

CATHOLICS WHO WISHED TO DISCOVER COLUMBUS FAIL

Scheme to Have American Discoverer Canonized by the Pope Meets With Overwhelming Opposition.

By Paul Villiers.
(Publishers' Press Service Wire.)
Paris, Nov. 12.—Devout French Catholics who revere the memory of Christopher Columbus are urging the pope to canonize the great discoverer of the American continent. The proposition was broached many years ago. But those who supported this movement met with almost insurmountable difficulties for the required conditions could not be found in the life of Columbus. The conditions are that one must always have led a saintly life and performed at least two miracles.

It is not probable that the advocates of canonization will succeed; both churchmen and influential laymen are opposed. One of the most influential opponents of the proposed idea is a professor in the seminary of Rome, Abbe Sangniet. In the two pamphlets he wrote he says there was an event in the life of Columbus which was a violation of the laws of the church and a violation of civil laws.

French Socialists Assured.
The railway strike was an ugly event, and its significance is not destroyed by sudden and ignominious collapse. The movement was spasmodic, ill considered and ill organized. Apparently the strikers did not quite mean business this time. They went out in a hurry with the idea of a fight to a finish. They had not made sure of the support of the populace.

Some men who have gone into the cause of the trouble think the government erred in calling some of the strikers to serve in the army during the strike.

They say that policy of the government in that respect supplied violent Socialists with an almost unanswerable argument that the army is an instrument for their enslavement. Henceforth Socialists will devote themselves with redoubled energy to teaching the soldier that the state has no right to employ him against his own comrades that his military service is given for the protection of his country against foreign enemies, not for the protection of native employers against demands of native workmen. The anti-military spirit is strong enough in the republic already without such incentives as have now been administered to it.

Accidents, Ugly on Aviators.

Fatal airship accidents occur almost daily and yet for every one who is killed there are 10 ready to run the same risks. The women are as enthusiastic as the men. Mme. de Laroche, who took part in an aviation contest last July, broke a thigh and an arm, and had a leg crushed. She remained at Rheims, to be taken care of and after three months of great suffering has come back here, but will be unable to walk for several weeks, and yet is determined to continue her flights.

Unlike Mme. de Laroche, Mme. Edmond Rostand, the wife of the noted author, does not intend to have her husband's thigh and arm in a sling. When Tabuteau flew he passed over Rostand's house at Cambes in the Pyrenees. The exhibition so impressed the creator of "Cyrano de Bergerac" that he composed a sonnet in honor of the flight and also decided to buy an aeroplane. Mme. Rostand stepped in. She did not mind her good hubby writing airship sonnets, but she drew the right line at any skyarking on his part. Rostand, beguiled and entranced, and even enlisted his son's services to change her mind. Mme. Rostand, however, remained like adamant. The author will not fly.

The new army has increased the artillery of each French army corps by six battalions of 16 guns, and raised the total number of guns in each corps to 120. The new organization was tried for the first time in Picardy and proved very satisfactory.

CUNARD LINE TO HAVE GREAT BOAT

Fuel Oil-Propelled Liner-890 Feet Long to Be Next Building Venture.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Nov. 12.—There has been great excitement for the past few days in the shipbuilding world. Since the mammoth White Star liner Olympic was launched, the wildest rumors have been circulated regarding the plans of the Cunard line. The Cunard officials decline to say any thing, but this secret cannot be kept long, and a few weeks hence it will be common knowledge that the company has decided to build the first huge liner propelled by fuel oil.

The ship will be 890 feet long and have a greater beam tonnage than the Olympic. Two famous designers have been invited to tender—Swan, Hunter & Richardson, of Newcastle, and the John Brown Company, of Clyde Bank, who have built many famous Atlantic liners. It now only remains to see which of the two firms will secure the contract. The Cunard company has no intention of building an ocean greyhound; in fact, the vessel will be slower than the Mauretania, but will be far more roomy and luxurious. It is calculated that, with increased space for cargo and great reduction in the stoke hold staff, there will be a saving of a million dollars per annum.

It is now known that the Hamburg-American line has placed a contract with a German yard for a liner which shall easily eclipse the Olympic in size and speed. Although here, too, great secrecy is maintained, it is stated by those who ought to know that the new German vessel also will be oil propelled. The German company is making desperate efforts to get her completed before the Cunard can launch their great experiment.

POPE PIUS LOVES CLEAN ATHLETICS

Venerable Head of Catholic Church Has Strong Interest in Manly Sport.

By Clement J. Barrett.
(Publishers' Press Service Wire.)
Rome, Nov. 12.—Cardinal Vannutelli, who represented the pope at the Eucharistic congress in Montreal, is back again, and he has delighted him with his reports about the United States. The venerable head of the Roman Catholic church probably knows more about the American republic than any other man of exalted rank in Europe. He was especially pleased at the delegates' reports about the Catholic school children who joined in the demonstrations in his honor in New York and Brooklyn.

Incidentally their meeting brings out the fact that the pope is a great lover of healthy outdoor sports, and that when a boy and a youth, too, he excelled as a runner and a swimmer. A story that pleased the pontiff immensely was told of the altar boys of St. Francis Xavier's church, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The youngsters, who are a numerous body, have two football teams, a baseball team and other kinds of athletic clubs. While the cardinal was visiting a Long Island summer resort, close by St. Francis Xavier's home, he was visited by a delegation of the boys, who announced that they had elected them protector of their clubs, which position is, of course, purely honorary. He told the pope that he had promised the boys that he would tell him about what they were doing to build themselves up by field sports. The pope listened with much interest to the narrative of the youngsters, and said he wished the boys of this country would follow their example.

Pope Believes in Athletics.
Pope Pius, as stated, is a lover of clean athletic sports of all kinds. There are many athletic organizations composed of Catholic young men in this city. On one occasion, about a year ago, 1000 of the members joined in a tournament. Just before the journey began, the holy father delegated one of his household clergy to tell the young men that they had his blessing. One of his photographers photographed the array as they were drawn up on the field, and he has a copy of the picture among his personal possessions.

Every now and then permission is given some of the Catholic football players to play in the papal grounds. And whenever this happens, the pope goes to a quiet corner out of range to see them at the game. He has been known to show his enthusiasm by hard clapping at a good play. One of the conditions upon which he gives leave for the use of the grounds is that there shall be no rough play nor mauling that might result in the injury to any of the teams. Preference is given to working boys and grown up school boys.

When the pope was visiting the priest he was noted as a walker; he was accustomed to walk 20 and 30 miles a day on pastoral work, for his parish was a big one. Even when promoted and long after he had reached the rank of bishop, he continued his walks. He might have traveled in state, but he preferred to jog along country roads. To his out door exercise he attributes his vigor which remains with him although he is now an old man. When patriarch of Venice, the pope frequently indulged in cross country walks.

Mayor Nathan Critchfield.
The speech which Mayor Ernest Nathan made attacking the Catholic church and the pope was read all over the world. Protests have come in from every part of the world and this universal note of sympathy with the pope under these insolent outrages of the mayor of New York was gratifying to him. Perhaps, however, the most gratifying of all these protests were those sent to him the other day by the intermediary of Archbishop John M. Farley of New York, and the most Reverend Dionigi Falconcio, apostolic delegate in the United States.

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