

SAINT JOAN DRAWS FRANCE TO VATICAN

Canonization of Maid of Orleans Heals Breach.

POPE'S POLICY APPROVED

Many Irish Bishops and Pilgrims Expected in Rome Next Month for Plunket Ceremony.

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ROME, May 15.—(Special Cable.)—The present series of canonizations and beatifications, beginning with the beatification of Charles de Marillac, the French prelate and diplomatist, who died in 1560, and including the canonization of Joan of Arc, are being conducted with the greatest possible pomp and solemnity. They are considered in Catholic circles the most important events since the elevation of the present pope to the pontifical throne.

These ceremonies are taking place at the moment that a profusion of roses and other spring flowers makes the ancient city most beautiful. They are of the highest political importance to the Holy See, for they mark, in the most solemn and stately manner, a pope's first canonization since the rupture between the church and the French state in the pontificate of Pius X.

So they emphasize the success of Pope Benedict's policy since the armistice, when the defeat of the central empires caused his holiness the most complete surprise. His friends and, more important, his foes declare the pope has repaired his past mistakes and achieved a splendid diplomatic victory.

France Takes Part in Ceremony. For France is represented at these ceremonies not only by M. Doulet, the newly appointed charge d'affaires at the Holy See, but by M. Gabriel Hanotaux, formerly French foreign minister, sent by President Doumergue to attend the solemnities.

The Vatican attaches special meaning to the fact that the canonization of Joan of Arc and other French saints coincides with the resumption of official relations between France and the Holy See. Moreover, M. Hanotaux's historical studies formed a large part of the testimony which brought about the introduction of Joan's cause before Leo XIII, who declared her worthy of the saintly crown.

It is an open secret that Benedict XV, ever since he ascended the papal throne, hoped that the canonization of Joan of Arc would effect a reconciliation between the Holy See and France.

The prolates of the vatican say the holy father does not attempt to conceal his joy at seeing France represented here by upward of 20,000 pilgrims and also by almost all the French bishops. Besides these, a great majority of the Italian archbishops and bishops are present and also 10,000 Italian pilgrims. Many Irish bishops and pilgrims are expected next month to attend the ceremony of the canonization of Bishop Oliver Plunket, whom Pope Clement IX made archbishop of Armagh and primate of Ireland, and who, being accused of complicity in the "popish plot," was convicted on absurd testimony in London and was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn in 1681. Cardinal O'Connell and several American bishops will be present at this canonization, it is expected.

Committee Has Hard Task. The committee on organization of these ceremonies, formed several weeks ago, has had a hard task to find lodgings and food for the pilgrims who are here now. But thanks to the co-operation of the Italian government, the committee was enabled to obtain supplies. There are not enough hotels, of course, to shelter the pilgrims, so the schools and some of the convents and monasteries were put at their disposal, while, despite the scarcity of dwellings, hundreds of families have welcomed pilgrims as guests.

Under normal conditions of transportation it is certain twice as many pilgrims would be here. But Europe is still suffering from the war's dislocations and thousands of the pious who wished to make the pilgrimage were dissuaded by the difficulties of travel and the cost of living here.

SOUTH BEND TO JUBILATE

Pacific County Plans for Lusty July 4 Celebration.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 15.—

(Special.)—Pacific county will celebrate July 4 at South Bend this year. That the coming event will excel all past celebrations is indicated by the enthusiasm of the various committees in charge. Since Pacific county has not yet celebrated the home-coming of the soldiers of the late war, sentiment in favor of making the Fourth a day of special rejoicing is strong.

Willapa Harbor post, 39, American Legion, will take an active part. Features of the day will include an airplane flight. That it is to be a wide open Fourth is seen by the city council's willingness to issue a special permit for the explosion of firecrackers and other fireworks within the city limits. The Elks' band will furnish music.

Obituary.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Francis M. Humphrey died at the Soldiers' Home hospital Thursday. He was born May 18, 1846, and was a native of Missouri. He served as a private in company B, 2d Arkansas cavalry, and entered the soldiers' home from Pendleton, where he formerly resided.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Frank Nalder, age 75, died here last night of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza several weeks ago. Mr. Nalder was a native of England, but went to Australia when 21 years of age. He came here 38 years ago and followed farming for 15 years. He was steward at the penitentiary for several years and for 18 years was a bookkeeper. One son, Dr. F. F. Nalder, is head of the extension department of Washington state college. Six children and his second wife survive.

ALBANY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nellie O. Maston, who died at her home in Tacoma, Wash., Thursday night, was a resident of Albany for 25 years. She left this city about 14 years ago, going to Portland, where she resided until recently.

Mrs. Maston was a member of a prominent pioneer family of this county. Her husband, the late Dr. G. W. Maston, was a physician here for many years. Mrs. Maston was formerly a member of the First Presbyterian church of Albany and was a member of the local lodges of the Order of Eastern Star and Women of Woodcraft.

Sorority Pledges Five.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 15.—(Special.)—Scroll and Script, senior women's honorary society, pledged their new members at the campus luncheon yesterday, according to their annual custom. The girls chose from the 114 junior women five, who are: Marion Gilstrap and Mary Turner, both of Eugene; Mildred Hawes and Helen Watt of Portland, Alice Thurston of Roseburg.

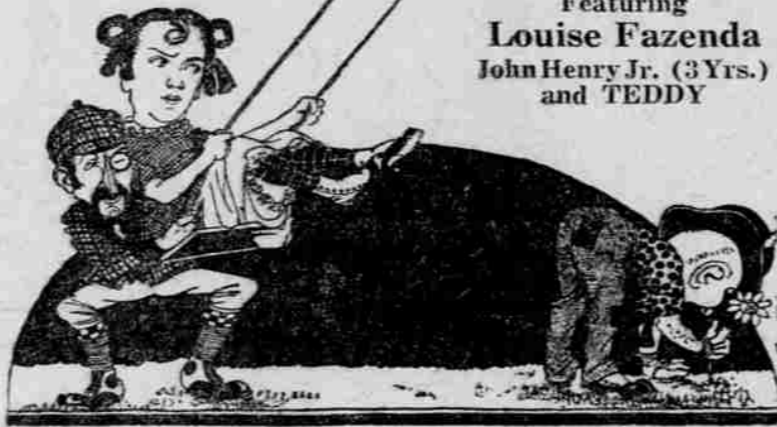
Farmers Attend School.

MEDFORD, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Under the auspices of the Jackson county farm bureau a two-day dairy school was held in the public library in this city. The instructors were E. B. Fitts and E. L. Westover of the Agricultural college and F. C. Reischer of the Southern Oregon experimental station. Farmers attended from all over the Rogue river valley.

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