

WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE K. OF C.

When Miss Pershing, sister of General Pershing, was at Camp Dodge, Ia., recently, and saw the Catholic soldiers crowding to confession at the K. of C. building, she exclaimed in admiration: "Isn't it marvellous!" Then she added: "This is just the type of boy my brother needs over there."

The K. of C. building in every camp gives the Catholic boy the opportunity for the practice of his religion. It is a constant reminder to him likewise that a great Catholic organization representing the Catholic people generally is with him heart and soul in his patriotic work.

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K. OF C. CHAPLAIN WINS ADMIRATION IN FRANCE

On the other side of the Atlantic our K. of C. chaplains are beginning to show their priestly devotion. An Associated Press despatch to the Washington Star says:

"One of the most popular men with the soldiers on this sector is Reverend Father des Valles, a Roman Catholic priest of New Bedford, Mass., who is living with the men in an unofficial capacity, he having come to France as a representative of the Knights of Columbus.

"When the attacks began Father des Valles, braving the dangers of shell and machine gun fire, went to the casualty clearing station, near the front line to administer to the wounded. He assisted in dressing the injuries of the soldiers and gave each man a word of cheer. He handed out cigarettes to the men who smoked.

"He is as game as they make them and every inch a soldier," said a doughboy, while other soldiers spoke of the inspiration furnished by the priest."

A BAPTIST TRIBUTE

A first lieutenant who had observed the effect on the men of the K. of C. work, said: "I am the son of a Baptist minister. I went home about four years ago after four years' service in the Army. My father who was about to take up a speaking tour for the Y. M. C. A. drive, asked me for first hand information as to the value of that organization in the Army. I told him it was impossible to tell of the good it had accomplished. 'But,' said I, 'if you speak for the drive, split it up 33 1/3 per cent for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and K. of C. for they all stand equal in my estimation.' I later heard that my father was criticized by certain people for including the K. of C., but I wrote him to keep up the good work as I did not think that in Heaven he would be bothered by critics like those."

SEEING THE BOYS OFF

Writing of the departure of 2,000 men for the battlefield of France Father Walsh concludes his description of a busy day with these words: "Then to crown our work, every one of the Catholic boys stepped forward and had stamped upon his identification tag, twenty-four hours before he was to embark on a journey freighted with peril and sacrifice that touching request of a wounded or dying Catholic soldier: 'Send For A Priest.'"

THE RECREATIONAL SIDE OF THE WORK

To the conscientious Catholic the religious side of our work in the camps is, of course, the more important. Nevertheless the recreational side is worthy of consideration too. It is no negligible factor in the moral and spiritual life of a young man that he has a place where he may gather with his fellows to enjoy himself in physical exercise, games and sports.

ton, Whitestone, L. I., recently, a very fine show was staged by Battery B. The notice of the performance that appeared in the Tot, the clever paper published at the Fort by the soldiers themselves, proves how thoroughly the show was enjoyed by all. The Tot also notices favorably the "Irish Night" held at the K. of C. building with some outside talent but with the boys themselves doing their share. The dramatic critic of the Tot incidentally remarks that all the boys felt at home in the K. of C. building at this Irish Night "particularly Goldstein, Schmidt, Chuchvalec, Strowski and Piccirilli."

And then there was a bowling tournament for a loving cup offered by the K. of C. which created a lot of enthusiasm and generated much goodfellowship among the men.

Such incidents as these are taking place all over the country in every camp and station where the Knights of Columbus building displays its "Everybody Welcome" sign.

SAULT STE MARIE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

Contributions of the Knights of Columbus and churches of the diocese of Sault Ste Marie to the fund for Soldiers Huts at the front which will be open to all without distinction of creed or race:—

Table listing contributions from various parishes and individuals in the Sault Ste Marie diocese, including North Bay (St. Mary's), Elk Lake, and various other locations.

Total \$6728 33 Collected in churches \$2284 48 Collected by Knights \$4443 85

D. J. SCOLLARD, Bishop of S. S. Marie, North Bay, April 2nd, 1918.

POLISH RELIEF

Contributions of the parishes and missions of the diocese of Sault Ste Marie for the Polish Relief Fund, November 21st, 1915.

Table listing contributions for Polish Relief from various parishes and individuals, including North Bay (St. Mary's), Elk Lake, and various other locations.

Total \$1655 41

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PROTEST OF C.M.B.A.

BRANCH 284 WARMLY RESENTS ACTION OF HALIFAX HERALD

Enumerating instances of unfair, unpatriotic and false charges against the Catholic Church reproduced in the Halifax Herald, a journal largely patronized by Catholics, Branch 284 of the C. M. B. A., Glace Bay, N. S., thus concludes the preamble and adopts the following resolution:

And whereas, when the attention of the Herald was called to the virulence and the falsity of the article reproduced and the dishonesty of its own headlines by more than one correspondent, it not only failed to make the "amende honorable," as would become a fair and unprejudiced journal, but it repeated the attack and gave a double display to its lying and insulting bold-faced headlines.

nation, by every legitimate means, of the dangerous and unpatriotic campaign of bigotry now opened by the Halifax Herald in this Province;

Further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Branch, a copy sent to the Halifax Herald, The Casket (Antigonish), The Catholic Record, (London, Ont.), The Catholic Register (Toronto) and the Canadian, our official organ.

Passed at a regular meeting of Branch No. 284 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, April 16th, 1918.

MICHAEL MCNEIL, President JOHN J. W. MCKINNON, Secretary

OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENCE

Post Office Department, Canada, Ottawa, April 19th, 1918.

With regard to the arrangement instituted whereby correspondence of a private and family nature can be forwarded from individuals in Canada to persons in enemy and enemy occupied territory through the medium of Thos. Cook & Son, 530 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, difficulty is being caused owing to persons remitting the charge for forwarding these letters (35c) by postage stamps instead of by means of a Postal Note for 30 cents with 5 cents in postage affixed thereto.

The attention to persons sending such correspondence is particularly directed to this as in future where the charges are remitted by means of postage stamps the letters will be returned to the senders.

R. M. COULTER, Deputy Postmaster General.

SPECIAL WAR-TIME FACILITIES ISSUED TO CHAPLAINS

A GREAT BOON FOR PRIESTS IN ARMY WORK

Washington, D. C., April 16.—All chaplains, both Knights of Columbus and commissioned, have now received their special war time facilities granted to them by Pope Benedict and issued through the Rt. Rev. Patrick Hayes, Bishop Ordinary of all American military and navy chaplains. These facilities are exceedingly comprehensive and permit chaplains to exercise all of their priestly functions no matter in what diocese they chance to be located. By means of these facilities the chaplains may handle most spiritual cases, even those commonly reserved to the Bishops. They are also given special privileges regarding the celebration of Mass and the recitation of the Divine Office.

The granting of general absolution in times of emergency is a special feature of these facilities, and on several occasions this privilege has been exercised by chaplains in the American camps. This has usually been done when large bodies of troops were being moved to the embarkation points, the men were anxious to receive Holy Communion before sailing and there was not sufficient time for the chaplains to hear all the confessions.

On these occasions the men have been gathered together and after making a sincere act of contrition, they have been granted general absolution and permitted to receive Holy Communion. It is understood, of course, that those thus receiving general absolution must go to confession at the earliest opportunity.

The new facilities issued to chaplains by Bishop Hayes also provide that under certain conditions a priest may celebrate Mass and a soldier may receive Holy Communion without fasting. Mass may also be celebrated after the noon hour provided it is impossible to celebrate it before that time. The Blessed Sacrament may be reserved at all times without lights, provided it is reverently kept in a decent place. This will be a boon to the priests situated in places where there are no chapels as it will enable them to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in their tents or rooms for use at any time it becomes necessary to administer the Viaticum to the sick.

RISKS LIFE TO SAVE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In "The Vincentian," an English magazine, we find the following account of Private Cahill, the young Irish-Australian Catholic who risked his life to save the Blessed Sacrament:

"A letter from the front tells us of a noble exploit wrought within the last fortnight. Just before the Messines offensive the Germans bombarded a little village just behind the line with frightful severity. Round and about the Catholic church the shells were falling thick as snow-flakes. The inside of the church was littered with debris.

"Every instant brought some new havoc, so that to enter seemed certain death. At this moment a young Irish-Australian, Frederick Cahill by name, asked the aged curé, who stood by in tears, if the Sacrament had been removed. On hearing that it had not been removed, and that the key of the tabernacle had been buried in debris, young Cahill determined to save the sacred species from being scattered in the dust and exposed to profanation. Thrilled with deep emotion at the great unwonted privilege in store for him, if he succeeded, he went forward, searched right and left amid the fallen rubbish, and discovered the key. Just as he was

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carrying outside the ciborium with its sacred contents a terrific shell suddenly crashed through the rose window over his head, raining over him fragments of glass and refuse, while shells burst round and about him. He came through it all like one who bore a charmed life, and placed the sacred vessel in the hands of the parish priest. A strong spirit of the ages of faith must pulse strong in the soul of this noble Irish-Australian. Such a deed as Fred Cahill's, risking his life for the honor of the Blessed Sacrament, the readiness to give his life to avert even remote humiliation from Him who is the Life, indeed, could not fail to convince all those who hear of it, of the firm belief of Catholics in the reality of God's Presence in the Sacrament of the Altar."

A REFLECTION

By Loretta Marie Gates

Live, knowing always that your God sees you. He who will some day judge you in the great tribunal hall of peace; He, who watches you with loving eyes, tender in their fathering gaze, following you at all times, in all places; He, who you acknowledge your God, this is He to whom you caused so great a suffering to come. He is still even today—this minute, loving, seeking caring and beseeching you to come to Him and be at Peace.

O! Ye who think this world is nothing but cares, toils, and who are burdened with a load almost too great—reflect on your God—how can you complain, you that caused Him, God the Father, sufferings so intense?

O! think not on yourselves, but rather remember the agonies of the Cross. Surely if we but meditate five minutes on His bitter passion our trials and tribulations will seem as a mist of dew sprinkled upon our parched souls. Our souls that ever need purification of sorrow to purge them free of the stain of multitudinous and grievous faults.

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