

NUN KIRST TO KISS CARDINAL'S RING



This remarkable photograph was obtained following the celebration of his first mass by Cardinal Hayes. It shows a nun, on bended knees, who was the first to kiss the cardinal's new ring and was taken at the Church of Santa Sussana, American church in Rome.

Bandits Who Shoot To Kill Arrant Cowards In Death

Hard Boiled Desperadoes Condemned to Death for Using Gun With Fatal Effect on Hold-up Victims Go Whimpering and Trembling to Doom

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San Rafael, Calif., April 24—April is proving a hard month on that variety of thugs and bandits who make it a habit to shoot down officers of the law in commission of crime.

With the double hanging at San Quentin prison here Monday, William Bringham and Willard Thompson, who murdered two Los Angeles policemen, the tally of desperate gunmen who have exhaled such crimes in various parts of the country since the first of the month was brought up to six.

Before the month is over two more will be added to the list from this state, bringing California's total contribution to four out of eight, an unprecedented instance of stern law enforcement which is proving an excellent deterrent to further slayings of peace officers.

California started the program of hanging police-killing bandits early this month when it sent William Campbell, who slew an Imperial Valley peace officer, to doom on a San Quentin gibbet.

Illinois checked off next two executions of similar nature, when on last good Friday, Lucius Dalton and Henry Wilson, negroes, were hanged in Chicago for the murder of Patrolman Vincent Skiba.

On the same day "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, a notorious killer, was officially put to death at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the slaying of Policeman L. C. Hayes. Bringham and Thompson, who were hanged here Monday, also were to have been Good Friday victims of the hangman's noose, but because of protests from clergymen of many denominations against the desecration of that day by legalized killings, they were given a three-day reprieve.

The two policeman killers who are yet to meet their doom before the end of April, are Isaac Wolfgang, who also shot a Los Angeles peace officer, and who will be hanged next Friday, and Frank Yeager, who killed a San Joaquin Valley deputy sheriff, and who is scheduled to hang the following week.

The outstanding element in all four of the executions already carried out here this month was the complete loss of nerve by the supposedly "hard boiled" desperadoes when they faced the certainty of death. In every instance it has been only through encouraging words of spiritual advisers that they have managed to stand without support while the fatal trap was sprung. And in every instance guards had virtually to carry the so-called desperadoes from the death cell to the waiting noose.

That the police have developed vindictiveness in avenging the death of brother officers who fall before bandits' guns was attested by the presence Monday at the hanging of Bringham and Thompson, of nine Los Angeles policemen. The two men hanged shot down Patrolmen William Brett and Harry Clester, two of the most popular members of the Los Angeles department, more than a year ago. In order to see the law exact its vengeance the nine Los Angeles policemen paid their own expenses to the scene of the hanging. But on the faces of all nine appeared fleeting expressions of compassion or mercy as the police killers were hurried into oblivion.

An even more complete loss of nerve than yet has been evidenced by any of the four already hanged is expected to develop Friday when Is-

MANY ADDITIONS BAPTIST CHURCHES

Nearly Eighteen Thousand Baptisms in North Carolina During the Year 1923, Reports Dr. C. E. Maddry.

Raleigh April 24 — Nearly 200,000 white persons were baptised in Baptist churches of the Southern States during the year 1923, according to Dr. C. E. Maddry, secretary of the North Carolina Mission Board with headquarters in this city. A large percentage of these baptisms were administered in this State. The exact figures were given as 195,684 total baptisms in the Southern states of which 17,887 were Baptist churches of North Carolina.

These entries into the Baptist church by baptism bring the total white membership of that denomination in the Southern states to 3,494,189 and that of North Carolina to 337,477, it is shown in the survey on the growth and resources of the Baptists in the South, which has just been completed by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, secretary of the Survey Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.

Other items given in the general summary of information concerning resources of Southern Baptists as a whole, include 983 district associations; 27,093 local churches; 19,580 ordained preachers; 20,601 Sunday Schools; 2,381,717 mem-

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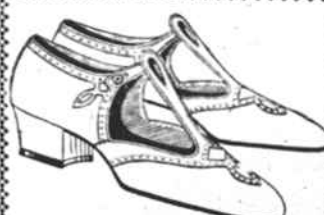
property was estimated at \$127,121,096. Contributions by the churches for local objects, during 1923, it was shown, amounted to \$25,045,819.09 and for missions and benevolences \$9,893,617.83, making the total contributions for the year to all objects, \$34,439,435.92.

Corresponding figures for the State of North Carolina show that within the State there are 65 district associations; 2,275 local churches; 1,300 ordained ministers; 2,171 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 274,405 members; 1,378 Young People's Unions whose mem-

berships total 48,389; Woman's Missionary Union organizations number 2,237; houses of worship 1,963; and pastor's homes 280.

Baptist church property in the State is given as \$15,067,423. During the year 1923 the Baptist churches of the state expended \$2,647,687.34 on local objects and contributed \$898,771.45 to missions and benevolences. It was stated, making a total contribution to all objects, of \$3,546,458.80.

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