ments, and the whole transportation system of the country was thrown into confusion.

about the present supply of shipping.

"All who are informed as to the

Take the matter of contracts for production. Obviously, in contracting for production of supplies for Europe, some sort of regard should have been had for the capacity of our ships to take them. Yet various bureaus have rushed production in factories to an enormous extent until there are now piled up on the docks of a few great harbors nearly 2,000, 000 tons or more of freight awaiting shipment, and every day adds to the mass and makes the confusion more confounded. Here again there has been no power to co-ordinate between production and transportation across the Atlantic. Now we must begin to curtail production.

Again, in the selection of factories for the manufacture of goods care should have been exercised not to congest population beyond the housing possibilities, but enormous contracts have been made which required the concentration of tens of thousands of workmen without any one planning ahead for the housing of the extra men.

AS TO THE FUEL FAMINE

"Take the matter of the Fuel Ad-Congress authorized ministration. the control of the fuel of the country, it has apparently been made without any successful effort to co ordinate

of knowledge, lack of transportation, and lack of harmony between the Fuel Administration and other functions of the Government are the had been some authority which could have brought the Fuel Administra- have a War Cabinet. tion into close contact with the min-ing and labor interests of the country and with the war industries of the as well as into conference with the Priority of Shipments Board and other branches of the Government, much of the present breakdown could have been prevented.

Food Administration, the War Board, the Priority of Shipments Board, the Spipping Board, the Aircraft Production Board, and all of the advance for what they immediately other boards, was running an in. had to do, but who has prepared the at any point. Its decisions were | could : and its orders were made

"It started trouble last summer by or hundreds of smail mines. It has mere seasoned a presents an reached a climax in mid-Winter by closing arbitrarily for more than a "It would be a monstrous wrong to out of work and causing the loss of

millions of dollars. 'The Aircraft Production Board. straining every nerve to secure aircraft and aircraft materials, already found its production interfered with. policy, perform the duties of Com-The allied Governments, purchasing mander in Chief of the Army and the The allied Governments, purchasing in this country products necessary to in this country products necessary to the war, found some of their factories design all the legislation for Conembarrassed. The Shipping Board, waiting for materials from certain partment of the Government stood week. aghast at the revolutionary character out of reason.
of an order that they had no knowledge of until it appeared in the

Fall of 1916, months before we got rounded by a court he hears practicated into the War. It has been running cally only one side.

it was a farce, and almost a crime. and operations with the energies and operations of other branches. It has

their failure to receive materials as well as because labor has been dibeen told on what I deem reliable minor changes. authority that 1,000 car loads of ship

Europe has been rushed to completion in factories by labor which should have been employed in building ships and would have been if we had a War Cabinet to survey the whole field and balance production and transportation. Now we have the products of the

time had not yet come to use them. am afraid to go too deeply into fig-There was no supreme power, appar-ently, to limit the enormous and giving information of value to the dangerous control of priority ship. enemy were one to tell the truth

present supply of our shipping were thunderstruck at the statements of Secretary Baker before the Military Affairs Committee. His sanguine predictions as to our ability to ship nen to Europe and to supply them when there are exaggerations of the wildest sort.

THE FOOD SITUATION

"Another evidence of the Tailure to make departments work together and to co ordinate their efforts may be seen in the food situation. While in and near New York they have nearly 2,000,000 tons of freight piled up and waiting for ships, we had down in New Orleans last week 250,000 tons of shipping and only 83,000 tons of food and feed with which to load it. So the shipping has to lie and wait for the food and feed to arrive.

have hundreds of millions of bushels of corn that cannot be moved from the farms for lack of cars. Actual corn shipments in the last two months have been only 50% of what they were a year ago. With the vast corn supply actually wasting and spoiling on Western farms we have dairymen and other owners of cattle and an attempt was made to control and live stock in the East actually prices, supply, and distribution, but feeding wheat to their live stock

because the market is bare of corn.
"In January we shipped to Europe the work with other functions of the only one-fifth as much corn as we "Today we have a fuel famine in ised to ship. Yet that corn is availthe country, not because we lack productive mines, but because they have before known. Where is the power not been permitted to operate. Lack in our government to equalize the of knowledge, lack of transportation, priority orders and the shipping privileges so that the shipping of food and feed will be planned months in advance and carried out in accordcauses of the breakdown. If there ance with the plans? It does not

DENIES THERE IS A WAR PLAN

"Secretary Baker says we have plans. I am sorry I cannot agree with him. If there has been one thing more conspicuous by its absence than any other in the operation of the various departments and bureaus "But the Fuel Administration, like in Washington since we went into Industries Board, the Raw Materials | the future. I do not deny that the various departments and bureaus have planned as far as they could in other boards, was running an in-dependent course. Its activities were master plan which will harmonize not focused with the other activities | the other plans? Nobody. Nobody

"The President in the daily press practically as though the others did not exist.

is quoted as objecting to any change in law on the ground that he alone "It started trouble last summer by has the responsibility for the confixing prices for coal at such figures duct of this war. That is to assume as to make impossible the operation that he has exclusive responsibility. of hundreds of small mines. It The mere statement presents an

closing arbitrarily for more than a week thousands of industries, throw hold him (the President) responsible ing millions of laborers and clerks for these and other shortcomings, because nothing but the genius of perfection and the power of omni-science could enable one man to look after these vast interests. He cannot at one time design and conduct our difficult and delicate foreign gress to pass, dictate all the industrial, financial, and political activifound their program intervith. Almost every other dent of the Government stood week. It is out of the question and

SAYS PRESIDENT DOES NOT KNOW

public press.

The shipping board That was an authority of law created nearly a year and a half ago, in the That was one all a by a per and a half ago, in the That was nearly a year and a half ago, in the That was nearly a year and a half ago, in the That was nearly a year and a half ago, in the Thomas F. Ryan of New York, will be called upon to devise means of obtaining funds possibly by the underwriting of a world-wide loan.

The Vatican's usual sources of nearly a year and a half ago, in the president does not show the real situation. He cannot give underwriting of a world-wide loan.

The Vatican's usual sources of nearly a year and a half ago, in the give two months to an investigation as we have done. Like a King sur-provided by a country by the provided by a country by the provided

The people who complain do not Government, co-ordinating with nothing else whatever. For months bers of his Cabinet. They come to it was more than a dismal failure— or write Senators and Representatives. It is we who have the re-sponsibility. We declared war, we vigorous operation it has been en-ormously handicapped and embar-ized the sale of billions of dollars in or no co-ordination of its energies ized the sale of billions of dollars in tribute bonds, we created the present bers are no co-ordination of its energies machinery of the Government. We tries. alone can change it.

eded materials, it has needed British Parliament do not shirk their labor, and every effort should have been made to get the materials and get the labor supply in priority over get the labor supply in priority over When dissatisfied with the conduct every other activity of Government. of the War they go so far as to up "It is a matter of common report, set the administration by an adverse however, that enormous delays have vote, and thus bring about a change occurred in our shipyards because of their failure to receive materials as three such complete changes have occurred in France and one in Great verted in other directions. I have Britain, to say nothing of some

'Shall the Congress of the United plates, made for the Shipping Board, loaded upon cars at the place of amend defective machinery? Can manufacture, were lost in the congestion of freight for a month at a permitted to report its conclusions time while the shipyards waited anxiously for their arrival.

"Production of war materials for Europe has been rushed to comple."

"End of while to define was a sad occasion. They were listening for the last time to the solemn notes of the great bell of the cathedral, mamed "Maria Gloriosa." Immediately and widely designed. Europe has been rushed to comple- manded by public opinion? I can-

the products filling every warehouse, used to make 2,000,000 tons of munisidetrack, and dock without the ships to carry them.

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taken by the Germans. It is also Subships to carry them.

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taken by the Germans. It is also only one of many church bells which Dr.

the answer is a War Cabinet

"We drafted a great many men from the people and provided abun-dant money for their clothing, arms, and equipment, but we find that while they have twenty pairs of shoes apiece, tens of thou-sands have suffered for lack of clothing and tens of thousands have had to drill with wooden guns. We say the answer is a Director of Muni-

We supposed the various agento carry on the War would all work to a single plan in harmony and accord. We find there has apparently been no one to plan ahead, no one to bring unity of action, no one to co-ordinate the many different functions of Government, and we say the a War Cabinet of three men from His free creation. to do these things."

SOLDIERS' DEVOTION TO ST. MICHAEL

I have before me a picturesque account of another shrine, far away in the provinces, which, since the War, has witnessed many acts of faith. The great medieval Church of St. Michael "in peril of the sea," on the Norman coast, is connected with the remote history of France, and memories of horesten and heliand memories of heroism and holiness, of illustrious warriors and saintly abbots, haunt its old stones. The two hundred people who live on the rock, crowned by a Gothic basilica, know and care little, alas, about these traditions; they were, before the War, more occupied with the tourists who flocked from the surrounding seaside resorts to the "Mont St. Michel," but during the difficulties that make traveling a labor prevent the organization of large pilgrimages, but individual pil-grims are numerous, and scarcely a day passes without some blue soldiers coming to kneel in the tiny oratory, where, since the eighth cenoratory, where, since the eighth century, prayers have been said to the "Prevost of Paradise," as the old "O mama! I love you! I love writers call St. Michael. One day a writers call St. Michael. One day a million dollars!" the little fiet beligerents on their part should beligerents. group of disabled fighting men came on their crutches up the steep, stony street leading to the shrine : another day fifty officers, who were starting for the front, requested the give me that, I want it! chaplain to give them the scapular. Letters pour in from all parts of France, asking that a lamp should be burnt for some beloved soldier, and in the dimness of the old chapel these faithful stars of light represent the prayers and thoughts that fill many a much-tried home. In this want. Thus empty jam-pots, in which burn night-lights, are a frequent substitute for the lamps that are absent, and certainly they are as welcome to the great Archangel, of

THE VATICAN TREASURY IS EMPTIED BY THE WAR CHARITY OF POPE

that "his assistance was worth any-

thing."-The Tablet.

Rome, Jan. 29.—An international committee is to be formed to reorgin soweth bountifully shall reap also ganize the finances of the Vatican, bountifully.' It is more blessed to which Cardinal Gasparri, papal give than to receive."

secretary of state, reports in an alarming condition. The committee, 'O Lord, every day I wi SAYS PRESIDENT DOES NOT KNOW one of whose members is to be You and say out of the depths of my "I agree with the Chairman of Thomas F. Ryan of New York, will heart, the greatness of my affection

gium, France, Austria and the United States, have been reduced or cut off sands of dollars of war charities, including the sending of food and mobile, or clothing, but a candle will including the sending of food and clothing to prisoners of war in Germany and Austria. Appeals for con-tributions are received in large numbers at the Vatican from many coun-

The French Parliament and the tish Parliament do not shirk their treasurer of the Vatican, having in his office a safe in which he deposits the funds to be dispersed. When the safe is empty the Holy See nominally is bankrupt.

> COLOGNE GIVES UP GREAT BELL

London, Jan. 10, 1918.-Great Rhine for some distance on New Year's Eve for what to them was a gives us a foretaste of heaven. named "Maria Gloriosa." I diately after it had rung the was cast in 1871 from French cannon taken by the Germans. It is also ships to carry them.

"The present condition of our ship building is nothing less than shocking. The present supply of shipping is worse than alarming. I

because we lack the ships to send it to Europe, while the pile grows have been already rendered up by the Catholics of Germany for the purpose of continuing the fight, and in this sacrifice we may catch a Subscriber, Hespeler.....

glimpse of the real shortage of metals which the Central Empires are feeling now and which has stripped the churches of Austria of their copper domes and steeples.

THE WORKERS' MODEL

As we have to work, as our work should consist in helping on the work of God and not in doing our feeble best to ruin that work, what better incitement to work can we have than the sight of our Lord Him self as a worker and toiler, not only for us but with us and we with Him? says Rev. Walter Strappini, S. J.

Hence the knowledge of His energizing personality is so stimulating in arousing our cooperation. supreme need of the hour to win the that cooperation which God desires

The sight of Christ laboring, toiling, fasting, teaching, healing, patient, calm under injustice, tenacious of purpose, persevering, all the manifestation of a character human but absolutely perfect—this combined pattern of all perfection forms a stimulus to our hesitating will, powerful, yet human, beyond the range of any inventiveness of our own .- Sacred Heart Review

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THE EXPRESSION

How frequently do we make Acts of Love and feel that we are truly sincere! Thousands and thousands sincere! of times have we said, "Oh my God! I love my neighbor as myself for the last three years there has been a considerable revival of devotion we said? Why it's an insult to ask towards the Archangel, who is one of such a question! Certainly we the patrons of France. The material meant—or thought we did—every word we uttered.

Perhaps our protestations of Love would stand the test just about as well as a child's, read about some time ago.

The mother said to the child—

My child, how much do you love

The mother spied in the little fist of her child a cent, tightly grasped, and said, "You have a cent there;

There was a hesitation and a frown and selfish human nature had sway. "No, but I'll give you something else, I want this for candy."

"O my God, I love You and I love my neighbor on Your account." Well, then, loving soul, give Me an expression of your love; love Me demand for them far exceeds the numbers at hand, and ingenuous devices are resorted to supply the work of Salvation; I want you to make a sacrifice for Me, so that My Kingdom in this world shall mental grace? In the Far West and North of Canada I am in need of whom the medieval fighting men said churches, Priests, Christian teachers, and schools, and you can help to supply all these by giving an expression of your love for Me; by giving willingly of the material treasures you have received from Me. If you possess little of this world's goods, give Me only a little, for My rule is this, "Give and it shall be given to you." 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.'

family would have to do without so many things which we have co look upon as necessaries. No, Lord by war conditions. At the same time | I can give You no substantial par Pope Benedict daily expends thou- of what You have given me. I canbe lighted in Your honour before Your tabernacle, and I will cry out every true woman : to you day after day, Lord! Lord! "She wrote no books; she painted Then, Catbolic Christian, I know no pictures; she thrilled no audiheart is far from Me. And vet Chris-I gave My only begotten Son. Ah!

in this way can we expect anything there in a Nazareth kitchen else but blame? Can we meditate filled her water pitcher at the upon the meaning of true love without condemning ourselves, convinced crowds gathered in the streets of are the products of our love, then to come, her name is, and will ever Cologne and on the banks of the our love is Christ-like and lifts us remain, the most blessed among above the sordid things of life and women.

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points wherein Mr. Wilson and Pope Benedict XV. are at one. The Pontiff published his peace proposal on the first day of August of last year. His Holiness could not have touched upon the recent happenings in Russis, in Roumanis, in the Balkan States and in the Ottoman Empire. It will be seen that, apart from the clauses referring to these most recent events, the Sovereign Pontiff includes every point made by the President with the sole exception of the first which speaks of "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at," etc. THE POPE Once the supremacy of right has "Absolute freedom of navigation been established, all obstacles to means of human communications between peoples would disappear; the true liberty and community of

the seas would be assured by rules to be established later." "This consummation (freedom of the seas) would help to do away with the present numerous causes of conflict as well as open new sources of conditions among all the nations

prosperity and progress."

POPE AND PRESIDENT

From the Catholic Transcript

THE PRESIDENT

"The removal, so far as possible,

"Belgium, the whole world will

common with all other free nations.

"A free, open-minded and abso-

lutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon a strict observance of the principle that in

determining all such questions of sovereignty the interests of the pop-

ulation concerned must have equal

weight with the equitable claims of the government whose title is to be

free and secure access to the sea."

should be erected."

"All French territory should be

determined.

"As a fundamental principle, moral right must be substituted for moral right must be substituted for material force of arms. Out of this shall arise a just agreement for a sistent with domestic safety." simultaneous and reciprocal diminu tion of armaments, according to rules and guarantees to be laid down hereafter, without impairing, how ever, the force needed for the maintenance of public order in each state."

'Therefore Germany, on her part. should completely evacuate Belgium and give guarantees for the latter's full political, military and economic independence.

" As regards such territorial questions as have arisen between Italy and Austria and between Germany and France, there is reason to hope that the parties to the conflict will be disposed to approach them in a conciliatory mood in view of the great advantages to a durable peace with disarmament, taking into consideration as we have said formerly, the aspirations and special interests of the peoples concerned, as well as the general good of humanity.

make similar restitution of German

"The same spirit of equity and justice should be followed in the consideration of other territorial and political questions, notably those relative to Armenia, and the Balkan States, and the territories making a part of the ancient kingdom of Poland, whose noble and historical traditions, and whose sufferings especially during the present expand and embrace thousands upon thousands badly in need of My sacranthousands badly in need of My sacranthous."

> "In place of armed force should be substituted the noble and peaceful institution of arbitration according to regulations to be made and penalties to be imposed upon any integrity to great as well as small State which might refuse either to submit a national question to such a tribunal or to accept its decision."

It is well to remember that the Pope explicitly states that the fundamental principle underlying the future peace of the world is moral right—moral right must be substituted for material force of arms. Implicitly the President of the United States contends for the same end.

bountifully.' 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

"But if you answer Me and say—'O Lord, every day I will kneel before You and say out of the depths of my heart the greatness of my affection.

Those who have striven to demonstrate that Pope Benedict XV's peace proposal is a pro German document, may apply the same canons of criticism to President Wilson's fourteen propositions with the same effect. Both are pleading the cause of equity and humanity.

If Pope Benedict XV. did not actually suggest the terms of peace set forth by Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Wilson, then, better still the terms that he did suggest were so natural, so just, so reasonable and so feasible that

> BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

The following beautiful tribute to the Virgin Mother at Bethlehem should be read and taken to heart by

your love to be only lip-love, and like My old friends the Pharisees, your heart is far from Me. And yet Chrisher life in none of the brilliant tian Friend, I so loved the world that spheres for which many of our girls sigh today. She simply lulled here your treasure is, there is your little babe on her breast; she pressed its face close to her motherheart If we. Catholics, act towards God she went about her household duties in a Nazareth kitchen; she lighted her fires, and prepared her frugal meals, unwaited upon, unatas we are that all love, worthy of the tended by any, save the angels that name, involves self denial and sacri-fice? When self-denial and sacrifice ages past, and throughout all ages

Artists may paint, writers may write, singers may sing, right on to the end of time, but none can ever hope to rival in unending love and reverence the wife of an humble cartakings." I entreat you to continue the support of my struggling penter of Galilee. They are all but as earth's tiniest candle to heaven's brightest star. Earth's greatest woman was great by virtue of her

motherhood. 'A maiden of Judea went up so close to the throne of God; she kept the chamber of her heart so pure that the Lord of Hosts entered in, and laid upon her breast the Saviour of men. Earth has nothing greater than the loving devotion of a woman who is pure in heart. We need Marys from Nazareth yet; we need

them everywhere. Let our girls ambitious, but let them not forget. amid life's feverish rush to sit at the feet of the Master, to learn His touch,

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