

WELL-FED SOLDIERS WILL WIN THE WAR

By S. Roy Weaver. The necessity for conservation and substitution for foods needed overseas, of products which are available in this country, but not suitable for export...

Production and conservation in Canada and the United States have helped to tide our Allies over until the 1918 harvest becomes available. It must be a source of gratification to those who have had any part, no matter how small, in producing or in saving food for the soldiers and our civilian Allies...

Our Allies' live-stock has been decreased by about forty six million head since the beginning of the War, and the total loss in European live-stock probably now amounts to one hundred million head. Forty per cent of the hogs in France have been killed and thirty five per cent of the sheep, because of the great need of meat and the lack of feed...

The necessity for continued food conservation on this continent is demonstrated by the recent activity of submarines off the coast of the United States. Within the past few weeks enemy submarines have sunk ships almost at the entrance to some of the North Atlantic ports.

North America is now supplying about fifty per cent of the food imported by the Allies, and any interruption of the shipping from North America, or from any of the other sources of supply, might have very serious consequences. The utmost conservation that can be practised on this continent is needed until the next harvest and thereafter, in order to feed our soldiers and Allies, and it is possible to build up reserves of food which would protect Great Britain, France and Italy in the event of temporary interruption of such supplies.

The principal food needs overseas are wheat, meat, dairy products and fats. We must also exercise the greatest possible economy in the use of sugar. One of the best messages from Baron Rhonda before his death expressed gratitude, on behalf of all those responsible for food administration in the United Kingdom, to the Canadian people for the way in which they have decreased their consumption of essential foods and increased production.

Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to heaven, and meditation the eye wherewith we see God, says Saint Ambrose.

AN APPEAL FROM THE WEST

To the Editor of CATHOLIC RECORD: Would you kindly insert the following in your valuable paper: On my arrival from Rome, I was made aware that a great misfortune, in fact a real disaster had come upon our missions of the Mackenzie district.

Our annual supply was in a shed, at the foot of the rapids, awaiting the breaking up of the ice; unfortunately, when the ice broke, last May, a jam was formed three miles from Fort McMurray, which caused the water to rise so as to attain the height of 8 feet in the shed, threatening to carry it away.

Three years ago, a similar accident occurring on the Peace River obliged us to use whatever small reserve each mission had in store. Moreover, last fall, the cold was so intense that we could not bring to the different missions, the usual quantity of fish. Four of our boats were caught in the ice and partly destroyed. The fish that was saved had to be carried on dog sleigh, at a distance varying between twenty and a hundred miles.

But how can we live next year, unless we receive prompt help? Three hundred persons depend on the Vicar Apostolic for every necessity of life.

Actually, the appeals to public charity are so numerous that I hesitated a long time before having recourse to these means; but hunger brings the wolf out of the forest, and gives even the most timid people the courage to beg.

I do not believe anybody can find fault with my exposing our condition as it is, or with my making known to the public devotedness that borders on heroism.

I know that, at whatever cost, both our missionaries and our nuns will stand at their post, in the orphan asylums and in the homes for old people; this time again, each one will get along the best way he can, for in the Mackenzie district, there is no question of comfort for our missionaries.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, some of your readers, moved by our misfortunes, may find the means of helping me to reduce the privations of those admirable men and women.

Any offering may be addressed to me personally, St. Joachim's church, Edmonton, Alta.

With my sincere thanks for your kindness, I remain, Mr. Editor, Yours very truly, G. BREYANT, O.M.I., D.D., Vicar-Apostolic of Mackenzie.

A CATHOLIC OPPORTUNITY

Two distinct incidents indicate that the nation is coming to appreciate how vital it is that the battle for victory and peace be accompanied by prayers for victory and peace. In Congress there has been a movement to authorize President Wilson to set aside by proclamation one moment at noon for prayer for the success of the American cause.

There is always the possibility of daily attendance at Mass, which requires only a slight sacrifice, a sacrifice for the national good incomparable with what is being asked of others, but not so unequal in fruit. Then there is the Communion intention; the visit to the Blessed Sacrament; the morning and the evening prayers; the opportunity of making a whole day's labor a constant prayer.

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