

PEOPLE WE HEAR ABOUT

To commemorate the pioneer labors of Right Rev. Lawrence Scanlan, first Bishop of Salt Lake diocese, who died on May 10, 1915, a tablet has been placed at the entrance to the Cathedral by Right Rev. Joseph S. Glass, C.M., D.D., present Bishop of Salt Lake and successor to Bishop Scanlan.

Right Rev. Æneas Chisholm, LL.D., Bishop of Aberdeen, died suddenly in Edinburgh recently, whither he went to attend a meeting of the Catholic Educational Council to consider the Scottish Education Bill. His Lordship was born in Inverness in 1836, and studied at Blairs and in Rome, being ordained in the Eternal City in 1859. He served in Glenlivet, Elgin, Beaulieu, Aberdeen, Glengairn, and Banff, and in 1890 was appointed Rector of Blairs College. In January, 1899, he was appointed Bishop of Aberdeen on the death of Bishop Hugh Macdonald.

With the passing from this life recently, at New Orleans, Louisiana, of Rev. Thomas O'Callaghan, S.J., there was removed one of the most famous Jesuit workers, students, linguists, and theologians of the day. Born in 1844, in Kanturk, County Cork, he entered the Jesuit House of Studies at Clermont, France, and was ordained at Woodstock in 1882. He taught philosophy in the Jesuit College, New Orleans, until 1890, when he went to Albano, Italy, to make his tertianship. He was a great student, deep thinker, profound theologian, and an authority on Canon Law. Besides English, French, Italian, and modern Irish, he was master of Latin, Greek, and ancient Gaelic.

The Vincentian Fathers at Ashfield have just received a cable announcing the death of the Rev. Father John McDonnell, C.M., chaplain at the front. Father McDonnell was a native of Cork. He was a well-known missionary in the Home countries, and when he left for France two years ago he was attached to the House of Missions in Scotland. He was killed last week while discharging his priestly duties in the terrible battle then raging. He was in his forty-second year. Already seven of Father McDonnell's French confreres have made the supreme sacrifice, while twelve seminarists and five lay Brothers have also given their lives on the battlefield.

The death occurred in Montreal on January 19, of Rev. Arthur E. Jones, S.J., a noted scholar and scientist. He was considered an authority on Indian nomenclature and archaeology. A native of Canada, he had attained the age of seventy-nine years.

Father Cameron, a Scotch priest and chaplain with the Scots at the front, whose earnest request not to be the next Bishop of Argyll, to which diocese the Pope had appointed him, has been favorably received by Benedict XV., has returned to his men. He was lying in a dugout when an orderly came along with a wire informing the sturdy chaplain of his nomination to the episcopal dignity.

Commander M. de Monteson, a good Catholic and a fine soldier, has received a cordial letter from Cardinal Gasparri, conveying the thanks of the Holy Father to his beloved son for the defence of the Papacy, and, in particular, for his last article, "in which," writes the Holy Father, "you loyally and faithfully defended the Holy See against the calumnies and insults of its enemies, and odious allegations of the sectarian press." His Holiness bestows the Apostolic Blessing on the writer and his family in conclusion. It is worthy to note that the article alluded to by this letter is one in which M. de Monteson repudiated strongly the suggestion that the Pope favored one nation engaged in the conflict more than another. "The Church belongs to all nations; she cannot espouse the cause of one against another," he said, and proved his argument.

The Rev. John D. Whitney, S.J., a widely-known member of the Jesuit Order, who died recently at Boston College, Boston, was in early manhood a professor of mathematics in the United States Navy, aboard the schoolship Mercury. One day a party of visitors stood along the rail of the ship, and a young

woman dropped a book overboard. Professor Whitney got one of the sailors to fish it out, and he then presented it to the young woman with the suggestion that he be permitted to keep it until it had dried out, after which, he said, he would send it to her. At the time Professor Whitney was a non-Catholic, and the lady told him to read it after it had dried. He did read the book, which was written by Father Fidelis, C.P., and through it not only was converted to Catholicism, but became a priest and a Jesuit, being ordained at Woodstock, Maryland, in 1872.

The death is announced of M. Louis Renault, who enjoyed a world-wide reputation as an International Jurist and one of the foremost exponents of principles which should underlie the law of nations. It has pleased Providence to remove him from this world of war at a moment when, humanly speaking, the universe has most need of men whose impartiality, grasp of principle, and balance of mind command general respect, and at a moment when problems must arise upon which he could have spoken with very special authority. Besides many other missions, Louis Renault was the representative of France at the International Congress of The Hague and he enjoyed a reputation which will long endure. In his country home in the Department of the Seine and Marne in France he left the memory of an irreproachable life and an example of Christian virtue, taking part in all the services of the Church and following the Blessed Sacrament in procession on the last feast of Corpus Christi. Simple and kindly, this great man of science was approached by the humblest inhabitants of the village and was the head of an association formed with the object of enlarging the picturesque chapel at Barbizon and of building a new church there. A telegram from Rome announced that our Holy Father, who greatly appreciated his work for the comity of nations, joined in mourning the loss of a great jurist and a great Catholic.

His Eminence, Dominic Cardinal Serafini, O.S.B., formerly Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, died in Rome on March 7. Cardinal Serafini was born on August 3, 1852, in the Eternal City. He made his religious profession in the Order of Saint Benedict in Subiaco on June 16, 1871. He was ordained in 1877. Five years later he was appointed Procurator-General of the Benedictine Order, and in 1882 was elected Abbot-General. Eight years afterwards Pope Leo XIII. made him Archbishop of Spoleto, and in 1905 Pope Pius X. appointed him Apostolic Delegate to Mexico. Later he became Assessor of the Holy Office. He was created a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals on May 25, 1914.

A WORD TO THE CLIENTS OF MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

I should be most grateful to you for your help in building a church in honor of the Queen of Peace. You must have some one dear to you who has fallen in the cause of peace—an offering for this proposed Church would be a worthy memorial to him. Or you are praying anxiously for an honorable Peace—an offering here would be a very practical prayer for Peace.

An alms given to this object is a very practical prayer for Peace; a worthy memorial to those who have fallen in the cause of peace; an act of devotion to Mary as well as an act of charity where charity is much needed and will be appreciated.

Your will to give depends on your faith and on your devotion to Our Lady; your power to give depends on your means. If you have the faith and the devotion—but not the means, remember "the widow's mite." Your sacrifice may be the means of moving the hearts of those who have the means to be generous with God but not the Faith.

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