state legislature in clarifying former enactments and providing funds for extension of road work will be heartily commended by the people generally, in the opinion of R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner.

"H. B. 74 provides for the sale of state bonds to raise funds to match any future federal aid that may be offered," said Mr. Booth today. "The present expectation is that the federal contribution will approximate \$2,500,000 annually for the next 10 years."

"H. B. 30 puts the maintenance of state roads as rapidly as completed under the state highway commission, the counties to contribute 20 per cent of the cost, unless relieved by unanimous vote of the commission. This

will be a decided relief to the counties and is an advance step," said the commissioner. "Provision is also made for removing obstructions from state roads by the highway commission in emergency cases without advertising for bids. This gives opportunity for prompt action when necessary to remove slides, repair washouts or other damage that may obstruct travel."

"The most important matter in the state's road program for consideration of the people is the extension of the constitutional limit of state indebtedness for road improvement," said the commissioner. "The extra session put this proposition before the people, who are to vote on it at the time of the primary election in May."

"If the extension is not made, the road program will be seriously hampered. If the vote is favorable, additional funds may come into the hands of the highway commission, sufficient to complete the paving of the Pacific highway, east and west side, to the California line, and that portion of the Columbia river highway contemplated by former laws, and in addition provide a large fund for work on the other roads now on the state map."

Klamath Falls Girl Dies.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Chlorella Ryan, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ryan,

died here suddenly, a victim of the epidemic poisoning. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kenyon of Vienna, Va., and was adopted three years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, the latter being her aunt.

Clergy in Convention.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Sixty clergymen representing Churches of God in Washington, Oregon and Idaho are attending a conference of that denomination which began in this city today and will continue eight days. Rev. U. G. Clark

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