

ing to reports, agreed that this is an "influenza year" similar to 1890, when the United States was swept by the disease. Similar conditions are expected to prevail this winter, no matter how extensive the precautions taken to forestall and meet the epidemic. It is estimated that the victim of influenza alone has 99 in 100 chances to recover. The danger comes with the setting in of pneumonia. A formal statement issued by the conference says: "Persons who have influenza can keep from having pneumonia by going to bed and taking care of themselves, both while they are sick and while convalescent. Persons with mild influenza and common colds need to do little more than go to bed and care for themselves."

LOTT, Tex. — Texas is visited by an awful dry spell. People who have been living in this section of the country for more than forty years declare that they have never witnessed anything like this.

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Forest fires wiped out Lindberg, a lumber town, according to reports received here by E. Pape, state fire warden. The Murrey logging works near Lindberg also were destroyed. Pape declared that Washington is faced by the most serious fire that it has had in 20 years.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. — Two U.S. shipping board vessels on their maiden trips were sunk, a fleet of other craft was badly battered, the city of La Paz was partially destroyed, and the floating equipment of the United States naval coal depot at Pichilique damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars during a terrific hurricane that raged off the lower California and northwest coast of Mexico, Sept. 17.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico. — The government announced that the sugar crop for 1918 is 453,796 short tons, as compared with 503,081 tons in 1917, a decrease of slightly over 10 per cent. The prospect for the 1919 crop indicates that there will be a further reduction in the amount of sugar raised next year.

**Foreign News**

KINGSTON, Jamaica. — It is the intention of the government to appoint a food controller. The governor will issue a proclamation against the exportation of cloth. He has already issued regulations against the export of locally grown products, food-stuffs, animals, alive or dead, if suitable for food.

ASUNCION, Paraguay. — A mutinous outbreak of troops in the district of Villa-Hayes has been suppressed. Calm now prevails throughout the republic. Dr. Eduardo Scherer, former president of Paraguay, has been appointed minister of war.

LONDON. — Owing to ill health, Sir Frederick Jones has resigned his post in the British ministry of information, and is succeeded by the well known author and novelist, Arnold Bennet.

The Allied governments have decided formally to recognize the belligerent status of the Arab forces fighting as auxiliaries with the Allies against the common enemy in Palestine and Syria.

PARIS. — The Prussian upper house has passed a suffrage measure giving equal and direct voting privileges to all Prussians.

MADRID. — There has been an increase in the number of cases of influenza here. King Alfonso is again ill, but only slightly so. He has some fever and also is suffering from throat trouble.

The mail carriers of Spain, numbering 12,000, have gone on strike. They demand an increase in wages.

Several cases of Asiatic cholera have been discovered in Vienna and deaths have occurred from this

disease there, according to official news received here.

BASEL. — Cholera has broken out in Berlin, according to advices received here. There have been seven cases, of which six were fatal.

AMSTERDAM. — All the imperial German secretaries of State have resigned, and the Prussian ministers intend to resign, according to the Berlin Tageblatt, a copy of which has been received here.

The German emperor has conferred the order of the Black Eagle on Count von Hertling, who recently resigned from the office of imperial chancellor.

Crown Prince Charles of Rumania who recently went to Odessa and married the daughter of a Rumanian Army Officer, is reported to have renounced his succession to the Rumanian throne.

COPENHAGEN. — The Berlin Vossische Zeitung says the appointment of Prince Maximilian of Baden as Imperial German Chancellor is an accomplished fact.

STOCKHOLM. — The number of victims in a great railway disaster north of Malmo has not been ascertained, but the fatalities are estimated at 90.

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa. — Spanish influenza has broken out here, spreading to all the diamond mines and affecting mining operations. During September it is estimated that there were over 10,000 cases, mostly of natives. Hitherto there is only one death reported.

TOKIO. — Keihara, one of the great Seiyukai party, has been appointed premier of the new Japanese cabinet, succeeding the Teruchi administration.

PEKIN. — Eight Pekin newspapers were suppressed and the operations of a news agency suspended for publishing reports concerning new Japanese loans.

**Archbishop on Monopoly of Education.**

In a pastoral letter issued at the opening of the school year, Most Rev. James J. Glennon, D.D., Archbishop of St. Louis, writes:

"The future has its uncertainties and forbodes possible trouble for our religious schools. While the war has undoubtedly brought forth an exaltation of spirit, while our homes and schools have aided so profoundly in giving spiritual value to the cause and moral fibre to the men — thereby lifting the whole struggle, in so far as we are concerned out of the sordid and commonplace, purifying and ennobling it, yet the danger is that in the days of returning peace all this may be forgotten and a return made to materialism with all its attendant evils.

We are fighting for Democracy now — there is danger that after the war this democracy, to be effective, may be interpreted into terms of State absolutism — and the absolute State, once established, will seek by every means to perpetuate itself. Now the one way most effective is to create a State monopoly of education from which the divine will be eliminated and State worship substituted.

Our people will not easily be led into such a situation, for they realize, at least the great majority of them, that such a State is the very opposite of democracy and that, though it might fit a nation emerging from barbarism, it will never be tolerated by free America.

True democracy makes for the preservation of the rights of the people. It proposes and sustains their equality before the law — equal opportunity and even-handed justice. The democratic State must not, however, seek to dominate the intellect or the soul.

The training of the soul of the individual is something for himself to determine — not for the State. The Church, being by Christ instituted as a teaching Church,

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has an inherent and divine right to establish schools for her children — and the parents have the inherent right to select such schools for the intellectual, moral, and religious training of their children.

If it be asked how far such schools go in inculcating loyalty to the State and nation — I think we have answered already. When the nation in her hour of trial asked her sons to defend her, our answer was, 'We are ready'. Our loyalty is not questioned in time of war, how can it be doubted in days of peace?

The loyalty that is deepest and most lasting is that which is of the soul — spiritual. The loyalty which has for its object and principles, purposes, and aims of the nation. This loyalty has to do not only with the lands, the homes and the lives of the people, but it goes farther; it interprets the spirit of the nation and stands guardian of its soul.

It is this loyalty, too, which inspires and ennobles the soldier, so that his strength is as the strength of ten because his heart and soul are consecrated to the cause he serves.

And this is the loyalty that is taught in the Catholic schools.

Let then their motto remain: 'For God and country — for faith and fatherland.'

**ROME AND RUSSIA.**

Since the fateful day when Russian revolutionists overthrew the old Romanoff dynasty, speculation has been rife as to the future of Catholicity in that unhappy land. The once vigorous religious life of the country began to decline with the introduction of the Greek schism. Now and then it manifested itself with unwonted vitality, as, for instance, in 1779, when Catherine II invited the Jesuits suppressed everywhere else, to exercise their ministry in White Russia. But as a rule the history of the Catholic Church in Russia is one of endless persecution. The Popes never ceased to protest and to beg for justice. The Tsars promised, concluded Concordats, — and broke them almost at once. While in the very beginning of the 19th century Alexander I established diplomatic relations with the Holy See, his successor, Nicholas I enacted so many draconian laws against Catholics that they constitute a veritable "Neronian code". Under his successor, Alexander III, the Catholic clergy continued to endure the severest oppression and this condition of things was prolonged into the reign of Nicholas II, the last of his line and recently shot by the Bolsheviki.

A temporary change for the better was brought about by the unsuccessful war with Japan. Internal troubles, that threatened to overthrow his throne, led Nicholas II to promulgate the constitution of 1905, which guaranteed

religious toleration. Two years of liberty were sufficient to reveal the great vitality of Catholicism in Russia: in that short space of time the number of conversions to the Catholic faith amounted to over 500,000, including 300,000 Uniate Catholics whom the Russian government had forced to declare themselves Orthodox. Strangely enough, 100,000 of these sneered at as "Obstinate", had not received the Sacraments for more than thirty years and had abstained from frequenting any church, in order not to be numbered among the Orthodox! How deeply Catholicism must have been rooted in their hearts.

Elated by this splendid success, the Catholic clergy developed the greatest activity in social and educational work and in the Press. It was not long, however, before their relentless enemies were able once more to abolish the laws relating to liberty of conscience. At the same time the government refused to recognize as legitimate the conversion to Catholicism of the former Uniates: any Catholic priest who baptized children of mixed marriages was fined or imprisoned; Catholic schools were closed and all Catholic organizations dissolved.

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**A MISUNDERSTANDING.**

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