

## GIRL WHO SAW VISION SAINTED BY CATHOLICS

Pageant at Vatican City Honors Miracle at Lourdes.

*By United Press*  
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 8.—A French girl who saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave at Lourdes seventy-five years ago was proclaimed a saint today and henceforth will be revered among the immigrants of the Roman Catholic church.

Beside the hordes of Italians who watched Pope Pius and his colorful escort go to St. Peter's for the canonization ceremony, 6,000 French pilgrims under twenty bishops were here to pay honor to the girl—Bernadette Soubirous, who died a nun in 1879.

There was a moving contrast between the pageantry of today's ceremony and the picture of little Bernadette as she sat, her rough woolen stockings in her hand as she prepared to wade an icy stream and saw the Virgin in a grotto.

It is the grotto in whose entrance Bernadette saw the vision that has become world famous as the Lourdes shrine, to which millions of Catholics have gone to seek intercession for their ailments, and have returned proclaiming cures. Bernadette herself died in a convent after twenty years of pain, saying that perhaps it was intended she was to suffer that others might be saved from suffering.

### Virgin Mary Appears

Bernadette was a peasant girl. Her father was ill. There was no food in the house. On Feb. 1, 1858, Bernadette, her younger sister Toinette and a neighbor child, Jeanne Abadie, went to gather fire wood.

They came to an icy stream. Bernadette had asthma and asked Jeanne to carry her across. Jeanne refused. Bernadette sat down and took off her stockings. She heard a thunderous noise. The others were oblivious. She heard it again and turning her head toward the grotto saw the Virgin at its entrance in a golden cloud—young, beautiful, with golden hair and blue eyes, a veil about her head, her feet bare, save for a gold rose on each, a belt of blue around her robe, a chaperon with a chain and cross of gold over her right arm.

Frightened and awed, Bernadette scrambled to her knees. The other girls also were frightened, because they saw nothing and feared for Bernadette's sanity.

But eighteen times up to Oct. 1 the girl saw the vision in the grotto. "Come here for fifteen days," the vision said on its third appearance. "I promise then to make you happy, not in this world but in the next."

### Sees Vision Often

Frequently the vision spoke, often to order prayer, and on the seventeenth visit to say: "I am the immaculate conception."

The story of the visions got about the town, to Bernadette's family, to friends and neighbors and to the parish priest. They were soon convinced that Bernadette had seen the vision and the Lourdes tradition began to grow. Bernadette went into a convent to become Sister Marie-Bernard. She died in 1879, at 35.

Today the pageantry of the Roman church, preserved and augmented through the centuries, was brought to its most colorful to do her honor.

Pope Pius was borne high above the crowd in his chair at the head of the procession to St. Peter's. In his entourage were cardinals, bishops, priests and humbler servants of the church; the surprised choir of the cathedral, the Swiss and Noble guards and the Papal gendarmes in their gorgeous uniforms.

### Smallest Incorporated City

*By United Press*  
VERGENNES, Vt., Dec. 8.—With a population of only 1,705, Vergennes is the smallest incorporated city in New England.

## Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

*By Times Special*  
COLUMBUS, Dec. 8.—Incensed because of failure of his efforts to get his salary increased from \$1,500 to \$2,100 a year, Mayor H. Karl Volland is reported contemplating a thorough "house cleaning" effective Jan. 1, in which all appointive city officials and employees will lose their jobs.

Only one member of the city council supported the mayor in his effort to add \$600 a year to his salary.

Pleading his own cause at a "star chamber" session of the council preceding the regular meeting, Mayor Volland is said to have directed a share of his persuasive speech toward the city attorney and city clerk after they had shown signs of intending to refuse proposed raises of \$600 each for themselves.

### Oppose Road Work

*By Times Special*  
BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 8.—Delegation of Bean Blossom township farmers, headed by L. K. Townsend, charge that work on two roads in the townships, part of the Monroe county civil works program, is being done improperly, and make county commissioners and Fred Huntington, county surveyor, their principal targets.

According to the farmers, a thin coating of crushed rock is being spread on the roads, and they assert this method will be of little benefit.

### Pension Aids Chosen

*By Times Special*  
MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 8.—Preparing to comply with Indiana's old age pension law, which will become effective Jan. 1, Morgan county commissioners, with the aid of a citizens' committee of twenty-eight, will pass on pension applications at hearings Dec. 27 and 28.

The committee is composed of two persons of opposite political parties, from each of the county's fourteen townships.

Many volumes of county record books were taken into the grand jury room. The inquiry, it is said, will cover the last three years.

## Contract Bridge

### Today's Contract Problem

East has doubled South's bid of four spades. Can you find the play which will permit declarer to make five-odd?

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♦ 5  
♦ A 9 3 2  
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Solution in next issue. 30

### Solution to Previous Contract Problem

BY W. E. MCKENNEY  
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WHAT to open against a slam contract always is a problem. Generally, the leading of an ace is just the play that will make it easy for the declarer.

I believe, however, that the poorest lead against such a contract is the opening of trump. By doing so, you practically let the declarer call for his lead.

With a club opening, the declarer wins with the ace, takes two rounds of trumps, leads another club, wins with the king, and on the queen of clubs discards a diamond.

A small club is trumped and the declarer now runs off five rounds of spades, retaining in his own hand the king of hearts and the queen of diamonds. In the dummy he retains the ace and eight of diamonds.

On the fifth spade West is squeezed with only the ace of hearts and the king and jack of diamonds left. Discarding the ace of hearts will make declarer's king good, while dropping the jack of diamonds will permit declarer to lead the queen, overtaking in dummy with the ace, and win the last trick with the eight of diamonds.

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## CLOSER PUBLIC CONTACT HELD ROOSEVELT AIM

Observers Point to New Emergency Council as Part of Program.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER  
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt is expanding his direct contacts with the country.

This is regarded here as one of the most significant phases of the technique of this unprecedented administration. Some in Washington believe that Mr. Roosevelt is taking pains now to make himself independent of any one agency in getting his story to the public.

The latest move which has been given this interpretation is his creation of the national emergency council. Composed of administration officials directly connected with the recovery program, the council will set up a central information bureau in Washington to convey to the general public all factual information regarding governmental activities.

### System to Be Nation Wide

Similar bureaus will be set up in most of the 3,000 counties in the country. In addition to supplying information to the public the new organization—NEC—will adjust controversies arising between NRA and AAA and will consolidate and co-ordinate field activities of the numerous recovery agencies.

Both the White House and Frank Walker, executive director of NEC deny the agency will engage in government propaganda. Instead, they say it will answer questions from the public and given information as to how relief agencies may be utilized. When necessary, it was indicated press statements explanatory in nature may be issued.

### Some Papers Displease

The tendency to regard this new agency as a potential channel of communication direct to the public is the result of earlier developments. One is the unprecedented use of radio by President Roosevelt.

Of late Mr. Roosevelt has been annoyed at some dispatches concerning his monetary policy appearing in certain newspapers. While speaking at Warm Springs recently, Mr. Roosevelt publicly jibed at some of his press critics.

He is fully aware that a number of influential newspapers are opposed to his recovery methods in some respects. His advisers feel that this criticism is likely to increase rather than diminish as the next congressional campaign approaches.

Recently Acting Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau clamped a censorship on treasury news because it was suspected that some officials

unsympathetic to the administration's gold policy were feeding their ideas to the press.

An attempt was made to centralize all news through a press agent. All other departments and recovery agencies previously had installed press bureaus and the treasury was the last stand of the old wide-open system where officials and reporters were placed on their own responsibility in keeping the public informed.

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