

ROME PREPARES FOR AMERICAN PILGRIMS

Pilgrimage of American Knights of Columbus Will Be Big Affair—Italian Government Would Buy Historic Church of Pomposa.

By Clement J. Barrett. (Publishers Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Nov. 20.—The coming pilgrimage is a fruitful topic of discussion in church circles. One may hear almost anything he would like to hear as to what will be the result of the pilgrimage which seems to be reliable I hear that one and perhaps two American cardinals are to be appointed. From another source which is equally good I learn that it has been decided to appoint no American cardinals. Another rumor is that Cardinal Gibbons is to be named for an important post in the curia. As a matter of fact, the month of July if anybody expects his holiness and cardinal Merry del Val knows what is to be done and they are not telling.

Preparations are being made for what promises to be the largest pilgrimage which ever left America for Rome. It will consist exclusively of Knights of Columbus members and their families. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Mr. Keene, bishop of Cheyenne, and perhaps by other bishops who take an interest in the Knights of Columbus.

Monument to Ouida.

In the English cemetery of Lucca a monument has been placed to the memory of Ouida. It is the gift of an English lady, a fervent admirer of Ouida's, but she will not allow her name to be published. Montgomery Carmichael is the only one in the secret of the donor. Ouida is represented in marble as she lay on her deathbed, with her faithful dog at her feet. This group is magnificently done. Poor Ouida! Her best friend was with her at the last, and now is with her in marble.

As illustrating how freely the king can now travel in his motor, a few days ago, as he was passing the custom house of Holaretto, near Mont Celesia, he was stopped by the officials. The king laughed heartily, and took off his lunette, when all the customs house officials begged his pardon. But the king complimented them all on going their duty so well, and doing it so politely. This is the second time within a few days that a similar incident has occurred, and each time the king was supremely amused.

Russo-Italian Friendship.

M. Isovsky, the Russian prime minister, made a very interesting declaration to a correspondent at Raconig, in the course of which he said that "Russia and Italy have a real interest in common—the maintenance of peace, the preservation of the status quo in the near east, and the independence and autonomy of the Balkan peoples. At this point Russia and Italy have completely identical views, and their common action can give offense to no one, given the desire, manifested by all the powers, to maintain peace."

There is no question of disturbing the present European situation, but of consolidating it by a fresh entente and the friendship of Italy in all the more precious to Russia as Italy is strong and powerful, by herself, and her alliances."

Between Venice and Ravenna stands the old abbey and church of Pomposa. Although few persons ever visit it, or even know of its existence, its history goes back to the sixth century, when the first church was founded on this site. What brings its name now before the world is that the Italian government is desirous of possessing it, and has been treating for its purchase for a long time. But all negotiations have failed on account of the high price asked for it by its actual proprietor. Profiting by the artistic interest that centers in the celebrated abbey and by the desire of the government to acquire it, he has asked 70,000 francs for it, while its material value, according to the finance department, would not go beyond 15,000 francs. In this state of things, the government has disposed that in a short time, if further negotiations prove unavailing, it will proceed to a forced expropriation, according to the terms of the law provided for such cases.

PRICES ON BEEF ARE TO BE STILL HIGHER

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 20.—The price of beef the coming winter may be estimated by the conditions out in central Kansas where many stockmen feed as many as 1000 head of cattle for the market. With corn above 50 cents per bushel, the people who enjoy juicy beefsteaks will find the price in the butcher's bill.

The great feeding yards in Kansas center around Marion county. Chase, Marion and Butler counties, in south central Kansas, constitute the winter feeding yards, where hives are fattened for the eastern markets. Many herds are being shipped in or driven to the feeding places now, which has intensified the anxiety of the cattle owners as to the cost of feeding with high priced corn.

Big cattle feeders in Marion county are offering 50 cents a bushel for corn, but up to the present time they have been unable to contract for any considerable quantity at this price. The farmers believe that the high price, and are holding the crop. One extensive feeder has a standing offer of 50 cents per bushel for 10,000 bushels, but he has not succeeded in getting a taker. But the cattle feeders of Marion county will pay the price, no matter how high it goes. They say the rule of supply and demand will even up conditions, and that the high prices of beef and pork will warrant them in paying even more than the 50 cents a bushel for corn to feed to the cattle and hogs now being prepared for the market.

BOY OBEYS ORDER: HIS LIFE IS SAVED

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 20.—Raymond Shearer, aged 7, implicitly obeyed the order shouted to him by the conductor of an approaching train on the Evansville & Terre Haute tracks at Farmersburg to get down, and thus he escaped death.

The little fellow was sitting in the middle of the track when a cut of freight cars was backed upon him and no more to be stopped. Conductor Burton, on the rear car, shouted the order. When the train was stopped, three men had passed over the youngster, who was taken out unharmed.

A. A. SCHELL RETURNS TO THE ROSE CITY



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A. A. Schell, for three years manager of the publicity department of Ellers Music House, Seattle, has been transferred to the Ellers store of this city. Mr. Schell, who is well known here and will be remembered as the secretary of the department of special events at the Lewis and Clark exposition, has met with great success in the sound city. He has been instrumental in building up the northwest business of the big music house to immense proportions, and is returning to Portland of his own volition, owing to the partiality he has for this city.

WAIF SLEEPS ON ROOF; IS ARRESTED

New York, Nov. 20.—Edward Levine, a homeless boy of 16 years, concealed all his worldly wealth, 10 cents, under a piece of carpet on the roof of the tenement house at No. 47 Sheriff street.

When he returned to get the money it was gone. Somebody had radded his bank. Levine, hungry and disappointed, was weeping over his loss when a policeman arrested him for trespassing. When the boy was arraigned in Essex Market Court Joseph Masnitsky, a tenant on the top floor of the Sheriff street house, appeared against him. Masnitsky said he had seen Levine creeping across the roof of the tenement "like a dog." Thinking the boy was a burglar he had him arrested. By questioning Levine, the magistrate found the boy was an unfortunate waif, who said he was sometimes given a bed in the home of a friend in East Houston street, but had no regular home or place to sleep. Through an interpreter Levine said he came from Russia with his parents, both of whom are dead. He had had hard time making a living by selling papers and doing odd jobs the last three years. He had slept on the roof, he said, several times with a piece of carpet for his bed. The landlord of the property refused to make a charge of trespass and the magistrate discharged him.

BROOKLYN HAS 2 CENT STREETCAR LINE

New York, Nov. 20.—Through a franchise granted by the board of estimate it has become known that Brooklyn has a street railroad on which the fare is only 2 cents. The road, owned and operated by the Bush Terminal company, runs from the Thirty-ninth street ferry to Fifty-first street, Brooklyn, the docks and terminals of the Bush Terminal company. The road has been in operation for some time, and it easily pays expenses. It was built primarily to carry the Bush Terminal employees to and from their work, but any one is entitled to ride on the line by paying 2 cents. The company was granted a franchise to construct two extensions of its existing line, for short distances, and to charge a fare of 2 cents, unless an agreement as to fare transfers with other companies was entered into.

JEER SUFFRAGETTES; BOYS GIVEN SPANKING

New York, Nov. 20.—Two young men are locked up in the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street police station charged with attempting to break up a Suffragette street meeting, at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and Seventh avenue. A score of small boys, whose intentions were the same as the youths, were let go by the police after the latter had given them a good spanking.

Mrs. Sophia Loebinger was addressing quite a large gathering, when the youngsters started to howl. Just about

this time a squad of policemen arrived and the speaker called on the officers to suppress the boys. The police walked into them and gave them a good spanking. The meeting was temporarily adjourned while the blueshirts drilled, for it would have been impossible for Mrs. Loebinger to have talked above the cries of agony that arose from the victims.

PASTOR BECOMES MARITAL AGENT

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 20.—"Won't somebody please help me to find a wife for a man who ought to have one" said the Rev. Charles Savidge, with the earnestness of a man who is trying to rescue the drowning. "It's a most deserving case," he continued, "and I am interested to the extent that I propose to try to help him out. This man is of middle age, is a widower and has seven children. Wait a minute, that isn't all, by any means. He has a fine farm of 160 acres not

more than 100 miles from Omaha, 10 head of horses, 35 head of cattle, 100 pigs, and in short, a first class farm property. He told me he was simply discouraged with living since his wife died. He is a fine gentleman, tall, handsome, with dark mustache and beard, and he ought to have a good wife. "Now, I don't want any fake offers, but I am concerned about this case and would like to have a good woman who thinks she might be interested in meeting the gentleman call me up by telephone or come to see me at my house. There is a real case of need that ought to be adjusted on both sides. Why shouldn't I take it up?"

PREACHES TO ACTOR PEOPLE ON STAGE

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. Wilton Marie Smith, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, conducted a novel religious service on the stage of the American Music hall. Forty-second

street and Eighth avenue, after a performance. The actor and actresses, with their grease paint on, listened reverently for 20 minutes to the preacher's discourse on the Gospel. So successful was the meeting that it will be repeated, by request of management and players. Among those who heard the preacher were George Fuller (Golden Beverly), the French pantomimist; J. W. Winship, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lauder, Maude Odell, Francesca Bedding, Arthur Prince and Julian Eltinge.

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