Mass and Catechism Post Columbine Massacre

1927

"Polly" Montano recalls attending catechism classes in a barracks on Briggs Street.

The barracks had been brought into Erie in 1927 when the governor ordered the militia to Erie to quell a miners' strike at the Columbine Mine in Serene, a mining town located four miles southeast of present day Erie.

Units Returning Home

The units returning home are Company F and a part of Company H, 157th infantry. These companies are composed of students from the University of Colorado and the Colorado Agricultural College.

Many visitors were entertained at the camp yesterday, but all were forced to pass inspection of military and mine guards before being admitted.

The Rev. Father Regis Barrett, former rector of a Canon City Catholic Church, conducted religious services at the Catholic Church in the camp yesterday morning.

The Very Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, guard chaplain and dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, conducted services in the afternoon at the camp. Dean Dagwell will remain at the camp and conduct military religious services next Sunday, it was announced.

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6 Days after Columbine Mine Massacre, Fr. Regis Barrett, OSB presided at a mass in the church next to the mine—now the parish hall (Rocky Mountain News 11-28-27)