

POPE MAKES AN APPEAL TO BELLIGERENTS

Asks them to avoid unnecessary devastation—Holy See regrets war, but must not take sides.

Rome, Jan. 22.—The Pope today held a private and public consistory. He pronounced several bishops and delivered an allocution dealing chiefly with the war. He emphasized the neutrality of the Holy See and referred to his efforts to mitigate the disastrous consequences of the conflict. He urged his hearers not to need those conditions which separated the faithful, but rather to consider those which made them brothers in the faith, and he called upon the invaders of territory of the enemy not to commit excesses.

The Pope invited all the faithful to participate in a great explanation of the situation in Europe on February 7 and outside of Europe on March 21. On February 7 he and the cardinals would take part in a special service at St. Peter's.

The Pope began his address by expressing his deep chagrin that month after month went by with out even the distant hope that this fatal war soon would cease. He alluded to what had been done toward the exchange of prisoners, and explained that the limitations of his apostolic office did not permit him to go further. An international law, the Pontiff said, that he could declare that nobody should be permitted to inflict injustice, but he could not go further in this conflict. To do so would be another convenient nor useful. The Holy See must remain perfectly impartial.

The Roman Pontiff, as the vicar of Christ, who died for all, must embrace all the combatants in his sentiments of charity. Being the father of all Catholics he has sons on both sides in this conflict for whose safety he must be anxious. Consequently it was impossible for him to look upon the special interests dividing the peoples in this conflict, but rather the common bonds making them brothers in a faith. Any other course not only would not assist peace, but would create aversions against religion and thus expose the international tranquillity and concord of the church to the danger of grave disturbance.

While not taking sides with either antagonist, the Pope continued, he followed with deep anxiety the terrible phases of the war, fearing that during some of the engagements the violence of the attack exceeded all bounds.

"Concerning our beloved Belgian people," the Pope continued, "we show our sympathy in our letter to Cardinal Mercier. Here we make appeal to the sentiment of humanity of those who cross the frontiers of hostile nations, conjuring them not to devastate the invaded regions more than is absolutely necessary from the standpoint of military occupation, and above all, not without actual necessity the feelings of the inhabitants in their possession, their sacred temples, their ministers of God, their rights, their religion, and their faith."

Referring to those whose country has been occupied by an enemy, the Pope said he understood how burdensome it must be to remain subjects to the administration of strangers, but nevertheless the desire to regain independence must not lead them to any infraction of the public order, which might aggravate their condition.

The Pope said he ventured to express the opinion that God permitted those whose thoughts were engrossed with things of this world to punish each other with mutual slaughter for the destruction and neglect with which they had treated Him.

Continuing, the Pope alluded to the recent earthquake in Italy, saying that other events had occurred which had obliged men to humiliate themselves before the powerful hand of God, and he brought his allocution to a close by urging the faithful to prayer.

THEY ALL SING THE SAME SONG

German papers all endorse Cologne Gazette's comments on U.S. shipments of war materials to Allies

Berlin, Jan. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The newspapers here, without exception, comment with satisfaction on the North German Gazette's statement from the government, published yesterday regarding the sale of weapons and ammunition to the allies by citizens of the United States. The Tageblatt declares that America's reputation in affairs of political morals is at stake for all future, and the tone of the rest of the editorials is similar.

The statement published by the North German Gazette, referring to a memorandum of the German government, pointed out that while this admitted that "the prevailing principles of international law do not entitle Germany to oppose the supplying of war material to her enemies by neutral private persons," that "the trade in war material with England and France has assumed such dimensions as to jeopardize the neutrality, not only of the American government, but indeed of the American nation."

Soldiers Entertained. About sixty soldiers were present last evening at the German street Baptist institute, where an enjoyable time was spent. They were well entertained by the committee in charge. Many young ladies were present to help in the refreshment department. Soldiers are invited to again visit the institute at any time, but especially next Monday evening.

FARMERS' AND DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION AT CAPITAL IN MARCH

Will open on March 8th and continue for four days—Premier Clarke presides at welcome to Commissioner Richards, new Salvation Army head.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 22.—March 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th are the dates for the annual convention of New Brunswick Farmers' and Dairymen's Association to be held in Fredericton. The dates were selected at a conference which President T. C. Long, of Lindsay, Carleton County, held today with provincial officials and Mr. W. W. Hubbard, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, who had just returned from Ottawa where he was conferring with Hon. Martin Burrell, federal minister of agriculture and other officials relative to a campaign to bring about a larger production of foodstuffs in Canada at the earliest possible moment. The importance of this movement has been brought about by the war, and it will form one of the most important topics for discussion at the coming convention.

President Long came to Fredericton over the St. John Valley Railway and returned home again this evening. Previously the trip required two days and entailed a drive of twenty miles. Hon. George J. Clarke, Premier of N. B., participated in the public welcome given here tonight to Commissioner W. J. Richards, new head of the Salvation Army in Canada, who arrived in Fredericton at noon today on his first trip to the Maritime Provinces.

The welcome took the form of a public meeting held at Salvation Army Citadel at which the Premier presided, and was one of the chief speakers, congratulating the Salvation Army upon the excellent work of uplift which it had been carrying on in New Brunswick as well as throughout the world, and referring especially to the progressive immigration campaign which the Army had carried on during the past few years in co-operation with the provincial government. Tomorrow morning the Commissioner will leave St. John and will remain there until Monday, addressing public meetings and officers' councils. On Tuesday he will be at Moncton, on Friday at Amherst, N. S., and the following Saturday and Sunday at Halifax; Monday at Dartmouth, N. S.; Tuesday at Truro, and that evening he will return to Montreal, and after holding three meetings there will go to Toronto where he makes his headquarters.

Commissioner Richards is accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Robert Hargrave of Toronto, secretary of young peoples' work; Brigadier Frank Morris, Toronto, who is in charge of field work; and Brigadier Taylor, of St. John, who is in charge of Salvation Army work in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and part of Nova Scotia.

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CAUGHT ON ROCKS HAD TO THROW CARGO OVERBOARD

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 22.—The coastal steamer Prospero returned today from the northern seaboard. She reports having been caught amid the ice floes off White Bay, and carried over the reef, seriously damaging her bottom. She was on the rock 24 hours, had to throw overboard all the freight she was carrying, likewise her ballast and bunker coal, except enough to take her to the nearest port. Her condition at one time was so serious that it was feared she would go to pieces. Her boats were got out, provisioned and equipped with mattresses, bedding, food and fuel, so that the crew and passengers might make their way to Hors Island in the vicinity, and remain there till help could be sent from St. John's.

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