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After-the-War News

BERLIN, Dec. 21. — Mathias Erzberger, vice-premier and minister of finance, stated at the meeting of the national assembly that a great part of the 20,000,000,000 marks in gold, payable to the allies under the terms of the peace treaty, had already been delivered. Theentente, therefore, was morally bound to supply Germany with raw materials and foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — A re-drafted resolution by Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, to declare a state of peace with Germany and to retain to the United States all material benefits that would be gained under the unratified treaty of Versailles, was approved by the senate foreign relations committee by a vote of 7 to 3. Senate action on the measure will be sought after the holiday.

PARIS, Dec. 22. — The peace conference has reached an agreement on the compensation to be demanded of Germany for sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet. A final note will be handed to the German representative, which, it was believed, will permit signing the protocol and declaring the treaty of peace effective before Dec. 31. Very few details now remain to be disposed of by the council to clean up all the work of the peace conference, with the exception of the Hungarian and Turkish treaties and the Russian situation. It was thought that all else might be disposed of in time to permit the celebration of Christmas in a state of effective peace with Germany, unless that nation maintains certain of her objections to the final terms, after receiving the council's note.

VIENNA, Dec. 22. — The visit paid to Paris by Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, was productive of extremely valuable results, he declared to the assembly here, in reporting the outcome of his mission to seek aid for Austria from the Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 23. — A Bolshevik communication received from the region of Bakhmul, 125 miles east of Yekaterinoslav, says: After fierce fighting with the troops of General Mamontoff and General Shkuro, our cavalry flung the enemy back to the south and the Reds occupied Starobelsk. From Nov. 20 to Dec. 20 the Reds occupied 125,000 square versts of territory, together with Kiev, Kharkov, Pottawa, and 39 small towns, and captured 5,289 soldiers and officers. On the Turkestan front the Reds occupied Balaishem and captured 500 prisoners.

LONDON, Dec. 23. — According to a wireless message received here from Moscow, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Tchitcherin, addressed an offer to the Polish government to begin immediate negotiations to conclude peace. The Polish government was requested to indicate the time and place it would like the negotiations to open.

IRKUTSK, Dec. 23. — The city of Tomsk, Western Siberia, has been evacuated by the Siberian

troops of the All-Russian government.

PARIS, Dec. 24. — Members of the Jugo-Slav parliament from Adriatic regions—Goriza, Trieste, Istria, Carniola, Fiume and Dalmatia—have protested to Premier Clemenceau against the reported projects of Gabriele d'Annunzio to occupy regions of Jugo-Slavia, and against what they term as "the abuse of Italy of power confided to it by the allies." They also demanded in the name of the rights of humanity that the Italians release Jugo-Slav prisoners of war and send them home, as Italy already has done, they declare, with the Germans and Magyars.

LONDON, Dec. 24. — The Bolsheviks captured fifteen guns, 1000 horses and 3000 men, after defeating the forces of Generals Mamontoff and Chelnokoff, in the region of Starobelsk, according to a wireless dispatch received from Moscow. The dispatch adds: Over a thousand Cossacks were killed, including Gen. Chelnokoff.

DORPAT, Dec. 25. — Some indications that an agreement might be reached in the negotiations for peace between Esthonia and Soviet Russia were observable here tonight. The Bolsheviks were said to be showing a willingness to make further concessions in the matter of territorial adjustments which it is believed would obviate the necessity of the Esthonian army falling back from the Narva front, to which the Esthonian government has been offering strong objections for strategic reasons. According to the Esthonians, the Bolshevik forces on the Narva and Pskov front combined now total 100,000 men. It is assumed that the question of General Yudenitch's troops, which fell back to Esthonia after the unsuccessful offensive last fall against Petrograd, will be satisfactorily settled and assurances given that there will be no further operations against the Bolsheviks from Esthonia. The possibility of an agreement began to develop yesterday when the conferees decided to submit to a joint committee the work of drafting a final proposal that would be acceptable to both sides after the question of frontiers and military terms had, it was understood, been decided upon in principle.

PARIS, Dec. 25. — The final date of the repeatedly postponed exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles now depends upon the speed with which the allied missions in Germany can verify the German figures of available afloat dockages demanded by the allies as compensation for Scapa Flow. Baron von Lersner, head of the German representatives, said he thought this would take at least a fortnight, in view of the difficulty of transportation in Germany and detail involved in verifying the figures.

PARIS, Dec. 26. — Conferences will begin here early next week between the allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect, it was announced here today. The sessions will be held under the presidency of General Lerond, a member of the French delegation. Herr von Simson will head the German delegation, and British and Italian delegates will arrive here Monday to take part in the deliberations.

PARIS, Dec. 26. — The Turkish grand vizier has requested Tewfik Pasha, head of the commission appointed to prepare a defence of Turkey's interests before the peace conference, to hasten the work of the commission because the Turkish delegation may be summoned to Paris next week, according to advices from Constantinople. The high commissioners of the allies in Constantinople are reported to have hinted that peace with Turkey may be concluded in the near future.

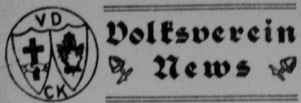
BUDAPEST, Dec. 26. — Herr Huszar, Hungarian premier, stated to a deputation representing those crippled during the war, that communism had cost Hungary eighteen billion kronen (nominally about \$3,600,000,000). The premier said that the Rumanian inroad had taken thirty-six billion kronen more. The national assembly had to restore Hungary's finances from a desperate condition.

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 26. — A common ground on which to base joint action in Siberia, has been reached by the United States and Japan, according to an announcement given out here by the Japanese official publicity bureau office.

LONDON, Dec. 26. — The Bolsheviks have captured Tomsk, the capital of the Siberian government of Tomsk, then advanced to the main line of the Trans-Siberian railroad—and occupied the station of Tama, taking an enormous amount of booty and a number of prisoners. The dispatch adds: The road to Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk is now open, and Admiral Kolchak's army in this region has ended its existence. In Southern Russia the Bolsheviks have captured the towns of Fastoff, Vassilkov, Kremenchug, Izium, Bielovodsk and several others.

PARIS, Dec. 27. — Revolutionary Socialists have formed a committee government in Irkutsk, where the all-Russian government of Admiral Kolchak established its headquarters after being driven from Omsk, according to news received in French official circles today. Premier Peleljev, of the Kolchak government, is absent from Irkutsk, being on his way west to meet Admiral Kolchak for a conference regarding the formation of a new minist-

try. M. Tretikoff, the minister of foreign affairs, also left Irkutsk to meet Gen. Semenoff, the Cossack leader, in the Baikal region. Taking advantage of the absence of the principal members of the government, the Socialists organized an insurrection, and took possession of the railway station. It is considered doubtful whether Kolchak will find anything left of his government when he finally gets to Irkutsk. His present whereabouts is not definitely known. He is reported as having encountered great difficulties with detachments of Czecho-Slovak troops, which are enroute to Vladivostok by the trans-Siberian railway. These troops have been guarding sections of the line and have not succeeded in getting along well with Kolchak. Bands of Bolsheviks are now not far from the Baikal district, which is raising the question in diplomatic circles here how Japan will look upon the prospect of the presence of the Red forces in immediate proximity to the Japanese sphere of influence. It is supposed here that conversations are already in progress between Tokio and Washington, regarding the Siberian question, as affected by the advance of the Bolsheviks, and the weakening of the Kolchak government.



At the threshold of a new lease of life brother shakes the hand of his brother, wishing "God speed for the coming year." "A happy New Year." We also on the morning of the year 1920 grasp cordially your hands, brothers, officials and members of our society, shake them heartily and with the characteristic sincerity of our race wish you *Ein glückseliges Neues Jahr!*

One year again passed in the annals of our Society. Prudently but constantly your Directorate has worked for you last year more than ever, though the days of trial were not yet over. There was a time when every one of us was proud to consider himself a free citizen of this in its foundation, free country of Canada. Like one nationhood crowned with the freedom in union with all the different elements of population we sang with one heart and soul: "The Maple Leaf forever!" But times have changed! We are no more styled as brother-citizen, we are styled "Foreigners," as if we were more foreigners than any other settlers, we were made to feel that we were the outcasts of that land to which we had sworn to be faithful as the bridegroom to the bride.

Sacred soil of Canada! You have received the tears we shed for love of you, you have heard the sighs of our heart, when hate was at work to make us part. Thankful soil of Canada, witness of our labors, our wants, our constancy, speak loud! Who has loved you with more generosity than we? Who with more right deserved the rights of free citizenship? We are one with you, dear soil of Canada! Let not hate prolong the days of bitter feeling: "The Maple Leaf forever!"

The good old western spirit of brotherhood and justice knew well that freedom is the best gift and the most vital factor of the country; hence our lawgivers of old so framed the laws that upbuilding a new nation of diverse elements, freedom could bring happiness and contentment to every citizen, prosperity to the nation. Times changed again: the era of servitude—fruit of protestantism—has come. The golden middle way of the ancient philosopher is no more the rule of conduct, not even the basis of laws: excesses everywhere—excesses of fanaticism—excesses always creating opposite results. There lies the cause of the terrible hold which unrest has over the world today. We also had to make a sacrifice to this god of fanaticism; we had to sacrifice half an-hour of teaching the mother tongue to our little ones. Our conviction was right; our intention honest. We wanted, at all price, to have our children acquire a complete knowledge of the English language, the language of the country of our adoption, but we wanted them also to read and to write their mother tongue so that, should they find themselves some day far from father and mother they could read from their heart and write to their heart. We do not mention the immense benefit the commercial world would have from a type of men mastering several languages.

Another sacrifice to which we had to submit with resignation to God's Holy Will, was the loss of the late Generalleiter of our society, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno Doerfler, O.S.B., of Muenster. "Peace to men of good will" runs the angels' song through the centuries of Christendom. He was really a man of good will; peace to him in the heavenly bliss!

So the past year had its trials for us; it had also its consolations. War conditions had changed to the better and a message from our dear ones brought hope of less trying days. We pray God, the heavenly father, that with peace on earth, real brotherhood of mankind may destroy the reign of all hate and let us rejoice again in the freedom

To All Our Readers, Patrons, Advertisers and Friends
A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

of our citizenship enjoying the fruits of peace.

Divine Providence has given us another friend, a man of confidence and hope, in the person of the new Abbot of St. Peter's Colony, the Right Rev. Michael Ott, O.S.B., of Muenster. May God give him health, many years, and His choicest blessings for all his undertakings for the glory of God and His church. As one sent by God in the time of despair he is the realization of our most cherished hopes. God be blessed!

Let us now look ahead! You have heard our Christmas greeting. A New Year shall mean new life to us, more life than ever. We stand on solid ground: on order, justice, truth, charity and right! No fanaticism can gain a foothold amongst us, but neither shall fanaticism gain ground against us. Let us unmask the falsehood of fanaticism. United—as one man—let us show our marks of Catholicity and citizenship: "best possible moral life; sound education; most productive labor." We do not believe in mouth institutions; we believe in God's institutions; so we save ourselves and our country: God's institutions in the church; God's institutions in the state; God's institutions in society; God's institutions in the family; God's institutions in our daily life. And so let us show that we are equal to all; yes, even better than others.

Good friend, "St. Peter's Bote," to you especially we wish a prosperous New Year. You are loved and esteemed by us all. God give you many thousands of good new friends in the coming year. May our mothers and grandmothers hear you again in your natural voice as they liked to hear you years ago. O what a joyful, what a happy New Year it would be for them, if such were the case.

DIE GENERALLEITUNG, VIBANK, SASK., Dec. 25, 1919.

ODESSA, SASK., Dec. 27, 1919.

Rev. Father Schellert, our Director General, gave a most instructive conference to our local society of the Volksverein on the Feast of St. Stephen. He congratulated us that so many members by their presence showed their appreciation of the importance of Catholic action and felt proud that his confidence in our loyalty was more than justified by the spirit of the members. The officials of the society who have always shown their true Catholic spirit in the past, resolved to make our local Catholic group one of the healthiest and most numerous of the province. Mr. Jos. Wild was asked to be so kind as to take the agency for the "St. Peter's Bote" in the parish. Rev. Father Scherr, ever a good friend of a good cause, gave us a most encouraging instruction on Catholic manhood. All present have shown themselves most generous for the good work of our society.

Ein Glückseliges Neues Jahr! —J. J.

Catholic Lay Activities.

The Help Of The Laity Is Needed.

Written by the Rev. Albert Muntch, S. J., for the Press Bulletin
Service of the Central Bureau of the C.V.

(Continued.)

But we are not only members of the great human family, but also Christians and children of the Catholic Church. This is a second, and more forceful, reason for participating, each one according to his opportunity, in the "lay-apostolate." Ours is the Church of the Apostles, and we are called upon to be "apostles," messengers and doers of good in our own way. In the earliest period of her life, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles (ch. VI), there were appointed "seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," who were appointed to minister to the bodily wants of the needy brethren. The Church today relies much on laymen who are filled with the spirit of charity and with a genuine zeal for social justice, to help her in communicating the glad tidings to all nations.

A third reason for the active and joyful participation of our laity in social service is the spirit of the times. This has rightly been called "the age of the social consciousness." Men are awakening to a stronger sense of their obligations towards their less fortunate brethren. We realize that "social progress" depends on the united efforts of all classes of society, and on fidelity to the new concept of social responsibility that must be developed in leaders of public opinion, in officials, and among those to whom is entrusted the social and moral welfare of the community.

Moreover, we have a special duty in these days of materialism and "scientific philanthropy" to keep alive the spirit of genuine charity, the charity of Christ, which has worked wonders in the days gone by, and which will produce equally happy results in our own time. We certainly do not admit the statement made by Professor Devine in his book "Principles of Relief" (Pg. 12): "The idea of charity, attractive and inspiring at one stage of social development, becomes in time obnoxious, and as permanent element in the relation between classes, it becomes an anomaly."

No doubt, one cause of the widespread social discontent of our time is the decay of real charity in the hearts of our people. We rather hold to the opinion of Miss Katherine Conway, who referring to the practical social work of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd says that "as long as we have the sad old story of sin and human frailty, so long will there be work for these good religious." We may add that as long as human nature remains what it is, with its downward tendencies, its selfishness and sad limitations, so long will there be large work for men and women who are inspired with the charity born of faith in Christ, and who are strengthened with the supernatural motives that have wrought marvels for the uplift and regeneration of man.

And finally social work, undertaken with the right motives, will help not only those to whom our good efforts are directed, but will benefit ourselves. We cannot do good to our neighbor, without reaping personal advantage. The extent of the reward will depend upon the excellence of the virtue of charity that inspires us. We love God when we love our neighbor. This virtue banishes from the heart selfishness and self-love, the great obstacles to spiritual growth and the source of many evils and imperfections. But when we are charitably interested in the ills of others, we are apt to forget our own troubles. Hence, St. Vincent de Paul instructed the men of his day not to flee from the misery and wretchedness that surrounded them, but to grapple boldly with these problems, and thus learn the heavenly art of making others and themselves happy by well-doing.

It will ill become us, who are daily reminded of the power of the Christian faith to be outstripped by others in the work of social welfare. Now is the day of social reconstruction. The call has gone out to do this work in the spirit of faith. For we are bid to help to "renew all things in Christ." When Arnold Toynbee founded "Toynbee Hall" in Whitechapel, London, in 1885, in order "to provide education and the means of recreation and enjoyment for the people of the poor districts of London" he experienced a new kind of happiness—that which flows from doing good to the poor who are God's children. He died of overstrain from the work, but his short life of 31 years was well spent. Think of all the good that other settlements have done since Toynbee Hall was established and of the hundreds of generous settlement workers in our country. Their joy and their happiness in this work will also be your portion.

Let us refer only to one kind of work which has been recommended to our laity by the National Catholic War Council, in its "Outline of a Social Service Program." It is a service of the greatest utility, and it is to be hoped that many of our Catholic young men and women will take part in it.

"Under the direction of the pastor, or assistant, the parish girls' club can do much to help the wayward boy or girl. An older companion can exercise a good influence over a boy or girl who is becoming neglectful about his religious duties, or has been brought before the juvenile court for petty offenses. In many cases it will be possible to get persons of leisure from the parish to visit the juvenile court and interest themselves in cases of wayward boys and girls. In every city a branch of the Big Brother and Big Sister movement should be organized."

Although the purpose of these articles on Catholic Lay Activities is to present as forcibly as possible the need for a practical lay apostolate in a general way, rather than to offer a specific program for action, the problem presented by the care of our youth, particularly of delinquent boys and girls, is so acute that a slight digression into this field will be pardoned, especially if, as we propose to do, the suggestions offered are given in the nature of examples for activity in other fields also.

In the last article reference was made to the efforts "Big Brothers" and "Big Sisters" might undertake in behalf of youthful delinquents. A still greater task is suggested by the question: What can we do by way of preventing and eliminating some of the causes that are responsible for our quota, as Catholics, of youthful delinquents. On the basis of an analysis of these causes prepared some months ago, and approved by experienced social workers as in agreement with their own ob-

servations in this field, we now venture a constructive program for further efforts.

(1) Priests, especially those in charge of parochial schools, as well as assistants in Sunday Schools, the directors of boys' clubs, etc., should study the children and carefully note any sign of unusual viciousness on their part. Retardation in school, especially if this be due to other causes than sickness or legitimate absence from class, should be inquired into. Any unusual physical defect which might prove a handicap to the child later on, should be taken note of. This may be done without hurting the sensibility of the child or interfering with the rights of the parents. Sometimes the curing of such a defect in early years spells great success for the future of the child. We know how often the removal of tonsils and adenoids has at least cleared away obstacles to the mental growth of the child. Defective vision is sometimes responsible for poor work at school, and this, in turn may lead to discouragement, frequent absence, and occasion for getting into mischief.

*Excessive shyness, stammering and stuttering, a tendency to solitude rather than sharing in the usual diversions of childhood ought also to be taken note of, their causes ought to be ascertained and the parents duly informed. The latter, if sensible, will hardly take this interest in their children amiss, and the treatment at school should be continued by the parents at home.

(2) Parents themselves will therefore have a large share in determining the happy future of their children. There ought to be a willing response on their part to the suggestions and instructions of the teacher, priest or sister. Unfortunately we have not the aid of school-nurses and special attendants who are such a fine help to the teaching force of other schools. Until we too have auxiliaries we must make extra efforts to shield our children from untoward influences.

(3) Physicians, especially dentists and oculists ought to be found who would take an interest in the welfare of the school and the health of the children. Of course, the question of compensation will have to be considered, but the suggestion is offered that at least in the large cities, volunteer workers be sought to look to the physical well-being of children who are apparently neglected.

(4) Our Catholic societies will find a field of fruitful activity in supplementing the work of our parochial schools in the line of social uplift work. A movement has been going on for many years to "socialize" the schools and to widen the use of the buildings. Could they perhaps be made the center of social and recreational activities under the leadership of the members of our Holy Name societies?

(5) Our settlements, which are now fortunately increasing in number, must extend the scope of their work. If the schools have not secured the co-operation of Catholic societies, the settlements could provide for "after-school" hours of a number of children. Those connected with the settlements may be even better prepared for such "extension" work than our teachers. When many amusements are "commercialized" and morally dangerous, as is the case in large cities, the settlement workers have a fine opportunity to help the children to find ways and means for much-needed physical exercise and social enjoyment. And don't say that all this smacks of "paternalism." It does not. And don't assert that "we got along without all this in our past." We answer: "New times, new duties," and that anything done for the child is like bread cast upon the waters.

(6) We have already referred to the help the "visiting nurse" can give to the schools. Our Catholic hospitals ought to graduate an increasing number of nurses, who would find an attractive field for professional work in our schools.

(7) The hospitals themselves should come in closer touch with our schools. Perhaps those taking the courses in nursing could occasionally visit the schools and, if possible, advise mothers on methods of improving the physical well-being of their children.

(8) The Big Brother and Sister movement ought to be more developed among our people. In the Moral Court, the Court of Domestic Relations, and the Boys' Court of Chicago, there are non-Catholic representatives who are keenly interested in every case that is concerned with a member of their church. Here we reach perhaps the very fundamentals of success in our work with the younger generation. We must show a live, genuine and sympathetic interest in child life, in everything that concerns the child, his moral and physical well-being, we must be quick to sense any danger that may interfere with his normal development, and be ready to sacrifice even personal comfort to bring him that help and guidance to which, by virtue of his tender years and immaturity, he is entitled. Now the efficient and large-minded big brother and sister, particularly the one inspired by "the charity of Christ," will be able to do all this for the child, especially for the one that is handicapped in the race of life, and is retarded from the standpoint of normal mental and physical development.

Again, cannot all of us—priests, teachers, parents and social workers, strive more consistently to develop the will of our children and their resisting power to first evil influences? It is unwise and unjust to allow our boys and girls to plunge suddenly and unprepared from the anxiously guarded life of the parochial school, with its numerous incentives to virtue, into the world where an entirely different standard of moral value prevails, and where evil influences turn up at every bend of the road. We do not mean that the teacher should draw lurid pictures of a wicked world which is only set on ensnaring the innocent, nor do we hint at the necessity of "sex-instruction." But we refer to the need of constantly presenting to the young not only the best models of a holy life, as exemplified in our saints, but also those motives and means of keeping their Christian character unshaken, which have helped many a youth to pass successfully through the stress of adolescence and to keep his faith in the ideals of younger and more innocent days. Will-training of this kind is highly recommended by our best teachers of youth, men like Father Barrett, Msgr. Guibert and Prof. Foerster. With regard to girls, the sound Catholic advice of women like Mrs. Catherine Conway, Virginia Crawford, and Margaret Fletcher, will, if wisely pondered, save many a life from disillusion and a bitter awakening.

There are, finally, besides the causes of delinquency mentioned in the analysis referred to above, certain dangers which we can minimize by steady co-operation. That the movies are

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responsible for many a moral break-down in childhood is now freely admitted by men who can speak from authority. The pictures may encourage the child's tendency to wrong-doing, and instead of giving him worthy ideals may contribute to greater moral deficiency. Even the colored supplement of the Sunday newspaper, despite all assertions to the contrary, may sow a seed of moral decay in the child. "Night-life" in the large cities is a prolific source of moral evils, and there is absolutely no excuse for parents or guardians in granting children the liberty of streets and boulevards after dark. How some Catholic mothers can persist in neglecting their duty on this point, and that for years, and even when they are being made aware of the havoc such license is playing with the health and the religious life of their daughters, is hard to understand.

A careful consideration of suggestions of this nature may help us to stem the tide of the evil that has given much concern to social workers,—juvenile delinquency,—and enable our schools to accomplish their work with greater assurance of permanent results.

The digression into the field of juvenile delinquency and concomitant remedial and relief efforts offered a suggestion of intensive labors in one specific field. In the subsequent paragraphs we shall confine ourselves to a general outline of possible lay activities. At best we can but sketch a general program, which will give answer to the ever-present question: "What can and should the Catholic layman do?"

To be continued.

The Bells of Weyher

Weyher, a tiny village in the Palatinate near Landau, is beautifully situated in a valley. From the frowning heights round about, four great castles, now in ruins, look down and legend and romance have woven about them many a tale of love and chivalry.

In summer people in search of health flock here, attracted by the mild climate, the enchanting woods and the invigorating air.

In 1794 the French came, drunk with the blood of kings and priests, and insolent in revolutionary intoxication. Churches were no more to them than fine stables, and a handsome residence commanded more respect than the house of God.

After the holy altar the bells of a church are held in veneration throughout Christendom. Their tones are a language fraught with deep significance and human words cannot speak so impressively as do they, in tolling a death knell, in calling the faithful to prayer, in ringing out, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," or in announcing "Christ Our Lord is risen!"

The enemy knowing this wreaked vengeance on the bells, and taking them from the towers, with curses flung them into the mud and dirt of the streets, then gathering the pieces had them cast into cannon. Over all the land the church towers stood sad and silent, and for miles and miles no bells could be heard.

In Weyher they still rang. The iconoclasts had not reached there as yet, but danger threatened, for the French were marching thither, and every one knew that morning would find the enemy in possession of the town.

"They shall not have our bells," cried the people.

"They may rob us of all else, but they shall not take the tongue of belief from our church," and so they counseled how to save their treasures.

In the evening the Burgomaster went to a number of homes and procured eight young men, strong and sturdy fellows, and brave of heart and said to them: "I have called you together to do something for our church, our town; a task for which brave men are needed. What we are about to undertake may cost us our freedom, our lives. I say this that he who fears may leave."

"What is it? Tell us," they cried with one voice.

The Burgomaster answered: "You know me to be an honest man. It is something good and noble—I will tell you what when you have solemnly sworn to die rather than divulge the secret."

"We swear!" cried the villagers.

"Not here," the Burgomaster said. "Come to the church and let us swear before God's high altar, in the flickering light of the

lamp in which burns the perpetual fire."

Having reached the church the Burgomaster told them his plan of taking the bells from the tower and hiding them until the French were gone.

Solemnly they all raised their hands and took the oath:

"We solemnly swear that with God's help, in life or in death, we will reveal to no one where we hide the church bells, nor will we reveal the names of those who do this deed."

Then they knelt before the altar and prayed for success in their undertaking and when they left the church it was almost midnight and darkness enveloped the village.

They procured ropes, chains, necessary implements, a sled, and the work began.

With all cautiousness the bells were lowered one by one, placed upon the sled, and carried into the depths of the woods where on the slope of a hill they were buried. A heavy snow storm completed the work of the burghers.

The French came the next day, and their wrath was indescribable when they found the church tower empty. They hunted through the church, the houses, the cellars—but in vain! To the Burgomaster the commanding officer said:

"Where are the bells? Tell us!"

"I do not know," was his truthful reply.

The officer, not believing him guiltless, ordered him taken to the commander-in-chief at Landau. There he was brutally treated, starved and threatened with death, but no word of the secret escaped his lips.

The spring storms had swept over the land and the people had told their beads again and again for the Burgomaster, and had almost given him up for dead, when suddenly he appeared in Weyher.

The French were still spying about, but no bells had been found. One stormy spring day two of the men went to the spot where the bells were buried, and planted vines to mark it for all future time. Unnoticed they went and came. The roots sank into the ground, and the vines grew and twined about the neighboring hawthorn trees. Beneath the bells lay silent year for year, and thus ten years passed by. The Burgomaster's hair was fast turning grey, and the young burghers had most of them taken wives to themselves, but for none of them had the chiming of bells announced a wedding fête.

Advent approached, and like the Jews of the Old Testament who daily sighed for a Saviour, the people of Weyher daily sighed for their bells.

The Revolution was over. The Palatinate was the inheritance of another and could breathe freely once more.

With unspeakable joy was this news received in Weyher. The

Burgomaster called his eight trusty men and gave them orders to get the bells. The grave, covered with weeds, vines, and overhanging branches, was opened, and the badly rusted bells were taken out and carried to the Burgomaster's, where they were cleaned and polished until they shone like silver and two days before Christmas they were hung in the tower.

According to custom the villagers were making ready to go to the midnight mass on Christmas Eve, when suddenly a mighty clang of bells was heard—a great bell accompanied by smaller ones, chiming joyously in clear, melodious tones.

The voice of these bells was to the people of Weyher like the voice of a parent, of a friend greeting one after long years of separation. Men stood with uncovered heads, windows were thrown open, and from lip to lip passed the happy cry: "The bells! The bells!"

In the church the audience wept tears of joy, and a happier, truer, holier Christmas service has rarely been celebrated than that in the tiny church of Weyher.

On the following day the bell-rang for an hour, crying out in joyful harmony: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, goodwill to men," and carrying glad tidings to many a weary, aching heart.

Fifteen Years Ago

From No. 46 of St. Peters Bote

Our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Albert Pascal, O.M.I., is in Europe since the end of June. On the 8th of Dec. he took part in the Jubilee celebration in Rome. He is expected back by February.

In the absence of Bishop Pascal, His Grace, Archbishop Langevin, O.M.I., ordained the deacon Fr. Lajeunesse in Duck Lake on the 21st of Dec. 18 missionaries honored the occasion with their presence.

Father Moulin, O.M.I., pastor of Batoche, was particularly pleased to be present at an ordination, not having had an opportunity since his own ordination in 1855 when he immediately left for the Indian missions of Ile à la Croix and Lac Caribou. His Grace left again for St. Boniface on the 22nd of the month.

The name of the Archdiocese of Vancouver Island has been changed to Victoria.

The contract for the new post-office in Winnipeg has been awarded to Thomas Kelly, for \$529,000.

Custom receipts for the last six months of the year 1904 amounted to \$21,204,117.

Father Chrysostom sang High Mass in Assumption Church on Christmas day. On the next day he held services at St. Joe's (Fulda) and on Tuesday at Rauw's (Willmont). On New Year's day he held services at Schaeffer's and on Monday at St. Bruno's.

WIT AND HUMOR.

THE NATURAL WAY

A southern lady went to see her colored cook who was sick in bed. She gave the cook's small son, Rastus, a dollar to buy chicken for his mother. As the lady, in leaving, closed the door of the cabin, the cook was heard to say, "Gimme dat dollah, chile, an' go git dat chicken in de natchul way."

ALL IN THE CEMETERY.

Landlord—Have you any children?

Propective Tenant—Yes, six, all in the cemetery.

Landlord—Better there than here! And he proceeded to execute the desired lease.

In due time the children returned from the cemetery, whither they had been sent for a walk.

NOTICE

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CARMEL:

Christmas Collection	12.70
B. Linnemann	5.00
J. Kuechle	1.00
John Faul	1.00
Eugen Hammerer	1.00
Otto Lutz	1.00
Gabriel Konner	1.00
John Freistadt	1.00
Mich. Zilkowsky	1.00
Mich. Kubelsky	1.00
Jos. Freistadt	1.00
J. R. Bedard	5.00
Carl Reinecke	1.00
Ant. Ewen	1.00
Pet. Wolf	5.00
M. J. Merkowsky	1.00
W. Ruskowsky	1.00

MUESTER:

Christmas Collection	85.75
Alex Wieggers	2.00
C. Daeger	25.00
Jos. Kopp	20.00
Lor. Mamer	10.00
Alb. Nenzel	10.00
B. Schandel	10.00
B. Korte	10.00
F. A. Boehm	5.00
Ben. Wieggers	5.00
Quirin Loehr	5.00
Theo. Torborg	5.00
John Daleiden	5.00
John Mamer	50.00
Caroline Mamer	1.00
Leon. Kienlen	2.00
A friend	5.00
Andr. P. Hinz	2.00
Gerh. Kuemper	5.00
P. P. Joa	5.00
Nic. Lauer	5.00
Herm. Focken	5.00
Wm. Fernholz	5.00
John Dunajski	5.00
Jos. Hinz, sr.	5.00
H. T. Torborg	5.00
Barth. Funke	20.00

BRUNO:

Christmas Collection	101.85
Peter Krenz	2.00
Th. Felix	2.00
P. P. Krenz	1.00
Wm. Kohle	5.00
Gertrude Bernauer	2.00
P. G. Krentz	2.00
Geo. Krentz	2.00
Alb. Hergott	5.00
Jos. Bernauer	5.00
Wm. Smith	15.00
John Hamm	5.00
J. J. Fischer	2.00
Henry Berger	1.00
Jos. Thiel, sr.	10.00
Alois D. Ebner	1.00
J. P. Ludwig	2.00
Henry Holz, sr.	5.00
Regina L. Dagenais	1.00
Herm. Koening	5.00
Ed. Ludwig	1.00
Mrs. Gertr. Ebner	5.00
Mich. Ebner	5.00
H. H. Tegenkamp	25.00
Vinc. Zobeck	2.00
Paul Honatzis	5.00
Herm. Hamm	5.00
Cecilia Berg	1.00
Unnamed	5.00
John Felix	5.00
H. Mette	1.50
John Seidel	1.00
Wm. Ludwig	1.00
L. M. Vossberg	5.00
E. Mervin	1.00
Mrs. Cath. Noeth	2.00
J. H. Stumborg	5.00
Jno. A. Huber	1.00
Mrs. A. Thiel, sr.	2.00
and Thekla Thiel	2.00
C. R. Lauer	1.00
A. J. Schwinghamer	10.00
F. J. Wirtz	1.00
Paul J. Seidel	5.00
A. Saucier	1.00
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P. O. Schwinghamer	5.00
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Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA. — The seventeenth sitting of the assembly since the opening of the session and the last until after the Christmas recess, ended Dec. 23, with fifteen bills still in committee, and seven bills ordered for second reading. Since the opening of the session nine bills have been passed by the house. The bills passed are as follows: A bill to amend an act respecting commissioners to administer oaths; a bill to amend the public revenue act; a bill to amend the supplementary revenues act; a bill providing payment of certain wolf bounties; a bill respecting the raising of loans authorized by the legislature act; a bill relating to the transfer of writs of execution to new judicial districts; a bill respecting advances to purchase seed grain, and a bill to amend the noxious weed act.

PRINCE ALBERT. — Nine prisoners accused of offences under the Military Service Act, were released Dec. 24. Eight were in the Saskatchewan penitentiary and one in the provincial jail.

WATROUS. — Assistant Post-office Inspector, J. H. Hunter, assisted by provincial police and town police of Watrous, is investigating a robbery at the Watrous post-office. Thieves broke into the post-office through the back door, failed in their attempt to crack the safe, and departed with a few dollars worth of postage stamps. Another mystery is coincident with the robbery. T. Filluel, assistant mail carrier, was struck two blows on the head when removing mail bags from the Watrous postoffice the same evening.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG. — R. B. Russel, one of the eight strike leaders, was convicted Dec. 24 on a charge of seditious conspiracy and committing a common nuisance. An unanimous verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury on all seven counts in the indictment. Justice tempered with the gospel of peace on earth, good-will towards men, came as a sensational conclusion to the trial when, found guilty on seven counts, Russel was allowed freedom until Saturday morning, so that he could spend Christmas with his friends and not behind iron bars. This is the first time in the memory of the oldest lawyers in Winnipeg following a conviction an

accused has been allowed to remain free after the verdict of the jury. This was made possible by A. J. Andrews, K. C., crown prosecutor, who heartily seconded Mr. Robert Cassidy's request. — Five new cases of sleeping sickness were reported, bringing the total to 48. There is no sign of smallpox trouble, city health officials said. Scarlet fever and diphtheria showed a slight increase over the week-end.

Ontario

OTTAWA. — Two cases of sleeping sickness have been discovered here and are now being treated in one of the local hospitals. The condition of one patient is understood to be rather serious, but the other is practically assured of recovery. These are the first cases of this disease to be reported either in Ottawa or district.

— The government during the past week conferred with Admiral Jellicoe, who before many days will make his report on the naval situation and go home. From the utterances which he has made at private dinners here, and also before the cabinet, it is learned that the Admiral is favorable to the principle of a Canadian unit of the Imperial navy.

TORONTO. — Emily E. Ainsworth, aged 26, died yesterday morning of sleeping sickness. This is the third death from the disease here.

KITCHENER. — The "Ontario Journal" in one of its recent issues writes: "Premier Borden is going to retire. Premier Borden is not going to retire. Once more has the country been saved as at the 11th hour. Just as the country had resigned itself to the inevitable, and had desperately resolved to get along as best it might, the Union Cabinet came to the rescue and convinced Sir Robert that we couldn't survive unless he stayed with us as Prime Minister, even though he guided the ship of state from some health resort in the United States, as he did last session. So the Premier has yielded, as he usually does, and proposes to give us some more absent treatment. We believe that Sir Robert is not in good health and that he is not equal to the cares of office. But we do not believe that he should continue to hold the important post of Premier if he cannot discharge its duties. Does any sane man believe that an absent Prime Minister can be of greater service to his country than one who is on the job?"

Quebec

CHICOUTIMI. — Twenty-two families were rendered homeless by a fire which destroyed Jobin's tailoring establishment and three business buildings. The loss is estimated at \$85,000.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To The Public At Muenster And Vicinity

I wish to announce that we are again opening for business in the general merchandise line and shall in the future endeavor to serve our patrons as we have in the past.

I first of all, wish to thank our old customers for their many expressions of sympathy in our recent loss by fire and their many acts of kindness and help rendered to enable us to rebuild our store quickly. While our loss of property and the consequent loss in time and business was great we hope to overcome same by the co-operation and help of our customers and friends and the material support of the public in favoring us with their trade, thus enabling us to re-establish our business at Muenster and thereby making it mutually beneficial both for ourselves as well as the Town of Muenster and the Public in the Vicinity. A town and a community without a First Class store to supply the needs of the Public is at a great disadvantage. We are endeavoring to supply the needs of the Town and Vicinity with a first class store building as well as a complete stock of up to date merchandise and we are making every effort to accomplish this.

The cost of material and work of construction, in these times of high prices are heavy, and the Capital required to stock up a first class store is great.

In order that we may be able to meet these expenditures we are compelled to ask all our friends, who are indebted to the retiring firm of Woell-Mainzer Co., Ltd., to pay such sums as due them promptly, as the money is urgently required by us. We urgently request all our friends knowing to be indebted to us to act promptly on this so as to enable us to successfully meet our requirements.

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With this issue we are again starting a new year and if not all signs betray us, it will be one of prosperity for all. By saying this, we do not wish to create the impression, that we can all sit back and take matters for granted, on the contrary, there is a vast duty for us to perform in these days of Reconstruction and it behooves every one to put his shoulder to the wheel and help to make our country what it should be.

The owners of this establishment are more determined than ever to make the year 1920 the greatest in its history, not only in the volume of business transacted, but especially in the SERVICE RENDERED to the community, which will be the best that Money and Experience can command.

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Bethlehem's Star

Son's of men, behold from far, Hail the long expected Star: Jacob's Star that gilds the night Guides bewildered nature right.

Mild it shines on all beneath, Piercing through the shades of death, Scattering error's wide-spread night, Kindling darkness into light.

There behold the Day-spring rise Pouring light upon your eyes: See it chase the shades away, Shining to the perfect day.

Sing, ye morning stars, again, God descends on earth to reign, Deigns for man His life to employ: Shout, ye sons of God, for joy!

Automatic Catholics

They rush from their homes on Sunday morning, hurrying along as they catch the peal of the Mass bell from the distance, only to arrive at the church door as the congregation is rising for the reading of the Gospel. They consume a few minutes in busying themselves about their personal comfort, and by about the time they have fixed themselves comfortably, the sanctus bell has rung. They have hardly caught sight of the altar yet; they turn distractedly from side to side, taking mental note of the millinery if they are women, and what's under it if they are men. Then comes the solemn hush for the consecration. With head bowed, they ejaculate a short prayer, mechanically stroke their breast and, the consecration over, the Canon of the Mass, with its intensity and secrecy and solemnity, is lost upon them. They can hardly hold the steeds of distraction plunging through their brain. Only one whose soul is anchored at the chalice appreciates the ebb and flow of the artificial sea. There is so little to feed the senses—to satisfy the eye and to lull the ear in the mystic progress of the great Sacrifice. It is so easily to yield to distractions, so difficult to fix the soul on the wonderful mystery enacting. The little bell tinkles again—Domine non sum dignus. A moment of suggested reverence, a reverence almost forced from indifference by the piety and attention of the congregation. The people in the rear of the church take their cue from those before them, bow their heads and bless themselves. The Last Gospel is spent in brushing the dust from the clothing and the first rush toward the door bears with it generally those who have been the last to enter.

Frequent Communion.

"There are two sorts of persons," says St. Francis de Sales, "who ought to communicate frequently: the perfect, because they would be much to blame if they did not come often to the source and fountain of perfection; and the imperfect, because they are in need of strength to strive after perfection; the strong, that they may not become weak; the weak that they may become strong; the sick that they may regain health; the healthy that they may not fall back again into sickness."

"Unhappy those," says St. Bernard, "who have to contend against the strong and do not eat the Bread of the strong."

The enemies of our salvation are so many and so powerful, and we are so extremely weak that if we do not often—and very often—"eat the Bread of the strong" we cannot hope to win the victory, the winning of which means for us everything in eternity.

"A man," says Tauler, "must attach himself now to God with all his strength, otherwise he will surely come to fall." And he explains that by "attaching oneself to God" he means receiving very frequently the Blessed Eucharist.

Spiritual Bouquet

GATHERED BY FATHER CHRYSOSTOM, O.S.B.

—To make a wise choice of a state of life, you must know the end for which you are created. Is it to become great men; celebrated scholars; wise magistrates; wealthy merchants, and nothing more? "Man is created to praise and honor the Lord his God, and by serving Him, save himself. All creatures on earth have been created on account of man, to assist him in obtaining the end of his creation."

—It therefore follows, says St. Ignatius, that we ought to use them, or abstain from their use, only inasmuch as they do really lead us to our end or turn us from it.

—Everything tends to its end by the straightest path.

—Choose the way before you run.—St. Louis of Grenada calls a wise choice "the master-wheel of the whole life."—St. Gregory Nazianzen says that the choice of a state of life is the only foundation on which we can raise the edifice of a good or bad life.

—Look to the whole tenor of your future life, for whatever you do must bear upon it. You will not manage well your particular affairs unless you have in view your end. (Seneca.)

—A young man according to his way, even when old, he will not depart from it.

—A cripple in the right way is better than a racer out of it.

—Therefore, if you embrace a state of life other than that to which God has inseparably attached these particular graces, you will receive only those which may, but probably will not secure your salvation.

—Everyone has his proper gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that. (St. Paul.)

—The virtue of the Holy Ghost is give according to his order, not according to our will. (St. Cyprian.)

—But my people heard not my voice, and Israel hearkeneth not to me, so I let them go according to the desires of their heart. They shall walk in their own inventions. (Pa. LXXX, 12.)

—The choice of a state of life is like the key-stone of an arch, because it sustains all the stones build up into the temple of God.

—My son, from thy youth up, receive instruction, and even to thy gray hairs thou shalt find wisdom. (Ecc. VI, 18.)

—A shapeless mass of marble would never believe itself capable of becoming a wonder of sculpture, and if it could, it would never give itself up to the workman's chisel.

—Winnow not with every wind, and go not into every way.

—It is the soil and not the vine that tempers the grape.

—If thou hadst walked in the ways of God, thou hadst surely dwelt in peace forever. (Baruch III, 13.)

—The ignorant seize the kingdom of heaven, and we with all our learning, risk our salvation. (St. Augustine.)

—O Lord, deign in the morning of my life to sow in my heart thy holy inspirations, for thou art my only hope. Make the way known to me wherein I should walk.

—Jerusalem! Jerusalem! how many times have I wished, by my graces, to convert thy inhabitants, and gather them in my arms as the hen gathered her little ones under her wings, and thou wouldst not! In punishment of thy obstinacy, I will abandon thee to thy enemies; thou shalt be the victim of indignation.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peter's Bote.)

—Home is the place where a man should appear at his best. He who is bearish at home and polite only abroad is no true gentleman; indeed, he who cannot be considerate to those of his own household will never be really courteous to strangers. There is no better training for healthy and pleasant intercourse with the outer world than a bright and cheerful demeanor at home.

—It is in a man's home that his real character is seen; as he appears there, so he is really elsewhere, however skilfully he may for the time conceal his true nature.—It would go far to promote happiness in the home if all members were as courteous to one another as they are to guests. The visitor receives bright smiles, pleasant greetings, while to our own we are often cross, rude, selfish, nagging and faultfinding. Are not our own as worthy of our love, kindness and gentleness as the stranger?

—Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go.

—The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I should rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them.

—We all should rather have a plain coffin without flowers, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy.

—Better is silence and peace than much said—and a broken head.

—Farm products cost more than they used to. "Yes," replied the farmer; "when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raising, and the entomological name of the insect that eats it, and the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay."

—If you want to realize your own importance, put your finger into a bowl of water; take it out and look at the hole.

—If you are dissatisfied with your farm get a real-estate man to advertise it for sale. Then read the advertisement. You'll be surprised what a fine farm you have and then you may no longer wish to sell.

—Don't expect a man to have faith in your judgement if you call him a fool.

—For some people who claim to have a good ear for music, the tuning up of the fiddle is the greatest treat.

—If thoughts were legal witnesses, many an honest man would be proved a rogue.

—Always rise from the table with an appetite and you will never sit down without one.

—Any man observing the law of the catechism will never get into conflict with any just law of any government.

—Take this book then, again from time to time, read it attentively and reflect on the meaning of the questions and answers.

St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas.

The Midland College properties, consisting of 23 acres of land, and seven buildings representing an original investment of several hundred thousand dollars, were deeded to St. Benedict's College on Dec. 13. St. Benedict's is situated just outside the northeastern limits of the city and Midland is in the southwestern suburbs, about 2 1/2 miles from St. Benedict's. Direct car service will facilitate transit between the two places.

The Midland buildings are situated on one of the highest eminences about the city, and are therefore picturesque and healthy. The administration building of this group is over 100 feet by 70, and is equipped with class rooms, study halls, dormitories, chapel, executive offices, etc. The library, building is quite new. It will be used for lectures and entertainments for the present. The gymnasium is the newest building in the group, having been erected within the last five years. It has all the modern equipment of such a building such as swimming pool, running track, etc. It is the intention that all the scheduled games in basket ball to be played by the students of St. Benedict's will take place in this gymnasium. Besides this building there is the old gymnasium. Also this will be put in use to accommodate the number of students. What was formerly Oak Hall will now be used for dining room and kitchen. A community of Benedictine Sisters will have charge. The president's home is the only building in the group that is not of brick. It will be used as an infirmary. The stately Ingalls home will remain closed for the present.

The preparatory or grade students of St. Benedict's will be transferred to the new plant. At present that department has an enrollment of about fifty students, and that number will undoubtedly increase now that room has been found for those who up to the present had to be refused.

By the purchase of the Midland properties, the crowded conditions at St. Benedict will be relieved. This acquisition, together with the Manley tract of 50 acres purchased last year, very much increase the future possibilities of St. Benedict's. L. B., O.S.B.

Sanctity of Motherhood-- Protestant Doctor's Plea

"A Practicing Physician," writing in the London Socialist organ, the Daily Herald, on the question of "Motherhood," says:

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GENERAL NEWS.

PARIS, Dec. 18. — One more boundary question was settled by the council today when it delineated the frontier between Galicia and Bukovina. Marshal Foch notified the council that German evacuation of the Baltic region has been completed.

LONDON, Dec. 18. — Japan was not a party to the "hands off" policy toward Russia, agreed upon by the other allies at the recent "unofficial peace conference" here, it was learned today. On the contrary, Japan is steadily increasing her forces in Siberia. Officials here declare that while they fail to understand America's policy of keeping troops in Siberia, they attribute it to a desire to watch Japan. Although the Japanese ambassador attended the conferences at which it was agreed to withdraw support from Denikine and Kolchak and let the Russians decide their own fate, it now develops he refused to adhere to the decision, thereby tacitly reserving to Japan the right to decide her own policy toward Russia. Persons in close touch with the international situation say they are unable to understand Japan's reason for increasing her forces, save for the purpose of securing a foothold in Siberia, while the other allies' attention is directed elsewhere. Other alleged reasons for strengthening the Japanese forces, now estimated at 60,000, are fears of the spread of Bolshevism into China, and the very apparent danger to the present forces as the result of Kolchak's retreat.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 19. — Gen. Denikine has gained an important victory between Tsaritzyn and Kamishin, in the Volga valley, according to newspaper despatches received here. It is said he has taken 10,200 prisoners, besides capturing 5 cannon and 25 machine guns.

PARIS, Dec. 19. — Technical officers, who have been considering modifications of the military law to be submitted to the government have agreed upon a bill fixing the duration of military service at two years, according to the Eclair.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. — The senate foreign committee today, by a vote of 7 to 3, ordered a favorable report on the Knox resolution, declaring peace between the United States and Germany. The vote was strictly on party lines. Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, who was instructed to report the resolution at once, went to the senate with it immediately.

PARIS, Dec. 20. — Allied and German peace makers today admitted they had little hope that the protocol would be signed and the Versailles treaty declared effective before the New Year. German naval technical experts have advanced new opposition to the much debated clauses in the protocol by which the allies demand compensation for sinking of the interned German fleet at Scapa Flow. This was assigned as the chief cause of delay. The German naval experts insisted Germany cannot now deliver the 400,000 tons of marine materials demanded without crippling herself economically. The five light cruisers demanded by France can also not be spared by Germany; she needs them for coast patrol duty. Germany asks to be allowed to build these materials and ships and deliver them upon completion. British delegates said they could not modify the original demands without instructions from London, but have asked for such instructions.

LONDON, Dec. 20. — Serious rioting occurred at Alexandria, Egypt, on Sunday. This is the first recorded disturbance since the arrival of the British mission, headed by Viscount Milner. The operations of this mission, correspondents declare, are wrapped in mystery and the people are reported as "becoming disgusted." Incipient disturbances occurred in Cairo on Monday and Tuesday.

Foreign News

LONDON, England. — The British army estimates for 1919-20 provide for the expenditure of £405,000,000. These figures, made public recently, foreshadow an army strength at the end of the fiscal year March 31, 1920, of 300,000 British troops and 100,000 Indian troops. These forces, however, will be reduced later. When estimates were made in March, 1919, an army of 2,600,000 men was provided for, of which 1,548,000 were in process of demobilization and since have been released.

The danger to shipping from floating mines in the North Sea is increasing, according to the chief inspector of the Swedish mercantile marine for that district of navigation, who predicts that this winter the mines will constitute a greater menace than at any period since the mine fields were laid. So extensive were the mine fields and numerous the mines, that large numbers of them escaped destruction by the British and American mine sweepers, notwithstanding the energy and diligence with which they worked. More mines than ever before are said to be loose and drifting towards the Swedish coast. Efforts are made to sink such mines as are seen by shooting them, but it is impossible to cope with them all in this way. Along the Jutland coast in the course of a single day recently the skipper of one craft reported not less than 72 drifting mines.

LONDON. — In November 871 prosecutions for profiteering in food supplies were instituted by the ministry of food, and 816 convictions were obtained.

BERNE. — Dr. Giuseppe Motta was elected president of the Swiss Confederation by the federal assembly, succeeding Gustave Ador.

HALIFAX, Dec. 8. — The Morning Chronicle today states that L. R. Acker, proprietor of various theatres throughout Nova Scotia, was handed \$11,500 conscience money Saturday night by a Roman Catholic priest, who declined to state from whom the money was obtained. The Halifax Herald announces that the money was received from a man who said it had been stolen in a poker game.

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Some War Measures Will Come To End With New Year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. — With the coming of the New Year Canada returns practically to a basis of peace. War-time restrictions imposed by order-in-council under the War Measures Act will (with some exceptions) be removed, and, in the case of the exceptions, the orders-in-council terminate at the end of the next session of parliament. The war-time restrictions which will cease to be operative on Jan. 1st include those on race-track betting and on importation, manufacture and on interprovincial trade in alcoholic liquors. The orders-in-council remaining in force include: Pulp and paper control, coal and sugar control, silver coinage, trading with the enemy, exportation of gold, interment operations, greater production on Indian reserves, and censorship.

Removal of the restrictions imposed by order-in-council on the liquor trade ends a phase of federal action which opened nearly two years ago. Within a few weeks of the Union Government coming into power the use of grain for distillation of portable liquors was forbidden. From the last day of December, 1917, importation of liquor containing more than 21% proof spirits was forbidden. Three months later there was a further order-in-council passed prohibiting manufacture and interprovincial trade. These orders-in-council are to terminate with the close of the present year. In rescinding these and other orders-in-council passed as war measures the government takes the view that, although no proclamation has yet been issued declaring that war no longer exists, actual war conditions long ago ceased in fact. "Consequently," the rescinding orders read, "existence of war can no longer be urged as a reason for maintaining these extraordinary regulations as necessary or admissible for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada."

The armistice which concluded hostilities became effective Nov. 11, 1918, the expeditionary force has since been withdrawn and demobilized and the country generally is devoting its energies to re-establishment of the ordinary avocations of peace."

In these circumstances the time has arrived, it is considered, when the emergency government legislation should cease to operate.

Amnesty For Military Offenders

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Release of all Canadians imprisoned for offences under the Military Act and the suspension of all proceedings against others is provided for in a proclamation which will appear in an extra of the "Canada Gazette" to be issued on Monday. An order-in-council which was signed late on Saturday by His Excellency the Governor-General makes provision for this general amnesty to military offenders.

The adoption of the order-in-council means that, unless delay occurs in connection with the issuance of the necessary proclamation there will be a general jail delivery of offenders under the Military Service Act on Monday. Exact figures of the number of prisoners to be released are not available today, but as the terms of the majority of those imprisoned under the act have expired, the number is not large. The majority of the offenders paid fines and were not imprisoned. The greatest relief will be given by the amnesty to offenders against the act who have not been apprehended, but who have been sought for by the authorities.

Effect Of Lifting Liquor Ban In Saskatchewan.

The effect of the repeal on New Year's day of the war-time prohibition measure, will be that the provincial acts will then apply without any supplementing authority from the Dominion. All the provinces but Quebec, where they have beer and wine for legal sale, now prohibit the sale of all intoxicants. This ban will still be on.

What is to be lifted is the federal war measure, which, since April, 1918, has made illegal the transport of intoxicants from one province to another, and their importation from abroad and manufacture at home. These latter privileges now are reverted to and will remain till, under the legislation of last session, any province carries a plebiscite asking for prevention of the importation of liquor within its bounds and and its manufacture for export.

In other words when the federal ban on inter-provincial traffic in liquor is removed, it will be legal for anyone in Saskatchewan to purchase liquor in another province for his or her personal use, but not for sale.

MONTREAL.—Failure to count the number of C. P. R. passenger specials from the Empress of France which docked at St. John, N.B., by the engineer of the eastbound freight, was apparently the direct cause of the collision which took place at Onawa on Dec. 20 when 23 persons were killed and 34 injured.

United States News

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Federal, state and city officials were co-operating last week in the search for persons here who mixed wood alcohol with whiskey, causing the death of more than 80 persons in Connecticut and Massachusetts and the serious illness and blindness of scores of others. The authorities have learned that twelve barrels of this concoction were manufactured in the Bronx and sold to New England dealers for \$1,000 a barrel. Several arrests have already been made. Officials were sending out warnings to authorities in all surrounding cities to prevent further sale of the "whiskey." Several deaths in New York recently were believed to be traceable to the same source.

The United States army transport Buford—the "Ark of the Soviet"—sailed before dawn on Dec. 21, with a cargo of anarchists, communists and radicals, banned from the U. S. for conspiring against the government. The ship's destination was hidden in sealed orders, but the 249 passengers it carried expect to be landed in some far northern port giving access to Soviet Russia. "Long live the revolution in America," was chanted defiantly by the motley crowd on the decks of the steel-gray troopship, as she churned her way past the statue of liberty.

LINCOLN, Neb.—The Nebraska supreme court last week held constitutional a law prohibiting the teaching of any foreign language in grade schools. German, Polish, Bohemian and Swedish-Lutheran churches attacked the law as interfering with religious liberty and property rights.

Foreign News

LONDON.—King George issued a proclamation Dec 23, announcing the new measure giving India a larger degree of self-government. The proclamation characterizes the government bill as a historic act, giving representation long desired by the natives. It calls for the determination of the people and the officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of the government a success.

MADRID, Spain. — Influenza has reappeared at Santander, Valencia and other towns and is causing many deaths. Precautions against the spread of the disease have been taken by the authorities.

VALENCIENNES, France. — France's steel and iron industry, virtually cut in half by war ravages, is faced by what engineers estimate to be an eight to ten year task of reconstruction. Engineering experts, however, say the country's steel and iron production may be much quickened by mineral mining and metal treating plants of Lorraine, returned to France under the terms of the Versailles treaty. The seriousness of the loss to the industry by war, nevertheless is heightened by the great necessity for metal construction throughout the liberated districts and the dependence of nearly 150,000 inhabitants of these regions on the blast furnaces and metal mills for a living.

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