

St. John Church to Be Dedicated at Service Today

Newly Remodeled Edifice One of Most Beautiful in Nebraska—Greatly Enlarged.

Special services have been arranged for the dedication of the new St. John Catholic church today. A solemn mass, in honor of St. Cecilia, "Messe Solennelle" by Charles Gounod, will be rendered by the entire choir of 15 voices.

Rev. Ernest McCormick, president of Creighton university, will celebrate the mass. A quartet composed of Mrs. James H. Hanley, soprano, Mrs. H. J. Schneiders, contralto, Mr. Clinton Miller, tenor and Mr. John G. Jamieson, bass, will sing "Salve Regina" as an offertory.

Miss Margaret Judge, for the last 20 years organist of St. John church, has complete charge of the music.

Entire New Section. An entire new section has been added to the church and the seating capacity has been almost doubled, it now being 1,035. Admission to Sunday's service will be by ticket only.

The Very Rev. John F. McCormick will celebrate the solemn mass at 10:30, assisted by the Most Rev. Archbishop J. J. Harty. The Right Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, bishop of Cheyenne, will preach the sermon.

Music will be under the direction of Miss Margaret Judge. John Jamieson will lead the choir. The faculty of Creighton university will attend. The old church, which was 35 years old, has been transformed until it has the appearance of an entirely new edifice. With the transepts newly built, the church is spacious and gracefully proportioned and has one of the longest naves in Omaha.

Interior Is Gothic. The interior is Gothic, with clustered columns, molded ribs and grained ceiling. The cruciform treatment of the ceiling makes possible large transept windows.

Plans for the church were drawn by J. M. Nachtigal, Omaha architect, several years ago, but construction on the building was not started until June, 1922. J. F. Creedon, a cousin of the man who had erected the first St. John church, was general contractor.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Fitz George Dineen the drive for funds to build the church was begun. The sanctuary is 2,500 square feet, with marble floor and base, which has one main altar and six side altars. The altars have been erected in the new sanctuary. The stations of the cross, a memorial to Mrs. John A. Creighton, have been painted anew and hung. The organ, given years ago by Mrs. John A. Schenck, has been thoroughly renovated and is amply strong for the enlarged church.

There are eight confessionals built in. At the entrance of the church there is provided an emergency room for the accommodation of the congregation, also a baptistry and a room for the ushers. As much as possible of the old church has been retained. The old altars, gifts of Mr. John A. Creighton and Mrs. John A. Creighton, are laid with terrazzo floor and oak floors under pews.

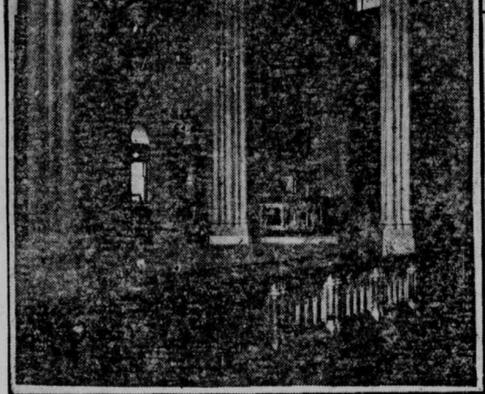
Marble Altar Railing. An altar railing of Carrara marble, which is the admiration of visitors, has been presented by two women. The massive bronze gates of this railing weigh 300 pounds each. As the intention is to have eventually seven altars in the church, seven sets of altar coverings, altar cards, crucets and other accessories, together with missals, have been donated.

Six new chaises have been added to the number already in use, and a quantity of gold from jewelry, watches and school medals has been transformed into a fitting adornment for the tabernacle. The stone used was cut and furnished by the Nebraska Stone company, under the personal supervision of Joseph J. Rosbach, president of the company. Sand and crushed stone was furnished by McCaffrey Bros. company. The lumber was furnished by the Urdike Lumber company. The roofing was laid by the National Roofing company. The sheet metal work was done by Bjornson Sheet Metal works. The Nebraska Terrazzo and Mosaic company laid the floors. Milton Rogers & Sons had the contract for the building hardware. The Le-Bron Electric company did the wiring and installed light fixtures. The Pittsburgh Plate Glass company furnished the glass. Frank Elzner had full charge of the decorating. The plastering, both plain and ornamental was done by Ralph A. Kress. The marble railing with its magnificent bronze doors was produced by De-Praze Statuary company, Chicago.

Stately Sanctuary and Aisles of New St. Johns Church



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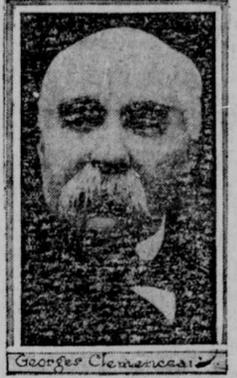
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Clemenceau Repairs to Seacoast Hut to Write Book on Philosophy

"Force" Is Dominant Quality in Life and Secluded Surroundings of Former French Premier.



Georges Clemenceau

By International News Service. Les Sables, D'Orne, Vendee, Sept. 1.—To cultivate, to appreciate beauty, to develop force of character and soul—these are two of the tenets of his philosophy of life which former Premier Georges Clemenceau is writing into a book. The Tiger has turned his back on the world of politics; he declares he has no advice to offer the statesman attempting to untie the Gordian knot of reparations.

A year ago Clemenceau was busy preparing for his political mission trip to America; today he devotes his time to writing his book of philosophy and reclaiming the desolate sand dunes on which he has built his lonely seaside cottage. His quest of beauty is joined by a test of force. True to his life habit of deliberately choosing the hardest tasks, Clemenceau has undertaken to convert a forlorn, dreary waste of sand into a jungle of intertwining flowers.

To track the Tiger to his lair, take the slowest local train leaving Paris, and no matter how often or how long you may stop stay until it has reached the little fishing village of Les Sables. Here turn to the left, and 15 miles across the sand you will come to the grassy road that Clemenceau has made to his wilderness retreat.

Looks Like Yank Shelter. From a distance the Tiger's cottage looks like the long, low barracks which sheltered the American doughboys in France. There is no other human habitation in sight. Perched on a hill, the rambling building commands a splendid view of the sea 200 yards away.

Wading ankle-deep in the loose sand which made the only path to the house, I entered the combination dining room and kitchen. A cheerful-looking old woman, in picturesque Breton peasant cap, was busy polishing the copper pots which lined the walls. M. Clemenceau later proudly showed me one of the copper pieces—an old garden watering can which came from the Tuileries. Marie Antoinette had used it when she played at being a country maid in the grounds of the Versailles chateau.

"M. le president is in his study writing," the housekeeper announced. And then, under "M. le president's" instructions, she ushered me into the wooden annex built at the end of the barracks, which Clemenceau calls his "salon." Clemenceau tells how this room was built in American style—that is, within a week.

I had waited only a moment when Clemenceau himself appeared. His cream flannel suit and white tennis shoes set off in sharp contrast his head with the inseparable blue rain-in-the-face cap of some former French soldier. He shook hands wearing his gray suede gloves, without which he is never seen. Clemenceau looked tired and worn when I last interviewed him, returning from his American trip, at Le Havre. He is now full of vigor and looks more like 60 than four score.

I asked the Tiger about his book of philosophy. "No, that book doesn't concern the world—not now. What if I do choose to write a book, perhaps in two or three weeks I may change my mind. So I can't say anything about it yet," Clemenceau spoke in English.

"Let me show you the irrigation system I am installing. I will have flowers—thousands of flowers—flowers more beautiful than any man has ever seen. Philosophy: more beautiful than questions of world politics." We went out into the sand. Clemenceau stopped to talk with two peasant plumbers who were laying a long black pipe through the garden, which was now only an immense barren square of sand, where the wind blew the eddies of dust. The workmen promised the Tiger that the irrigation pipe will be functioning tomorrow.

Flowers Symbol of Force. With pride, France's former premier led me to the well he has had dug 200 yards from the house—a cistern where the sea water filters through the sand and collects, fresh and pure, but still obeys the rise and fall of the tide. A little gas engine pumps the water to the gardens. Between the Tiger's house and the sea the irrigation system is already at work, and Clemenceau's broad study window looks out on a veritable jungle of flowers. The marjoram, poppies, geraniums, asters and flowered thistles are not planted according to any imaginable rule of landscape gardening; even they represent the philosopher's belief in force. One imagines the closely packed mob of flowers, like a throng of people, who has crowded to Clemenceau's door, fighting among themselves for air and water.

A long, well-nourished caterpillar crossed our sandpath, hastening on his way to make a meal of some of the premier's favorite plants. I offered to kill the marauder. "No, don't do that!" There was

real concern in Clemenceau's voice. "But it will kill your flowers," I warned. "Yes, but let it alone. It will grow into a beautiful butterfly. And there is not to much beauty in this world, you know."

Clemenceau took me into his bedroom and study, a small room in the middle of the one-story house. The furniture is of the very simplest kind, made by local peasant carpenters. His work-table, before the big double windows, was littered with notes for the book of philosophy on which he was working when I arrived.

The Tiger sat at me at his desk to admire the view. Two hundred yards away was the broad expanse of the Atlantic. Between the window and the ocean stood quite conspicuously a tall flagstaff, from which floats—not the French tricolor, which one might expect to find before the home of France's greatest living patriot, but instead—a Japanese paper fish.

"That is the Japanese carp," explained the Tiger. "It is the symbol of force. In Japan, when a male baby is born, they fly this fish from the housetop as a sign of new power come into the house. I have three of these Japanese carp, which were given to me by the wife of the Japanese ambassador. I always fly them when I have guests."

And to the rest of beauty, an important factor in his philosophy of life, Clemenceau added the complementary quality which he finds essential: Force.

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Peeling the Skin Is Better Than Bleaching. Ever since the discovery that ordinary mercurized wax would absorb and remove a discolored or bleached complexion, its use by ladies as a substitute for bleaching creams has grown rapidly. A perfect complexion can be maintained indefinitely if this remarkable substance is used. Its beneficial cleansing, clearing and preservative action is quickly apparent, and ladies who have been paying high prices for "special bleach" from beauty specialists, soon recognize that mercurized wax outranks them all. It has become so popular that it can be obtained at all drugists, who have it in original, once-use package. The favorite way of using it is to apply it like cold cream, before retiring, washing it off in the morning.

Reunion of "88th" Recalls Old Yarn

Division Commander Comes to Rescue of "Buck" Private Who Cannot "Parlez Vous"—Great Stampede Ensues.

Those who attend the reunion of the 88th division in Omaha September 25-30 in connection with the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities will no doubt be reminded of one of the incidents of camp life in France by the following story:

A "buck" private of headquarters troop entered a barber shop at Hercourt to get polished up. He was also in need of safety razor blades and was having a difficult time making the French barber understand what he wanted.

The "buck", gray-haired, pleasant faced gentleman, American to all appearances, left the barber chair, went over to the buck and in correct French explained to the barber what was wanted.

The "buck" thanked him, but when the kindly old gentleman put on a blouse on which were the two stars of a major general, he stampeded and didn't stop until he reached his own quarters.

The old gentleman was Maj. Gen. William Weigel, commander of the 88th division, who came highly recommended from the 23rd division and was considered one of the most competent officers of the late war.

He had a knack of getting in touch with the individual soldier and gaining his regard. No buck private was too lowly to meet, and the general always had time to listen to his pleas. As a consequence his men fairly adored him and would have followed him anywhere he ordered.

Graduated by West Point, General Weigel saw service in the Philippines, Cuba, the Mexican border and in France. He is now stationed at Governors Island, New York. He will be one of the speakers at the 88th's reunion.

Emancipation Day Will Be Observed

Prominent Negroes of Omaha to Lead in Celebration—Bryan to Speak.

Extensive preparations are now under way to make the annual celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation of the emancipation proclamation of W. V. C. Williams of St. John African M. E. church, who for the last several years has acted as chairman of this celebration in Omaha, has completed arrangements for the grounds and with the speakers who are to appear.

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Woman Swims 10 Miles on Her 63d Birthday

Santa Monica, Cal., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Anna Van Silke celebrated the 63d anniversary of her birth yesterday by swimming 10 miles in the ocean.

Just before finishing the swim she sang a verse of the "Star-Spangled Banner" to show she was not exhausted, and on leaving the water dressed without assistance. She was in the sea 2 hours and 20 minutes. She came here 12 years ago suffering from tuberculosis, according to physicians. They said she had only a few months to live.

6,000 Attend Community Day at Belgrade, Neb.

Belgrade, Neb., Sept. 1.—It is estimated that at least 6,000 persons attended the annual August 30 community day here. Races and contests were held. The ball game was won by Belgrade from Genoa by a 5 to 1 score. R. H. Schwenson captained the winning tug of war team.

Northwestern Business College at Beatrice Closes

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 1.—President Joseph Miller has announced the closing of the Northwestern Business college here after 35 years of continuous operation. Miller will take charge of the commercial department of the Beatrice High school.

Farmers' Union Picnic

Niobrara, Neb., Sept. 1.—The Farmers' union of Niobrara held a successful picnic in Island park. Music by the Niobrara band, speaking and various sport contests were on the program. H. G. Ellwood of Creighton, Neb., delivered an address, as did J. Foster of Omaha, representing the Farmers' Union state exchange. There was dancing in the evening.

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Sabbath Quiet to Mark Opening of State Fair

Order Comes Out of Chaos as Exhibits Are Arranged for View by Lincoln Throongs.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 1.—Conglomeration of cackling chickens, grunting hogs, bleating lambs, three-legged men, dark-eyed swarthy cypriot women, city slickers with stained cigar fingers and shady pasta, horny-handed farmers, tractors, threshing machines, automobiles, furniture vans, snake charmers and charmers of other descriptions are invading the side ways and streets in the capital city today.

All have the same destination—the state fair grounds, for the 55th annual Nebraska state fair opens tomorrow to end September 7. The annual crop of traffic cops, which Lincoln grows annually during fair week, have all been employed by the city commissioners. They will appear in their varied and incongruous uniforms and clubs at busy intersections tomorrow.

The fair grounds today look like an immense beehive. Everyone is pushing in various directions in an attempt to get to the exhibits. The program for tomorrow will be held in Lincoln park. The program for tomorrow will be held in Lincoln park.

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Democratic Leader Arrives in Lincoln

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 1.—George B. Collins, official organizer of Victory clubs in Nebraska for the democratic national committee, arrived in Lincoln today and immediately called upon Governor Bryan.

Following his visit to the governor, Collins called upon Tom Allen, brother-in-law of Governor Bryan and chairman of the democratic state central committee. Following a visit to these two officials, Mr. Collins began selecting presidents for the Victory clubs in the various towns in Nebraska.

"We will announce the president in each community at the same time and then announce one date when the initial meetings of all Victory clubs will be held," Collins said.

Alec Francis, Movie Actor, to Marry Soon

Los Angeles, Sept. 1.—Alec Francis, motion picture character actor, and Mrs. Elphinstone Mallard of Bathreggan, Scotland, both now in Los Angeles, will be married this fall, the Los Angeles Times announced today.

Fire at Sacramento, Neb., Causes \$16,000 Loss

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wilcox, Neb., Sept. 1.—Fire late Friday caused a total loss of over \$16,000 at Sacramento, a small village six miles west of here. It is supposed that back fire from a gasoline engine started the flames, which totally destroyed the \$10,000-bushels capacity Farmers' elevator, a frame store building owned by Rose Anderson, and another small frame building adjoining. The elevator contained nearly 8,000 bushels of wheat. The wheat poured out over the railway siding, blocking it, and was smoldering this morning. The contents of the store were saved.

Adams County Sends Two Cars of Exhibits to Fair

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hastings, Neb., Sept. 1.—Adams county's exhibits to the state fair, one carload of livestock and one carload of agricultural products and school exhibits, were shipped Friday evening.

Man Hurt; Car Robbed

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Falls City, Neb., Sept. 1.—Herman McDougal suffered two fractured ribs when the car he was driving skidded off into a ditch from a slippery road and was overturned. When the damaged car was towed into town, it was discovered that accessories worth \$100 had been removed by thieves.

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Peoria Apartment Building Sold to Fremont Man. The Pierce apartment building at 1109 South Tenth street was sold last week by Wilson & Warren to Abraham Zlotky of Fremont for \$32,000.

Bryan Now Plans to Try Initiative to Knock Out Code

Governor Enlists Offices of Political Friends in Hope of Repealing Administrative Law.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 1.—Initiative petitions for repeal of the civil administrative code law and the intangible tax law will be mailed to political friends of the governor from his office next week. This announcement was made by the governor today.

In lieu of the code law, the governor asserted that a condensed repetition of his executive council plan of government will be placed before the voters. This executive government plan makes the constitutional officers responsible for all official acts and gives the governor the sole appointive power.

The governor also announced that in a short time petitions would be circulated calling for a vote at the next election on a comprehensive water power development law. "This latter proposition will call for some more work," the governor said.

Quiet About Expense. To place these propositions before the people at the next election will call for 40,000 signatures of citizens living in the majority area of the state. The expense this will entail to the state, in printing forms for the ballot, in event that the governor obtains the signatures authorizing such procedure could not be estimated by the governor today.

The initial expense of initiating petitions must be borne by private individuals. "I will stand that myself and if anyone helps me out in the expense, the aid will be voluntary," the governor said.

Mad at Republicans. Continuing, the governor entered into a tirade against the republicans in the last legislature for failure to substitute his executive council plan of government for the code instead of the Mothers' Day act, plan which after its passage was vetoed by the governor, thus enabling him to continue to have appointive power. "I would advise the people in those districts where the members failed to vote for a repeal of the intangible tax and code law to send chapters to the legislature with them next year," the governor said.

Grand Island to Demand Restitution by Pavers

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 1.—In the paving controversy with the Tynes Construction company the city council, at a special session, ordered the city attorney and engineer to require resurfacing by half an inch of one entire district, or the payment of the difference as established by a disinterested expert. It is variously estimated that deficiencies in the construction, admitted in part by the firm, would run from \$10,000 to \$20,000 so far as the paving has been tested out.

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