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experience at the Catholic Orphan-
age. Yes, God has been good to
us. Day after day merciful hands
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struments, wherewith God scatters
His blessings along our road. As
in bygone days our Blessed Saviour
journeyed through Palestine doing
good to all He met, so today in the
person of our benefactors He pas-
ses through our midst doing good
to His children.

Thanks, eternal thanks be to
Him. Thanks be also to our kind
benefactors:

During 1918 our German-speak-
ing Catholics have given another
example of the magnificent spirit
that seems to be ever the soul of
their daily lives, a spirit of the
most unselfish and generous charity.
During the spring and summer
many were anxious to insure their
crops against damage from hail or
frost. However, when in spite of
our prayers and supplications the
crops were, in many districts at
least, greatly hurt by frost, it was
evident that these good people were
not bound to fulfill the promise
they had made in spring. Still,
quite a number have faithfully sent
the amount promised in spite of
the loss they had sustained from
frost. This is certainly a most un-
selfish charity.

Past experience has taught me
that I may always rely on the Cath-
olics of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's
Colony. Thanks therefore to all
who have so cheerfully helped us
during the last 12 months. Thanks
especially to the brave little "Bote,"
who is always a welcome visitor
and at the same time an intrepid
and untiring champion of every
good cause, and especially, I dare
say—of the Orphanage.

At this moment a new Era of
peace is dawning for our war-sick
world. Let us trust that it may
be a just peace and that it will
once more bring us normal con-
ditions and brighter prospects.

May the blessings of heaven ac-
company all our friends during the
coming year and may peace and
happiness reign within every heart,
is the sincere wish of yours grate-
fully in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
FATHER W. BRUECK, O.M.I.

HUMBOLDT, Sask., Dec. 9th, 1918.

Dear St. Peters Bote:—

The influenza seems to be de-
parting from us at last. It is re-
ported that there are but a very
few sick in town now. The ban
was lifted last week and on Sun-
day last, Dec. 8th, the first regular
Church services were held again
since Oct. 13th. To-day, Dec. 9th,
the schools were re-opened. The
terrible malady of the Spanish in-
fluenza has hit St. Augustine's
parish of Humboldt very hard. It
was a dreadful visitation. Ten
adult members of our congregation
fell victims to this pest, viz. Dr.
J. L. Barry who died on Oct. 11th
at the age of 40 years while on a
visit in Ontario. He leaves behind
a widow. Max Ernest, fireman on
the C.N.R., a single man who died
on Oct. 30th at the age of 30 years.
Frank McInerney, clerk at the
Land Titles Office, a single man,
who died Nov. 3rd at the age of
31. Anton Lutter, a farmer, who
died Nov. 5th at the age of 39 years
and leaves behind a widow and 9
children. Mrs. Mary Saretzky, who
died Nov. 7th at the age of 28 years
and leaves behind a widower. John
Miller, fireman on the C.N.R., a
single man, who died Nov. 10th at
the age of 21 years. Theodore
Mamer, who died Nov. 20th at the
age of 35 years. His wife, Mrs.
Johanna Mamer, followed him into
the grave Nov. 24th at the age of
29 years. They left behind three
small children. Joseph Faul, a far-
mer, who died Nov. 27th at the age
of 41 years, leaving behind a widow
and 7 children. Mrs. Emilia Schuh-
macher, who died Dec. 2nd at the
age of 23 years, leaving behind a

widower and three small children.
This has been the harvest the
grim reaper death held, within the
past six weeks, in our parish. An
awful record, is it not? And all
people in the prime of life! Elderly
people have been spared. Besides
the above mentioned deceased mem-
bers of St. Augustine's parish there
were buried in the Catholic ceme-
tery at Humboldt the following
victims of influenza: Oct. 28th,
Michael Hulak of Vonda; Nov. 26th,
Anna Scheiber, daughter of Mr.
Leo Scheiber, of St. Scholastica's
parish; Dec. 3rd John Walker, of
Annheim. — To-day, Dec. 9th, a
Requiem High Mass was celebrated
at St. Augustine's Church for the
repose of the souls of all the de-
ceased members of the parish who
have succumbed to the influenza.
R. I. P.

Last week Mr. Leo Schuhmacher,
principal of our Separate School,
made a trip to Ontario in order to
place his three little children with
his relatives. He is expected to re-
turn to Humboldt between Christ-
mas and New Year. Meanwhile
Miss Rose Hallet is taking his place.

Mr. Hy. Reinecke was the lucky
winner of the silver tea spoons
rattled off by Miss Katie Kuemper
for the benefit of the Church. — Cor.

CARMEL, SASK., Dec. 6, 1918.

Dear St. Peters Bote:—

The influenza epidemic is still
serious around here as several fa-
milies are still nursing some of
their members. In the Ruthenian
settlement northwest of here two
families have each lost a child.

Mr. Charles Freistadt, our expert
wolf hunter, has for this season so
far 8 of these chicken robbers to
his credit and the pelts and bounty
netted him a handsome profit. He
is still very active with his hounds
around the country side.

For the first time since this parish
was organized, we will have a real
Christmas celebration in the form
of three Holy Masses on that day,
as our Pastor, Father Joseph, an-
nounced last Sunday. To do this,
he must abandon his two other
places, Engelfeld and St. Gregor,
on that day.

Mr. Thom. Horki has purchased
an Overland car some time ago.

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—The city's revenue
account for the first ten months of
the year is short \$60,148.32 instead
of showing an estimated surplus of
\$2,027.54, according to the city
auditor's report.

F. W. Bates has been ap-
pointed director of rural education
associations and school exhibitions
by the department of education.
G. M. Weir has been appointed
principal of Saskatoon Normal
school and R. W. Asseltine, vice-
principal.

Eleven Mennonites from the
colony south of Swift Current ar-
rived at Regina jail where they
will spend ten days for failing to
send their children to the public
schools. They pleaded not guilty,
claiming they came to Canada un-
der the treaty of 1873. The ma-
gistrate fined them one dollar each
and costs, but they elected to go
to jail.

SASKATOON.—There were
182 deaths in Saskatoon during
the month of November, of these
153 were from influenza. 34 of the
total were country patients, who
came to the city for treatment.
Births for the month totalled 78
with the marriages at 40.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—The eleventh
annual convention of the United
Farmers of Alberta will be held
here on January 21st to 24th.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—Approximately
one million pounds of honey were
made by the Manitoba bees during
the past season, it was officially
announced. The value of the out-
put was \$280,000.

ST. BONIFACE.—Mayor H.
Beliveau was re-elected Mayor of
St. Boniface by acclamation.

BRANDON.—Alen J. Facey,
secretary-treasurer of the late
Brandon Grain company, after
pleading guilty to two charges of
forgery, received a sentence of
two years in the penitentiary. The
total losses to farmers in this
district in connection with this
case approximate \$18,000.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—Compulsory re-
strictions of the amount of flour
which may be held in store by
dealers, householders and others
have been rescinded. The compul-
sory purchase of substitutes for
wheat flour been withdrawn.
Conservation regulations of beef
are still in force, and are still im-
portant in view of the require-
ments.

A committee of Prohibitionists
asked the government to continue
Prohibition in force until the sol-
diers have returned and to hold a
referendum on Prohibition after
that.

The government has created
a fund of \$25,000,000 which will
be available by way of loan to
provincial governments in Canada
in connection with the carrying
out of programs for better housing
conditions through municipalities
or otherwise.

Cable advices have been re-
ceived to the effect that arrange-
ments are being made to send back
to Canada 1000 officers whose
services can be dispensed with.

Capt. Ernest Cinq Mars, a
Hull boy, at one time editor of Le
Spectateur, is now military gover-
nor of the Belgian town of Mons.

Quebec

QUEBEC.—At a meeting of the
provincial cabinet the date of the
opening of the next provincial
session was decided. No date was
given out, but it is understood the
house will be called for either
January 14th or 17th.

Foreign News

SANTIAGO.—An earthquake
has occurred in northern Chile. In
the towns of Copiapo and Valparaiso
important damage was caused. In
other localities damage of minor
importance was done.

LIMA, Peru.—Army reserves in
this region have been called to the
colors. Three more Chilean con-
suls sailed for Valparaiso.

LONDON.—Dec. 4 was nomi-
nation day for candidates for par-
liament in the general election and
among the surprises was the ap-
pearance of an opponent to David
Lloyd George at Carnarvon. He is
Austin Harris, editor of the "English
Review" and is standing on the
plank of a league of nations and
the abolition of conscription. An-
other striking feature of the no-
mination was a large number of
unopposed returns. Thus, out of
707 members to be elected to the
new parliament 104 have already
been returned unopposed—41 co-
alition unionists; 28 coalition lib-
erals; 11 laborites; 22 Sinn Feiners;
one nationalist, and one indepen-
dent.

The British labor party held
a big meeting at Albert Hall to
discuss labor questions and the
league of nations. The "Red Flag"
was sung and revolutionary senti-
ments were expressed. A large
proportion were Russians from the
East end.

An industrial war by the rail-
waymen may be imminent. James
Henry Thomas, general secretary

of the National Union of Railway-
men, conferred with Sir Albert
Stanley, president of the Board of
Trade, and afterwards telegraphed
to all the unions that he had noti-
fied the government that the war-
time truce, whereby strikes had
been averted, was cancelled.

Ex-Premier Asquith, in the
course of an election address to his
East Fife constituents, advocated
the prompt establishment of Home
Rule in Ireland.

It is officially announced that
during the war the forces of Great
Britain actually lost nearly 1,000,-
000 men killed or dead through
various causes.

Austria-Hungary lost 4,000,000
men killed and wounded during
the war, 800,000 men being killed.

An Amsterdam dispatch says
there were riotous demonstrations
in Berlin by the unemployed. The
disorders became so threatening that
labor leaders addressed the crowds,
promising assistance, and finally
pacified them.

PARIS.—Edmond Rostand, the
great playwright, died here. He
had been ill from grippe.

ATHENS.—The appointment
of Gen. Paraskevopoulos to succeed
Gen. Danglis as commander-in-chief
of the Greek army, who has re-
tired, is announced in an official
communication. Gen. Paraskevo-
poulos was closely identified with
the revolutionary movement in
Greece.

United States News

WASHINGTON.—Congress in
joint session on Dec. 2 heard Pres-
ident Wilson announce formally
his purpose to attend the peace
conference and give his views on
the part the government should
play in dealing with after-the-war
problems. Democrats of the house
received the announcement with
cheers, in which some senators
joined; the Republicans were silent
almost throughout the address.

The nomination of Carter Glass
to be secretary of the treasury to
succeed William G. McAdoo was
confirmed by the senate without
objection.

Restrictions on the purchase
of sugar for consumption in homes
and public eating places were re-
moved by the food administration.

Between 300,000 and 350,000
deaths from influenza and pneu-
monia occurred among the civilian
population of the United States
since Sept. 15, according to a state-
ment by the public health service.
The epidemic persists, but deaths
are much less, according to reports
reaching here. A recurrence is
starting throughout the country,
but it is not believed to be a gen-
eral renewal of severe conditions.

The Federal Trade Commission,
in a supplemental report submitted
to Congress charged the five big
meat packing companies of the
country with a combination in re-
straint of the stock and meat trade.
Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Morris
& Co. and the Cudahy Packing Co.
are named.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida.—The
house unanimously adopted the
senate "bone-dry" bill. The meas-
ure provides that no whiskey or
other alcoholic beverages can be
transported within this state after
Jan. 1.

PHILADELPHIA.—Two million
pounds of sugar destined for Europe
was destroyed when a big ware-
house of the Franklin Sugar Re-
finery Co. was burned. 10 work-
men, compelled to jump for their
lives, were injured.

NEW YORK.—More than 500,-
000 cases of influenza were record-
ed in this city during the recent
epidemic.

BOSTON, Mass.—300,000 cases
of influenza and pneumonia, of
which 15,000 proved fatal, were re-
ported in this state during the re-
cent epidemic. At present about
1,600 cases are reported daily.

For the Winter Evenings

you need something to read for yourself and your family.
Keep the young folks out of questionable company,
by accustoming them to stay at home in the family circle.
To do so, you must provide them with innocent enjoy-
ments at home, and one of the best and most useful of
such enjoyments is the reading of

Good Stories.

If you have a parish library, do not fail to take out books
regularly during the winter months. If there is no
parish library in your vicinity, do not dread the expense
of buying some good Catholic books. It is a good in-
vestment, better in fact than almost any other investment
you can make for the comfort and pleasure of your family.
Other articles, even the most expensive ones bought for
the pleasure of the members of your family will soon
grow old and will no longer cause the former enjoyment,
but a good and interesting book is

All Joy forever.

It will be read and reread by all the members of the
family and will cause new pleasure each time.

One of the best series of good Catholic stories is
collected in the four volumes of

The Ebb and Flow of Life

They contain about forty good stories written by
the famous Catholic author Monsignore Konrad Kummel.
They were first published in the German language in 1912
and soon the call for them was so great that four editions
were sold within a couple of years. These stories are
now available also in the English language, having been
translated by a Father of St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Ill.

During the months of October and November 1918
we have given our Readers an opportunity to see what
these stories are like, by publishing one of them entitled
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