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#### ANNO DOMINI 1928

"If the War is taking out of the Dominion and this province so many educated men, and if it continues to thin our ranks, it is all the more important that we who remain here should take an added interest in the always grand question of education. the colleges and universities that the young French-Canadians must prepare themselves to fight the economic battle which will follow the military battles."

So says La Tribune, of Sherbrooke. We shall hear all kinds of voices dinning into us the importance of education during the next few years. Governments will force us to keep our children longer at the primary school. But Governments will not force us to give our sons and daugh-ters higher education in colleges and tain as the laws of physics. I have universities. That is a matter left to free choice and judgment. Those parents who are wise will strain themselves to give the best and highest education available to their children, and this wisdom will bring a rich reward to parents and children. The prizes of life will be won by the educated. We are all interested in seeing into the future. Some of us study the military situation and try to judge when and how the War will be decided. Others professors of social welfare in Canada could restore the idea of Christendom day life, manifests itself in the instudy crop reports and try to forecast wheat prices and the general tion from the schools of this country ! financial conditions of the country. Some would like to have an idea of what will be the position of Catholics in the Dominion ten or twenty years hence. To these peepers into long delayed consent to American infuturity we would give a hint : let them find out whether our Catholic colleges are filled or unfilled when be sent to aid the Russian people and the academic year starts this month. The condition of our colleges this expedition not only fighting men but month is an index to the condition a large proportion of workers for of the Catholic body as a whole in the year 1928.

### "SOCIAL WELFARE"

The Social Service Council of honour for the Y. M. C. A., and a Canada announces the publication of deserved honour. Whether any a new monthly organ to be called Knights of Columbus workers will "Social Welfare." The Social Service be sent to Siberia we do not know. Council itself is an important organ. But President Wilson is right in ization because by means of its con- thinking that the service such as the gresses and other activities it exerts Y. M. C. A. performs to soldiers on a a powerful influence on the social campaign is not a mere comfort and

An effort was made about a year is the recognition of their spiritual renewal of Confirmation and some- hiatus in their lives. They have not ly failed to achieve the great ends ture, "to supply two eggs a day to an ago to bring the Catholics of Ontario value which will, we hope, induce thing more than a renewal of his that freedom and that sense of in- for which the unrestricted campaign army of 4,938,904 soldiers, and the and Quebec together in a social done something to form public campaign a magnificent success. opinion as to social questions on Catholic lines. This effort was strongly

backed by high ecclesiastical authorit

gress without religious progress.'

# THE LAW OF NATIONS

ies both in Ontarlo and Ouebec but the The Social Service Council effort failed because of the disunion Catholics. Yet it is absolutely essennational Law" among the social questions be heard. It is essential within its province. To some people more for the sake of society than for this inclusion will seem a little farthe sake of the Church. Protestant fetched. Yet it is absolutely correct clergymen, as we have said, are to count international questions small beginnings have been made the attentions that she received from rival it in the eminence of its editordominant on the Social Service among social questions. It is a mis-Council. Every one knows what take to think of social questions as The laymen's retreat at Loyola owed her. The situation was not an nor one that has exercised greater social service represents to present- narrow and specialized. It might day Protestantism - it represents a almost be said that every human substitute for religion and for the question is a social question and the supernatural. "Seek ye first the ordinary human being would do well Kingdom of Heaven and its justice not to let social questions become a and all these things will be added monopoly for any exclusive circle of the Ecclesiastical Review in which unto you," is the foundation principle sociologists or social service experts. the writer, referring to the modern of Christian social philosophy. But The Catholic Social Guild of Eng. now we have Protestant clergymen land is showing a true conception of to the priests and the sisters the preaching : " Seek ye first the wel- social work by publishing a series of work of teaching their children not fare of this world and any other pamphlets, all dealing with the Law only their catechism but also their world will take care of itself." Against this secularism in Protestantism resistance must be made, for the League of Nations that may come ing by the Church of the rights and sake of social welfare, as we have into existence after the War and privileges of the parent. We thought said, as well as for religion. The which will prevent (so it is hoped) greatest scientific sociologist of the nineteenth century was Le Play. He Nations is the principles on which a shirk their duty in regard to their spoke as a purely scientific observer League of Nations must be based if little ones if some one else will of social phenomena when he said : "I have been connected with a number of poor families that I have world is thinking first of the organ. child. They do an injustice to them-

studied in every detail during several years and I have asked myization and mechanism of a League of Nations those thinkers who are ing others unto justice, of accomself how to assure their well being. I have seen that the progress of their well being depended on a moral progress, and the moral progress depended on religious progress. This ism. The Catholic way is surely the most logical way. We can easily has been to me, from the point of have a League of Nations that will not be a bit of good, because it is advised this same study to young men who were undecided in their founded on wrong principles. History witnesses to scores of Leagues opinions. I told them to begin the of Nations, and many of these work without any prejudices or pre-Leagues have been far from benefipossessions, and to study minutely a definite number of poor families and to search for the cause and remedy of their distress. The conclusion After the War we may set up a from these studies has never varied League of Nations that may be no progress in well-being without moral progress; and no moral pro-Yet in face of the verdict of this Alliance. Everything depends upon greatest of sociologists, there are the principles of the League. If we marked characteristic of the present

which is only geographical if it is anything at all, we shall have our A NECESSITY, NOT A LUXURY true League of Nations, and a true law of nations. Our troubles come When President Wilson gave his from the fact that the modern world divorced morality from international tervention in Siberia he was careful dealings as it divorced morality from to insist that the expedition would industry. Every nation thought it had simply to look out for itself and not to fight them. He sent with the do the best it could for its own interests. The only crime for a nation was weakness. In the same way other services, medical, sanitary and competition in industry social. In that small American ex-Was glorified by the economists. The pedition he found a special place for result of the negation of morality the Y. M. C. A. It was a very high in industrial life was the evils of capitalism ; the result of the negation of morality in international affairs was a series of savage

wars, the piling up of enormous

armaments in times of so-called

peace, the conscription of the popula-

tions of Europe, and finally this pres-

service congress that would have der the coming Knights of Columbus can be said of every Holy Com- ing an arm-chair at their own fire- out of Great Britain and France, and to waste amounts to \$122,735,500. munion he receives after his first. side, however humble that fireside the prevention of transportation of These figures were worked out at a But a retreat well made raises a may be. We recall the case of troops from the United States. The recent conference in Washington man to a new stage in his Euchar- an old lady who should have been in Hun is paying a high price for his re- called by the Federal Bureau of istic life for it brings him new lights the House of Providence, as she had crudescence of barbarism. as to the sweetness and sublimity of no living relative and dwelt alone. Canada, which is referred to in the Sacrament. "There is nothing She persisted in clinging to the that racialism has produced amongst another article, includes "Inter- like a retreat." Men coming out of little cottage she called home. She tial that the Catholic voice on social questions that it assumes to be Their experience is unutterable in took a smoke when she chose to do States, less, perhaps, from its recent words. In Quebec laymen's retreats are a it. The 'neighbors were kind and and historical past. There is no conserving our national resources.

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long established success but only indulgent to her and she looked upon other American periodical that can should be historic.

## SOCIALISM IN THE FAMILY

We remember reading an article in tendency among parents of leaving charity ! of Nations. What is the Law of night and morning prayers, branded

Nations ? We are all hearing of a it as a species of Socialism, an usurpthat the point was well taken. any recurrence of wars. The Law of Many parents may be willing to it is to be effective. It is character. assume it ; but in doing so they do istically Catholic that while the an injury to themselves and to the selves in losing the merit of instruct. inspired by the Church are thinking plishing the God-appointed task of more of principles than of mechan. giving not only the first material but also the first spiritual nourishment to their offspring. They wrong their children, for they alone can place like home.'

fulfil this duty to them properly. The first lessons and above all the night and morning prayers should be associated with the home, with the mother's knee, if they are to be a

where I am, because I am not torial to institutions of charity sugallowed to say. But I venture to state that I am not where I was, but where of selfishness, which is such a

members. Houses of Providence were originally established as homes for the aged poor, those who had

none to care for them. It was never intended that they should assume duties that could and should be performed in the home. Yet many of the inmates in those institutions have sons or daughters who are possessed of means and a comfortable home, but who find it less irksome to pay a yearly amount for the maintenance of their parents than to attend to that duty themselves. a connage of two and a half million :

Like the parents who delegate today it has a tonnage, with auxiliary others to teach their children their ships, of eight million. ponderance over the fleets of its Allies has made it the one outstandprayers, these undutiful, and we might even add unnatural children, ing guarantor for the security of the do an injustice to themselves and to seas from enemy assailants, and even their parents. They forfeit the inin the case of the submarines there heritance that is promised to those who honor their father and mother.

THE PASSING of the New York Free- adopting plans for cutting down egg man's Journal is a distinct loss to losses. Similar conditions no doubt a retreat can say little beyond that. had few creature comforts, but she Catholic journalism in the United prevail in Canada, which goes to so, and a cup of tea when she wanted history than from its distinguished

among English speaking Catholics. them as so many duties that they ial and contributorial associations, ideal one we readily admit : but was influence in the forwarding of the not this querulous old lady, who was Catholic cause and the elevation of not too grateful for favors received Catholic thought in the great Repuband who was often a trial to the lic. To have numbered three such patience of her benefactors, a source men on its staff as Orestes A. Brownof many graces to the neighbor son, James A. McMaster and John women, graces of which they would Gilmary Shea, is assuredly a distinchave been deprived by the more tion in itself. Brownson, who came modern system of dispensing into the Church in the fulness of his manhood, is easily first of American

It might be well to enquire if the philosophers; McMaster ranks with painful situation which confronts so the greatest of Catholic editors, and many old people in our day is not a than Shea no man has rendered sort of retribution, a result of their greater service in the field of histor-not having given proper home train-ical studies in the United States. ing to their children. If boys and

TO JAMES A. McMaster in particugirls have not been made to realize what home should be and if their lar the Freeman's Journal owes the while holding the French in check tenderest associations are not linked influence which it exerted a genera. by a defensive line along the Valley with it, it is quite reasonable to sup- tion or more ago. A convert like pose that they will not realize what Brownson, and like him imbued with pain they inflict upon their parents unselfish zeal for the good of the hurry before the Americans could be when they hand them over to the Church and the welfare of her chilcare of public charities. A lesson dren, he brought to the editorial office that cannot be inculcated too fre- at a time when it meant something quently is that there is more theology to be a Catholic editor, ripe scholarthan poetry in the old familiar line : ship and a keen sense of the needs of "Be it ever so humble, there is no the day. In the vigor of his onslaughts upon the enemies of re-THE GLEANER ligion and morality he had much in

common with the great French editor, Louis Veuillot, while he re-THE NOW familiar "Somewhere in France" receives elucidation at the patience with which he bore with hands of a British soldier after this opposition from those even of his fashion : "I am sorry I cannot tell you own household.

TO A STRONG personality like McMaster, who had to be himself in everything that he did, a certain amount of opposition and misunderstanding was inevitable. All had this handsome tribute to the work not the same keenness of vision or (not less effective because so silent,) intensity of conviction that he had, the opening of the battle on August of the British Navy in the present and, given those qualities, it is not to be wondered that he sometimes expressed himself in language less vigorous than conciliatory or pleasother Allies, point to the fact ing. But he hated shams, and con-that the German land offensive stitutionally could not pursue a temland offensive stitutionally could not pursue a temporizing policy when interests dearer to him than life were at stake. The American transportation to the War Freeman's Journal under his editor. the glass-blowing industry, may hold areas would have ceased with de-ial management was therefore out a few days, but by the middle of struction of the British fleet. always James A. McMaster. And it may be doubted whether any journal

AMONG NOTABLE War-time developments is the manufacture of paper from saw-dust. With a view to eashave been one hundred and fifty of ing the paper situation in Britain these sunk, mostly in the course of interesting experiments to this end who honor their father and mother. They deprive themselves of the rich store of merit that comes from rich store of merit that comes from rich store of merit that comes from restrict a store of the sease to the allied and restrict a store of merit that comes from restrict a store of merit a store of the store of

influence in the world of thought or of

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Catholics throughout Canada to ren- first Holy Communion, because that dependence that comes from occupy- was embarked upon-the starving value of these eggs that are going Chemistry, and the U. S. Food

Administration for the purpose of show that after four years of war we have scarcely made a beginning in

# ON THE BATTLE LINE

WITH THE capture of Bapaume, the outflanking of Peronne, and its evacu-ation by the enemy, the capture of Noyon and the approach French to Guiscard and I and Ham the third great battle of the Somme near a triumphant end. The genius of Foch and the fighting spirit of the Allied armies have won a great vic tory. In the battle of Si Quentin. fought during March and April, the Germans, starting from the neighbor-hood of St. Quentin and La Fere, marched westward about thirty.fly miles in a little over two weeks, and arrived at points about eight miles

way to the sea, the purpose of their campaign being to separate British and French armies, separate the of the Somme, to destroy the British army, occupy the Channel ports of France, and finish the War in a brought into the field in large numb-When this plan was defeated ers. by the tenacious resistance of Allied troops in front of Amiens the German leaders by three great suc cessive thrusts—on the Aisne, the Oise and the Marne—sought to uncover the way to Paris and bring the French Capital under their guns.

YESTERDAY'S TRIUMPHANT march of the British and French armies toward Cambrai, St. Quentin and La sembled Frederick Lucas in the Fere marks the end of the Great robustness of his faith, and the Adventure. The Germans are back within ten miles of St. Quentin and La Fere, and are desirous of nothing so much as evading the pursuit of the Allied troops until they can reach what they hope will prove the

safe shelter of the Hindenburg trench system. The retreat during the past two days degenerated into a rout on some parts of the front, while on others, the despatches say, the enemy's rearguards fought and died to the last man, refusing to surrender. The important towns recovered since 8 include Albert, Bapaume, Roye, Nesle, Noyon, Montdidier, Lassigny Only two places of consequence occu-pied by the Germans in March-Guiscard and Chauny-still remain in their hands, if, as unofficial reports say, Ham has been evacuated. Guis card is outflanked, and was probal abandoned during last night. Chauny, formerly the chief centre of next week the entire area won by the Germans in Marchat a great cost should be again in the hands of the that had not a strong personality Allied armies, while in the region behind it has ever exercised real south of the Scarpe villages that have been German territory since 1914 once more fly the Tricolor.

THE GERMANS captured almost a hundred thousand British and French soldiers-a large part of them wounded men-during the battle of St. Quentin. The Allied armies have Quentin. The captured over 116.000 Germans since the opening of their counter offen-sive of July 18 on the Marne. The

## cent. There are at least two Leagues permanent factor in forming the of Nations in the world to day, character of the adult. Our reference in last week's edias futile and a good deal gests this same species of Socialism less well-motived, than the Holy in regard to old people. That spirit

who would banish religious instruc. in the ancient sense which was clination of the family to be relieved moral, in place of the modern sense, of the care of its old and infirm

I was before I left here to go where I have just come from." THE BALTIMORE American pays War : "Well does the British Premier without any disparagement to the

NOTUS AND COMMENTS

might have been disastrous if successful, but the sea offensive would have been fatal. The possibility of France, Italy, and Great Britain threatened with starvation—the War would have been over. The British Navy at the outbreak of the War had

on of Canada, or rather of the different Provinces, for the most im- any part of the commissariat. Solportant social legislation is not federal. diers on campaign are not always Protestant clergymen are the ruling fighting, working, or sleeping. They spirits on the Social Service Council have their times of leisure for recreand at the Social Service Congresses. ation, for writing letters home, or Incidentally it may be remarked that for reading. Life would not long be the activities of the Social Service bearable without this leisure. This Council are financed to a consider- necessary leisure has to be provided able extent by Government grants. for. It is to the honour of the Y. M. All sorts of religious bodies and C.A. that they saw this need of Army social, economic and labour organ- life and they were first in the field izations are affiliated to the Social with provision for it. How many Service Council, but no Catholic soldiers have been saved from the organizations. Our aloofness has miseries of loneliness and the temptdisadvantages. We lose opportunities ations of idleness by the Huts of the of influencing a movement that is Y. M. C. A.? The letters received doing much to shape the social at home by mothers and wives writfuture of the country. Yet there are ten on the Red Triangle paper are a with the Social Service Council. There must be Huts for soldiers. The Council is a propagandist body Their absence would mean wretched. and though it propagates nothing ness, and in some cases, moral discontrary to Catholic doctrine it pro- aster for our men. But there should number of Catholics are opposed, not feel always dependent on the ment of defectives, on legislation to tion. They should have the satisourb certain moral evils. If the faction of being able to take a Protest-Social Service Council contented it. ant comrade into a Catholic Hut. social problems and abstained from soldiers is a better way of reciprocatpropaganda a body like the Catholic ing Y. M. C. A. hospitality than con-Social Service Council.

ent conflagration which threatens to convenience : it is as necessary as reduce the world to ruins. International questions are moral questions; moral questions are religious questions. The Catholic Church alone can offer men the solution. But the Church has to work out the solution by thought and study : it is not possessed ready-made. Consequently it about it. is most encouraging to see Catholic scholars taking up questions of international justice and endeavoring to interest the Catholic public in these matters.

LAYMEN'S RETREATS Loyola College, a retreat for laymen big wedge ! There are many imporof education, primary and higher; peace, conforms to her wishes. If pagates ideas to which a considerable be Catholic Huts. Our men should extension ; works like parish clubs generously devote herself to her new ideas on Prohibition, on the treat- hospitality of a Protestant organiza- But it is not the exaggeration of a sion of merit that devotion to them Our Lord ascended into heaven He of their grey hairs.

neutral shipping. the little services rendered to the

aged and patient bearing with their THE TREMENDOUS strain placed eccentricities ; and they miss the upon the German people by the subblessing that honored old age calls marine campaign, (not to mention down upon the domestic hearth and their other burdens) may be estithe generation that is springing up mated by the cost of a single U-boat of the first class. While actual

Sometimes it happens that a figures are for obvious reasons not daughter-in-law does not take kindly available, the London Times conto the presence of her husband's siders it an underestimate rather parents in her new home. If the than overestimate of the cost of the situation bids fair to be an occasion German U-29 to place it at \$1,000,000. of domestic strife it were better, we This is the craft reported by the admit, that other arrangements be British Admiralty to have been sunk made. Very often, however, the some weeks ago, and which repre-For the first time in the history of objection arises merely from selfish- sented the latest German developness and a desire for ease and com- ments in underseas marine construcwas held there last week. Let us fort. The young wife fears that the tion. The figure is arrived at by strong objections to Catholics joining testimony to the value of the Huts. hope this is the little end of a very peculiarities of the old folks will jar comparison with the cost of British upon the sensibilities of her friends, submarines of a somewhat smaller tant works in Catholic life : works and her husband, for the sake of type.

works of charity ; works of Church she were spiritually wise she would AT A COST, therefore, of from into mucilage, 5% into xylose, much and confraternities; social study, parents and thank God for the occa- ing to size and equipment, it may be quantity of acetic acid, with probhobby-rider to say that nothing is offered. We have known daughters. this branch of the Hun War machine to be discovered. With a corn crop first time since the battle began, has in the United States this year esti- the note of triumph in it. The more important than laymen's re- in-law who have acted thus and is truly prodigious. And, what is in the United States this year estitreats. Retreats make from our they have been blessed in their own slowly coming home to the German mated at 3,000,000,000 bushels, the self with the study and discussion of To have Catholic Huts open to all laymen an elite of Apostles. When children who promise to be the joy people, the great bulk of this invest- value of the newly discovered mater-

left his chosen disciples to go and Some one may contend that the ocean. It has been authoritatively an opportunity for Canadian indus-Social Guild could affiliate with the tributing to Y. M. C. A. funds, as teach all nations. But they were old people are better off in the House announced by Premier Lloyd George, try. Council, but at present that is im- Catholics all over Canada have done. not to go at once after the Ascension. of Providence. It is true that their and by others speaking officially, that

possible. We must tolerate paying This desire to reciprocate and to have They had to wait until they had physical welfare is attended to better the Navy is sinking submarines taxes for the subsidizing of propa- Catholic counterparts to Protestant made a retreat, which they did until perhaps than it would have been at faster than Germany can build them. ganda from which we dissent, but Huts is the least of the reasons for the Holy Ghost came down upon them home, and that they enjoy greater Heavy as the toll has been which the tion through spoilage and deteriorathat is a different thing from identi. Catholic Huts for soldiers. Catholic in the Upper Room. After that the religious consolation, dwelling as U-boat has exacted of the Allied and tion is prodigious. "Enough eggs fying ourselves voluntarily with the Huts will help the spiritual life of disciples became Apostles. A retreat they do under the same roof with neutral mercantile marine, and inciour men in a thousand ways, and it is for a man a renewal of Baptism, a Our Lord. Nevertheless there is an dentally, of human life, it has utter. the Illinois Department of Agricul-

affairs.

Its vast pre-

announced, fairly satisfactory results. It is only a war-time measure designed to ease the shortage caused however, that permanent results may to navigation on the great rivers of posits not be turned into a source of national wealth ?

The United States Bureau of Chemistry has devised practical and probably commercial methods whereby can be converted into glucose, 30%

\$500,000 to \$1,000,000 each, accord- new baking-powder material, a large seen that the aggregate invested in ably other valuable by products yet ment now lies at the bottom of the lals may be imagined. Here, too, lies The west bank of the Somme has

> ON THE other hand, it transpires that the leakage in the egg-produc-

the Germans during all their offen sives of the present campaigning season. The Canadian Corps has sustained its splendid reputation by the curtailment of the import of has, indeed, enhanced its reputation wood-pulp. It is not improbable in the third battle of the Somme. The Corps was not seriously engaged until August 8. Since that time it follow. Here is an outlet for the has captured over 13,000 prisoners vast deposits of sawdust in Canada and almost two hundred guns, many which, in times past, have exercised of them pieces of six-inch calibre or the minds of so many as an obstacle over. In a period of less than three weeks it fought on parts of the front over forty miles apart, and on both the country. Why should these de- battlefields it made record advances. These things are not said in a braggart spirit. The Canadians are no braver men than the gallant French and the splendid British ANOTHER WAR-TIME discovery is the wealth lying hidden in corncobs. their powers to achieve the great victory now assured. Where all have won much honor there need be ably commercial methods whereby no singling out of any for special 37% of the substance of these cobs own lads, and when the story of this battle, which has proved the turning

> SIR DOUGLAS Haig's report, for the enemy, he says, is retreating all along the line, and is suffering great been reached at both Peronne and Brie. The midnight German report says that "forefield fighting took place in front of our new lines east of Bapaurae and Peronne." This seems to indicate the evacuation of Peronne.-Globe, August 30.

point of the war, comes to be written

their deeds will have a place high

upon the scroll of honor.

He that neither works nor nushes Won't find food among the bushes.