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ANNO DOMINI 1918

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So says La Tribune, of Sherbrooke. We shall hear all kinds of voices...

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"SOCIAL WELFARE"

The Social Service Council of Canada announces the publication of a new monthly organ to be called "Social Welfare."

An effort was made about a year ago to bring the Catholics of Ontario and Quebec together in a social service congress...

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is the recognition of their spiritual value which will, we hope, induce Catholics throughout Canada...

THE LAW OF NATIONS

The Social Service Council of Canada, which is referred to in another article, includes "International Law" among the social questions that it assumes to be within its province.

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renewal of Confirmation and something more than a renewal of his first Holy Communion, because that can be said of every Holy Communion he receives after his first.

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hiatus in their lives. They have not that freedom and that sense of independence that comes from occupying an arm-chair at their own fireside, however humble that fireside may be.

It might be well to enquire if the painful situation which confronts so many old people in our day is not a sort of retribution, a result of their not having given proper home training to their children.

THE GLEANER

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The NOW familiar "Somewhere in France" receives elucidation at the hands of a British soldier after this fashion: "I am sorry I cannot tell you where I am, because I am not allowed to say."

THE BALTIMORE American pays this handsome tribute to the work (not less effective because so silent) of the British Navy in the present War:

"Well does the British Premier, without any disparagement to the other Allies, point to the fact that the German land offensive might have been disastrous if successful, but the sea offensive would have been fatal."

THE TREMENDOUS strain placed upon the German people by the submarine campaign, (not to mention their other burdens) may be estimated by the cost of a single U-boat of the first class.

AT A COST, therefore, of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 each, according to size and equipment, it may be seen that the aggregate invested in this branch of the Hun War machine is truly prodigious.

ly failed to achieve the great ends for which the unrestricted campaign was embarked upon—the starving out of Great Britain and France, and the prevention of transportation of troops from the United States.

THE PASSING of the New York Freeman's Journal is a distinct loss to Catholic journalism in the United States, less, perhaps, from its recent history than from its distinguished and historical past.

TO JAMES A. McMaster in particular the Freeman's Journal owes the influence which it exerted a generation or more ago.

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.

AMONG NOTABLE War-time developments is the manufacture of paper from saw-dust. With a view to easing the paper situation in Britain interesting experiments to this end have been recently carried on at the paper mills of Aberdeen with, it is announced, fairly satisfactory results.

ANOTHER WAR-TIME discovery is the wealth lying hidden in corncocks. The United States Bureau of Chemistry has devised practical and probably commercial methods whereby 37% of the substance of these cobs can be converted into glucose, 80% into mucilage, 5% into xylene, much new baking-powder material, a large quantity of acetic acid, with probably other valuable by-products yet to be discovered.

ON THE other hand, it transpires that the leakage in the egg-production through spoilage and deterioration is prodigious.

ture, "to supply two eggs a day to an army of 4,988,904 soldiers, and the value of these eggs that are going to waste amounts to \$122,735,500. These figures were worked out at a recent conference in Washington called by the Federal Bureau of Chemistry, and the U. S. Food Administration for the purpose of adopting plans for cutting down egg losses.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

WITH THE capture of Bapaume, the outflanking of Peronne, and the evacuation by the enemy, the capture of Noyon and the approach of the French to Guiscard and Ham the third great battle of the Somme nears a triumphant end.

YESTERDAY'S TRIUMPHANT march of the British and French armies toward Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere marks the end of the Great 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 GERMAN 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 captured over 116,000 Germans since the opening of their counter-offensive of July 18 on the Marne.

SIR DOUGLAS Haig's report, for the first time since the battle began, has the note of triumph in it. The enemy, he says, is retreating all along the line, and is suffering great losses in men and War material.

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