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In The Wake Of The War

BERLIN, Dec. 7. — The rioting of Friday in Berlin, the mysterious raid on the executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council and the demonstration by soldiers and sailors on behalf of Chancellor Ebert have intensified the existing gap between the two wings of the social democrats, which seems now, more than ever, hopelessly divided.

METZ, Dec. 8. — President Poincare today, in the presence of a large crowd on the parade grounds here, presented General Henri Philippe Petain with the baton of a marshal of France.

LONDON, Dec. 8. — Herbert A. Asquith, former prime minister, speaking at Rochdale yesterday, ranged himself alongside those who have declared that the men responsible for the war and the atrocities shall receive adequate punishment.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8. — At Munich, says a Berlin dispatch, returning troops led by officers and bearing the old and new imperial and state flags, demanded a speedily summoning of the national assembly.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8. — Canadian forces are now on German soil, according to a cable received by the Director of Public Information from Canadian headquarters in London.

LONDON, Dec. 9. — British advanced troops reached the river Rhine yesterday, between Godesberg and Cologne, Field Marshal Haig announced today.

PARIS, Dec. 9. — Five trawlers will arrive at Cherbourg tomorrow towing five German submarines. This is the first group of U-boats to be handed over to France. It includes one of the most recent vessels of the submersible cruiser type.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9. — The German government, according to the Berlin correspondent of Cologne Gazette, recognised the republic of Estonia.

BERNE, Dec. 9. — The National Rumanian Council of Transylvania has proclaimed union with the kingdom of Rumania.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 9. — The Japanese delegation to the peace conference at Versailles, will leave here tomorrow on board the liner Tenyo Maru for San Francisco.

LONDON, Dec. 10. — Count Karolyi, who took a prominent part in the recent proclamation of a Hungarian republic, is reported in a Budapest dispatch to have attempted suicide in despair of the success of his efforts to reconstruct Hungary.

LONDON, Dec. 10. — Five hundred Englishmen, Americans, and others, a majority of the party being members of crews from the ships captured by the German commerce raiders Moewe and Wolf, have arrived at Aarhus, a seaport of Denmark, from Germany, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

PARIS, Dec. 10. — The main body of the French army of occupation, headed by a band, has entered Mayence.

BERLIN, Dec. 10. — At Chemnitz the people speak plainly, says the Vorwaerts, commenting on the result of the elections in Chemnitz to the soldiers' and workmen's council; there the majority socialists have polled 78,500 votes as against 6,600 by the independent socialists. In Dresden the old party polled 117,566 votes as compared with 8,440 for the independents.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10. — Prince Maximilian of Baden, former imperial German chancellor, has issued a statement in which he refers to "the unheard-of oppression which the enemy's lust for revenge and fever of victory is inflicting upon our fatherland," according to a Berlin News Agency dispatch.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 10. — The Nobel Committee has resolved not to award a Nobel peace prize in 1918.

LONDON, Dec. 11. — During the war twelve spies were shot in the Tower of London, according to the report now current. Carlhans Lodi, alias Charles Ainglis, who at one time was a resident of Omaha, Neb., was the first to be executed. Two women spies were sentenced to death but both were reprieved, the sentences commuted to long prison terms.

BRISTOL, Dec. 11. — The war bill of the Allies against Germany is £24,000,000,000, according to the British Premier, David Lloyd George, who presented this and other interesting facts before a large gathering here today. The cost of the war to Great Britain was £8,000,000,000. Before the war the estimated wealth of Germany, said the Premier, was between £15,000,000,000 and £20,000,000,000. So if the whole wealth of Germany were taken, there would not be enough to pay the account.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11. — The Prussian guard entered Berlin Tuesday and was welcomed by thousands of people. Outside the city the guard was stopped by representatives of independent socialists, who vainly invited the troops to disarm.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12. — Former premier Asquith, in a speech here tonight, said that Great Britain must keep the supremacy of the sea. He agreed, he declared, with what Premier Lloyd George said yesterday with regard to the making of the Germans pay for the war.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 12. — The minister of finance announced today that Hungary would endeavor to meet all its financial engagements to its nationals as well as to foreigners.

MADRID, Dec. 12. — Prince Max von Ratibor und Corvey, German Ambassador to Spain, has been recalled to Berlin, according to the newspaper El Sol.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12. — The sixth division signallers, Canadian Siberian expeditionary force, left here for Victoria tonight over 300 strong. The officer commanding is Major W. McIntosh.

Christmas Night.

It is the calm and solemn night!
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite
The darkness—charmed and holy now!
The night that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given:
For in that stable lay, new-born,
The peaceful Prince of Earth and Heaven.

In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!
Mary, Virgin Mother mild,
Gently kissed her heavenly child;
Joseph, angels, shepherds true,
Worship as the Babe they view.

Then let us sing
On Christmas morn
Of Christ our King,
In stable born.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

St. Peters Bote proffers to all its subscribers, supporters and friends its heartfelt wishes for a most joyous and holy Christmas. With them it rejoices and gives thanks to God that the terrible spectre of cruel and bloody war, which has hovered above us and marred our joy during the celebration of this holy season during the past four years, has finally departed. With them we join in prayer to the Almighty that He may so shape all things that the hymn of the angels at Bethlehem may be fulfilled: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will!

BREST, Dec. 13. — President Wilson landed in France at 3.24 this afternoon amid a demonstration of popular enthusiasm and national sympathy.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13. — A czar of Russia will be proclaimed in the person of Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, according to the Swedish paper Dagens Nyheter.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13. — Gen. Mannerheim formally was elected premier of Finland by the Finnish landtag today. The landtag also accepted the resignation of former premier Swinhilfvud.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 13. — For the first time in the west, if not in Canada, a soldier has been sentenced to life imprisonment for desertion. Pte. Dmytrio Glenzin is the man.

PARIS, Dec. 14. — President Wilson made his entry into Paris at 10.15 o'clock this morning. The president's arrival at the capital was greeted with a salvo of artillery in salute.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14. — The giant White Star liner Olympic arrived here this morning from England with over 5,000 returned Canadian soldiers and some civilian passengers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — The war trade board has agreed to allow Holland 100,000 tons of coal, provided it is transported in Dutch ships.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14. The Bolshewiki leaders in Russia are engaged in discussions whether to abandon their entire regime, according to the Swedish naval attache at Petrograd, who has arrived here. Nikolai Lenine, the premier, and Leo Kameneff are said to favor abandonment, but they are opposed by War Minister Trotzky, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and M. Radek.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15. — The Belgian government has submitted to parliament a bill limiting compensation for war damage to material losses, excluding those based on moral grounds. The senate, in its address replying to the speech from the throne, has declared strongly in favor of annexing the Duchy of Luxemburg to Belgium.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15. The supreme military tribunal at Vienna has announced that 11,400 persons were sentenced to death by Austrian military tribunals during the war and executed according to a Berlin dispatch.

GENEVA, Dec. 15. — Hugo Haase and Herr Barth, two of the three socialist members of the commission of six, which constitutes the German government, have resigned, according to reports received here. The report adds that George Ledebour, a leading socialist, also has severed his connections with the government.

PARIS, Dec. 15. — The complete texts of the amendments of the German armistice were signed this morning in Marshal Foch's railway train at Treves (Trier) as follows: "First: The duration of the treaty of armistice concluded Nov. 11, is prolonged one month until the 17th day of January, 1919, at five o'clock in the morning. This extension of a month will be extended until the conclusion of preliminaries to peace, subject to the consent of the Allied governments. Second: The execution of the conditions of the agreement of Nov. 11, such as agreement of Nov. 11, such as are not completely fulfilled, will be followed and completed in the period of extension of the armistice after regulations fixed by the armistice commission. Third: The following conditions will be added to the agreement of Nov. 11: The allied high command reserves the right to begin, meanwhile, if it thinks it wise, in order to assure new guarantees, to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine to the north of the bridgehead of Cologne, up to the Dutch frontier. This occu-

pation will be announced by the allied high command, by giving six days' notice."

ST. JOHN, Dec. 15. The C. P. R. ocean service liner Corinthian, which left this port Saturday morning with a large cargo for the British government, struck before three o'clock Saturday afternoon on Bolsen's Ledge, Brier Island, and will be a total loss. Capt. David Tannock and a crew of 86 were rescued by the government steamer Aberdeen and the patrol boat Festubert, of the Canadian naval service.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16. Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received from Warsaw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. Italy, with 5,500,000 men called to the colors, suffered approximately 1,500,000 casualties in the war, General Emilio Gugliemetti, military attache of the Italian war mission, announced here last night. Of the 1,500,000 casualties, approximately 500,000 were killed or died of wounds and 500,000 were permanently disabled.

A Circular Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of Prince Albert.

A Communication of His Lordship Bishop Pascal. Mittheilung des hochw. Herrn Bischofs Pascal.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. asks that the Catholics of the whole world offer up prayers to heaven that the Holy Ghost may enlighten and assist the diplomats of the various States who are going to work for the establishment of the world's peace on a just and solid basis.

In compliance with these wishes We order that the oration "de Spiritu Sancto" be said in future instead of the oration "pro pace." Moreover we desire that at the Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament the antiphon "Da pacem" and the oration formerly prescribed be replaced by the threefold recitation of "Pax Domine..." followed by the versicle "Domine non secundum..." and the oration "Deus qui culpa offenderis..." This is to be continued until the signing of Peace.

On this occasion We take pleasure in wishing you, together with Our best blessings, the favors of Heaven for the coming year, and We implore the Divine Infant in the Crib to accord the entire world the benefit of that peace of which the angels sang at the birth of the Saviour of the world.

† Albert, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Albert.

Antiph. Pax Domine, pax populo tuo; ne in aeternum irascaris nobis. (ter.)

V. Domine, non secundum peccata nostra facias nobis.

R. Neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.

Oremus.

Deus qui culpa offenderis, penitentia placaris: preces populi tui supplicantis propitius respice; et flagella tua iracundiae, quae pro peccatis nostris meremur, averte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. R) Amen.

THE LITTLE OLD SECRETARY

(CONTINUED.)

"I am afraid you will wish yourself back, Rose, in the green robe many a time before the month has passed."

"Most likely I will," said Rose, "but when it is passed, and I have brought back the blessing to Connor, it's proud I'll be to my life's end."

"You have taken a weight off my heart," said Mrs. McDermot. "I could not bear the thought of sending Kathleen so far alone. Now she will have a heart of gold to care for her."

The arrangement of her little wardrobe was a greater difficulty. Kathleen protested against money being spent upon it. "I am not out yet," she said, "and people will not trouble themselves about my dress. I should be miserable if I felt you had deprived yourselves of anything necessary, to fit me out for the visit."

So some very simple white muslin dresses were made up for her, out of the robes of former days, which had been laid by in an oak chest, and a certain silver brocade and bobbin, the last remnant of Mrs. McDermot's gaiter, was put into the box as a resource, in case a ball in the house should make an evening dress indispensable. A little box containing a single pearl of great size and great beauty, set in a shamrock leaf, was placed in Kathleen's own hands. "I was keeping that for you till your eighteenth birthday, my darling," said her mother, "but as you are going to leave us, I shall give it to you now. It was your father's first present to me, and had his hair and mine at the back. He sent with it some verses, in allusion to my name of Margaret, about a pearl of price, which made me think very seriously about my future life and duties. And now I should like to give it a meaning to you, which shall make you happy when outside things are a trial. You will feel your own disadvantages, my child, in education, in accomplishments, even in dress more than you can imagine, when you are with other girls in your own rank of life. I know it will never come into your mind to think that your parents have not done for you all they could, but you must expect it to be painful sometimes, and I want you to wear your mother's brooch as a memorial that you have been our pearl of price, a help and a comfort in our troubles, for which we thank God every day. That will compensate my Kathleen for a good many petty annoyances, will it not?"

Kathleen could not speak. She was so intensely happy as she sat on a low stool listening to that dear mother's voice, that it seemed impossible to believe she could ever mind anything petty, when she had so great a joy to counterbalance it. Even the great trouble, which loomed in the distance, grew small when she remembered it would still leave her with her parents. But a thought came across her mind to check her joy, the thought of one who ought to have been sharing her work, and she said in a low voice:

"If Ewan were but here?" "That is the sting of our trial," replied Mrs. McDermot, the steady light in her clear eyes dimmed by a look of anguish. "It is too terrible to think that death will not end that misunderstanding. If your brother should come back and find the Hill of Dermot gone, nothing will make him believe that his father was compelled to do it by extreme necessity. He will always think that he cut him off in anger from the inheritance of his forefathers. It is this which

presses so heavily on your father's mind. I think he has been tempted at times to wish he might die before the deed has to be done. Pray, my dear child, pray that the breach between these two hearts may be healed before it is too late."

"Where is he, mother?" asked Kathleen almost frightened at the tone in which these words were uttered.

"I am not certain," replied her mother with a deep sigh. "His regiment, the 33rd, was ordered to India, but a letter I sent through military authorities, which would surely have reached his hand if all had been well with him, was never answered. I wrote again when we thought your father was dying, six months ago. I cannot think he ever got that letter and refused to answer it."

"What can have changed him?" said Kathleen sorrowfully. "He used to be so good and affectionate. It seems like a horrid dream when I think it is my own brother Ewan who is breaking his parents' hearts."

"It is that fatal mistake of fancying that when we have done wrong it is degrading to own our faults, and to ask for forgiveness. There is no doubt that his unfortunate debts came as the last blow to break us down, and his father therefore spoke in stern and just anger at his selfishness. This aroused Ewan's fiery temper; yet the moment the blaze of his wrath subsided, I feel certain his heart must have felt the bitterest remorse. But the McDermot pride keeps him silent, and he remains in the wrong rather than freely own himself in fault. We should accustom our lips often to say 'forgive me' in little things, Kathleen; and then by degrees a true sense of honor gets formed within us, and we are only too thankful that we have the means of undoing our faults against each other, by heartily acknowledging them and asking their pardon."

Kathleen left her mother, pondering whether it could be possible for her ever to have done anything which needed the forgiveness of another. She was not mistaken in thinking her mother one in a thousand, nor had Dermot McDermot erred in calling his Margaret a pearl of price. Strong in the grand ennobling idea of Duty ever before her, she had the sweetness of a child in her ready acceptance of everything which could throw sunshine on her path. She had courage to meet difficulties, combined with a strong practical sense of the right to be done in every emergency, in which her husband was deficient. With a highly cultivated mind, and a genuine love of music and painting, all her favorite pursuits had been laid aside without a sigh, when she found she had to do battle with poverty and its attendant embarrassments, and so far from being crushed under the burden, she had succeeded in making her young daughter's life one of peculiar happiness. There was a serenity about her which nothing could rattle, yet beneath were floods of sympathy for all who lay in need of it. But Kathleen learned more this day than she had ever known before of the wound which Ewan's conduct had made, and she left her mother with a silent resolve that she would try her best to be son and daughter to her, all in one.

Getting a bunch of keys, a feather brush and a duster out of a drawer, Kathleen went the rounds of the house, giving a final tidying, as she called it, to the unoccupied rooms. The last she visited was a long, low dining-hall, upon the walls of which hung trophies and portraits of the Lords of Dermot's Hill, from time immemorial. With reverent care she went from one to another, blowing off the dust lightly, and gazing

intently on the faces which looked forth from the canvas, each with their separate history. The setting sun streamed in at the window, and lit up as with a glory the quaint old pictures. Kathleen felt as though they were all looking at her, all bidding her God-speed.

At the lower end of the room, not hung, but hastily placed on a chair with its face to the wall was a picture in a modern frame, of a youth about eighteen in uniform. The brow and the shape of the head strongly resembled the old warriors in their antique settings, but the expression of the mouth was very different from the austere beauty which shone in them.

The picture had been taken down from the little sitting-room, because the sight too vividly revived the heart-break he had caused. When Kathleen turned it round and met her brother's face, she broke into the vehement speech which was ringing in her heart.

"Oh! Ewan, come back, come back," she cried passionately. "All will be forgiven—all forgiven. I am but a child, so helpless, so unable to assist. Come back to be their solace, the staff of their old age." She gazed at the picture long and tenderly, while the tears welled into her eyes. "It shall not stay there," she murmured to herself at last, and getting a hammer and a nail, she hung it up in its place opposite his father's portrait. "He will come back," she said softly, "and it will not be too late." "Oh! Ewan, it is so sweet to be forgiven."

The glow of the sunset light grew more intense, and carried Kathleen's thoughts up to heaven from whence it seemed to come. She grew calm and prayed.

There were features in her father's life that made his child confident in her prayer. When the calamity of famine had fallen on his tenantry, he suffered with them; should he be left to want? When sore distress had made them unable to pay their rents, he had not turned them from their homes, but had waited. Should he be driven forth from the old home, to which a thousand ties bound his heart so firmly? Was there not a promise that to him who had been mindful of the poor and needy, God Himself would make his bed in sickness; and would he suffer her father to sink into the grave with that heart sorrow upon him of an undutiful son?

She knelt upon the chair underneath Ewan's picture, and taking his heart, as it were, in hers, promised for him as well as for herself, that as far as in them lay, they would not be unworthy children of a race which had counted martyrs among its sons. And as she gazed around upon the pictures of the long-departed heroes of her race, the silent witnesses of her promise, a calm, glorious light seemed to light up their faces, giving her the assurance that all good would be rewarded, all fidelity crowned, if not here, in the land of Evermore.

So a few minutes afterwards her mother found her, kneeling with her face wet with tears just below Ewan's portrait, both radiant in the last bright gleam of sunshine from the setting sun. Kathleen bounded towards her as she opened the door, and mother and child exchanged a smile of hope.

"I have given the house a thorough cleaning by way of good-bye, and dusted all the dear old pictures, and set everything straight," said Kathleen, giving the key into her mother's hands. "Little Nora Maclean will come and help old Sarah every morning till I get back, and father is certainly a little stronger, so I hope you will not be quite overdone."

"I shall miss your help at every turn," said her mother, "but I shall do famously, you will see. It is quite wonderful, the good this turn of his thoughts has done your dear father. I have been looking for you to come to tea in his room; he has been quite busy all the afternoon preparing a surprise for you."

They found Mr. McDermot sitting up in his arm chair with a look of animation on his face they had not seen for many a long day. The table before him was covered with small plates, each laden with some little offering which had come up from the village for Miss Kathleen's journey to England. Very nice some of the things were, and very funny too, and Kathleen laughed at the wolf's appetite for which they had given her credit. In the centre of the table stood a covered dish; the present, her father told her, of the poorest man on the estate. This she was not to look at till the next had been examined.

So with merry laugh and cheerful talk they discussed this grand feast, till Kathleen declared she could take no more, she had quite come to an end of her powers, and was dying with curiosity to see the contents of the covered dish.

When the cover was removed, it proved to be a box filled up by her father's own hands with all kinds of painting materials. There lay his own best brushes, a small collection of colors for oil painting and a number of bottles with all useful preparations in them; contrivances of which only a painter knows the value.

Kathleen was in ecstasy. Painting was her passion, and her father had been her only master. "He hoped," he said, "that she might get a little help in her uncle's house, and, at any rate, she must bring him back a sketch of the beautiful scenery of the Devon coast."

This last evening was a very bright one. Not one of the three could have said exactly what had made them hope that better days were coming, but as Kathleen clung to her father for his parting blessing (for she was to go too early in the morning to disturb him), he stood up and said with an energy which astonished them:

"God bless and prosper you, jewel of my heart, and bring you back as the dove with the olive-branch to the home of your fathers."

To be continued.

CORRESPONDENCES.

The lateness of the trains and, consequently, of the mails, last week, combined with lack of space and time made it impossible for us to publish the following correspondences in our last week's issue of St. Peter's Bote. Aware, however, of the trite saying "Better late than never" we are sure these correspondences will be read by our readers with the same interest as if they had been written just now.

THE EDITOR.

The Catholic Orphanage of Prince Albert Dec. 15, 1918.

A Holy, cheerful Christmas and a happy, prosperous New-Year to all the friends and benefactors of the Catholic Orphanage of Prince Albert

Here we stand once more at the end of a year, a year which has been for many a year of toil, hard work and anxiety; a year replete with sorrows, grief and sadness, but also a year throughout the whole length of which we cannot fail to see the guiding hand of our heavenly Father. In spite of all the sorrows of the year that soon will be no more we must all acknowledge that God has been extremely good to each one of us—for Goodness is His nature—This is a fact which year after year we

Hunters! Trappers!

On Nov. 1st the FUR SEASON opened again and everything points to a very profitable season for the trappers. All reports are that the Fur Markets are well cleaned up and there is a big demand for furs.

So it's up to you, Boys, to make a little Extra Money. GET OUT AND HUSTLE, the bigger the bunch, so much more money you get!

To all those trappers and hunters, who have been selling their furs to me for the past three seasons, I don't need to say where to bring their furs, because they know that I try to treat everybody right, and give them all the fur is worth.

To trappers, who have never sold to me, I will say, that if you ask any of my old customers, they will tell you that PITZEL at Humboldt gives you more money for your furs, on the average, than you can get if you ship your furs to those big houses across the line.

If you will have some furs in a week or two and can't bring them, send them by express or parcel post. I will pay the charges.

Give me a trial, and I am sure you will be satisfied. No shipment too big and none too small. Write for tags and prices.

Herman B. Pitzel, Humboldt Fur Dealer Headquarters in old Shoe Repair shop, in back of Merchants Bank.

Christmas is Approaching! Call on us and see Our Assortment of Toys and Christmas Goods. Gramophones with all different kinds of Records, to supply you with suitable music and pleasantry. Marlatt's Gall Stone Medicine Ad-ler-i-ka and other Medicines, Herbs and Chemicals always in Stock. Write to us in English or German. Mail Orders promptly executed. W. F. Hargarten :: Bruno, Sask.

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Land and Farms! I have a number of Farms and Wild Lands for sale at low prices. Some will be sold on Crop Payment. For further particulars apply in person or by letter to Henry Bruning, MUENSTER, SASK.

Only one week left before the Great Day CHRISTMAS! Come in and see our great stock of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for all of the Family. I also handle the VICTOR GRAMOPHONES and EDISON PHONOGRAPHS. A full line of latest RECORDS now on hand. Come in and see us before buying your Machine. G. R. WATSON, HUMBOLDT, SASK. DRUGGIST The Rexall Store STATIONER

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experience at the Catholic Orphanage. Yes, God has been good to us. Day after day merciful hands are ever ready to become the instruments, wherewith God scatters His blessings along our road. As in bygone days our Blessed Saviour journeyed through Palestine doing good to all He met, so today in the person of our benefactors He passes through our midst doing good to His children.

Thanks, eternal thanks be to Him. Thanks be also to our kind benefactors:

During 1918 our German-speaking Catholics have given another example of the magnificent spirit that seems to be ever the soul of their daily lives, a spirit of the most unselfish and generous charity. During the spring and summer many were anxious to insure their crops against damage from hail or frost. However, when in spite of our prayers and supplications the crops were, in many districts at least, greatly hurt by frost, it was evident that these good people were not bound to fulfill the promise they had made in spring. Still, quite a number have faithfully sent the amount promised in spite of the loss they had sustained from frost. This is certainly a most unselfish charity.

Past experience has taught me that I may always rely on the Catholics of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's Colony. Thanks therefore to all who have so cheerfully helped us during the last 12 months. Thanks especially to the brave little "Bote," who is always a welcome visitor and at the same time an intrepid and untiring champion of every good cause, and especially,—I dare say—of the Orphanage.

At this moment a new Era of peace is dawning for our war-sick world. Let us trust that it may be a just peace and that it will once more bring us normal conditions and brighter prospects.

May the blessings of heaven accompany all our friends during the coming year and may peace and happiness reign within every heart, is the sincere wish of yours gratefully in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, FATHER W. BRUECK, O.M.I.

HUMBOLDT, Sask., Dec. 9th, 1918. Dear St. Peter's Bote:—

The influenza seems to be departing from us at last. It is reported that there are but a very few sick in town now. The ban was lifted last week and on Sunday last, Dec. 8th, the first regular Church services were held again since Oct. 13th. To-day, Dec. 9th, the schools were re-opened. The terrible malady of the Spanish influenza has hit St. Augustine's parish of Humboldt very hard. It was a dreadful visitation. Ten adult members of our congregation fell victims to this pest, viz. Dr. J. L. Barry who died on Oct. 11th at the age of 40 years while on a visit in Ontario. He leaves behind a widow. Max Ernest, fireman on the C.N.R., a single man who died on Oct. 30th at the age of 30 years. Frank McInerney, clerk at the Land Titles Office, a single man, who died Nov. 3rd at the age of 31. Anton Lutter, a farmer, who died Nov. 5th at the age of 39 years and leaves behind a widow and 9 children. Mrs. Mary Saretzky, who died Nov. 7th at the age of 28 years and leaves behind a widow. John Miller, fireman on the C.N.R., a single man, who died Nov. 10th at the age of 21 years. Theodore Mamer, who died Nov. 20th at the age of 35 years. His wife, Mrs. Johanna Mamer, followed him into the grave Nov. 24th at the age of 29 years. They left behind three small children. Joseph Faul, a farmer, who died Nov. 27th at the age of 41 years, leaving behind a widow and 7 children. Mrs. Emilia Schumacher, who died Dec. 2nd at the age of 23 years, leaving behind a

widower and three small children. This has been the harvest the grim reaper death held, within the past six weeks, in our parish. An awful record, is it not? And all people in the prime of life! Elderly people have been spared.—Besides the above-mentioned deceased members of St. Augustine's parish there were buried in the Catholic cemetery at Humboldt the following victims of influenza: Oct. 28th, Michael Hulak of Vonda; Nov. 26th, Anna Scheiber, daughter of Mr. Leo Scheiber, of St. Scholastica's parish; Dec. 3rd John Walker, of Anaheim. — To-day, Dec. 9th, a Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine's Church for the repose of the souls of all the deceased members of the parish who have succumbed to the influenza. R. I. P.

Last week Mr. Leo Schumacher, principal of our Separate School, made a trip to Ontario in order to place his three little children with his relatives. He is expected to return to Humboldt between Christmas and New Year. Meanwhile Miss Rose Hallet is taking his place.

Mr. Hy. Reinecke was the lucky winner of the silver tea spoons raffled off by Miss Katie Kuemper for the benefit of the Church. —Corr.

CARMEL, SASK., Dec. 6, 1918.

Dear St. Peter's Bote:—

The influenza epidemic is still serious around here as several families are still nursing some of their members. In the Ruthenian settlement northwest of here two families have each lost a child.

Mr. Charles Freistadt, our expert wolf hunter, has for this season so far 8 of these chicken robbers to his credit and the pelts and bounty netted him a handsome profit. He is still very active with his hounds around the country side.

For the first time since this parish was organized, we will have a real Christmas celebration in the form of three Holy Masses on that day, as our Pastor, Father Joseph, announced last Sunday. To do this, he must abandon his two other places, Engelfeld and St. Gregor, on that day.

Mr. Thom. Horki has purchased an Overland car some time ago.

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—The city's revenue account for the first ten months of the year is short \$60,148.32 instead of showing an estimated surplus of \$2,027.54, according to the city auditor's report.

F. W. Bates has been appointed director of rural education associations and school exhibitions by the department of education. G. M. Weir has been appointed principal of Saskatoon Normal school and R. W. Asseltyn, vice-principal.

Eleven Mennonites from the colony south of Swift Current arrived at Regina jail where they will spend ten days for failing to send their children to the public schools. They pleaded not guilty, claiming they came to Canada under the treaty of 1873. The magistrate fined them one dollar each and costs, but they elected to go to jail.

SASKATOON.—There were 182 deaths in Saskatoon during the month of November, of these 153 were from influenza. 34 of the total were country patients, who came to the city for treatment. Births for the month totalled 78 with the marriages at 40.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—The eleventh annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held here on January 21st to 24th.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—Approximately one million pounds of honey were made by the Manitoba bees during the past season, it was officially announced. The value of the output was \$280,000.

ST. BONIFACE.—Mayor H. Beliveau was re-elected Mayor of St. Boniface by acclamation.

BRANDON.—Alec J. Facey, secretary-treasurer of the late Brandon Grain company, after pleading guilty to two charges of forgery, received a sentence of two years in the penitentiary. The total losses to farmers in this district in connection with this case approximate \$18,000.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—Compulsory restrictions of the amount of flour which may be held in store by dealers, householders and others have been rescinded. The compulsory purchase of substitutes for wheat flour been withdrawn. Conservation regulations of beef are still in force, and are still important in view of the requirements.

A committee of Prohibitionists asked the government to continue Prohibition in force until the soldiers have returned and to hold a referendum on Prohibition after that.

The government has created a fund of \$25,000,000 which will be available by way of loan to provincial governments in Canada in connection with the carrying out of programs for better housing conditions through municipalities or otherwise.

Cable advices have been received to the effect that arrangements are being made to send back to Canada 1000 officers whose services can be dispensed with.

Capt. Ernest Cinq Mars, a Hull boy, at one time editor of Le Spectateur, is now military governor of the Belgian town of Mons.

Quebec

QUEBEC.—At a meeting of the provincial cabinet the date of the opening of the next provincial session was decided. No date was given out, but it is understood the house will be called for either January 14th or 17th.

Foreign News

SANTIAGO.—An earthquake has occurred in northern Chile. In the towns of Copiapo and Valparaiso important damage was caused. In other localities damage of minor importance was done.

LIMA, Peru.—Army reserves in this region have been called to the colors. Three more Chilean consuls sailed for Valparaiso.

LONDON.—Dec. 4 was nomination day for candidates for parliament in the general election and among the surprises was the appearance of an opponent to David Lloyd George at Carnarvon. He is Austin Harris, editor of the "English Review" and is standing on the plank of a league of nations and the abolition of conscription. Another striking feature of the nomination was a large number of unopposed returns. Thus, out of 707 members to be elected to the new parliament 104 have already been returned unopposed—41 coalition unionists; 28 coalition liberals; 11 laborites; 22 Sinn Feiners; one nationalist, and one independent.

The British labor party held a big meeting at Albert Hall to discuss labor questions and the league of nations. The "Red Flag" was sung and revolutionary sentiments were expressed. A large proportion were Russians from the East end.

An industrial war by the railwaymen may be imminent. James Henry Thomas, general secretary

of the National Union of Railwaymen, conferred with Sir Albert Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, and afterwards telegraphed to all the unions that he had notified the government that the wartime truce, whereby strikes had been averted, was cancelled.

Ex-Premier Asquith, in the course of an election address to his East Fife constituents, advocated the prompt establishment of Home Rule in Ireland.

It is officially announced that during the war the forces of Great Britain actually lost nearly 1,000,000 men killed or dead through various causes.

Austria-Hungary lost 4,000,000 men killed and wounded during the war, 800,000 men being killed.

An Amsterdam dispatch says there were riotous demonstrations in Berlin by the unemployed. The disorders became so threatening that labor leaders addressed the crowds, promising assistance, and finally pacified them.

PARIS.—Edmond Rostand, the great playwright, died here. He had been ill from gripe.

ATHENS.—The appointment of Gen. Panaskovopoulos to succeed Gen. Danglis as commander-in-chief of the Greek army, who has retired, is announced in an official communication. Gen. Panaskovopoulos was closely identified with the revolutionary movement in Greece.

United States News

WASHINGTON.—Congress in joint session on Dec. 2 heard President Wilson announce formally his purpose to attend the peace conference and give his views on the part the government should play in dealing with after-the-war problems. Democrats of the house received the announcement with cheers, in which some senators joined; the Republicans were silent almost throughout the address.

The nomination of Carter Glass to be secretary of the treasury to succeed William G. McAdoo was confirmed by the senate without objection.

Restrictions on the purchase of sugar for consumption in homes and public eating places were removed by the food administration.

Between 300,000 and 350,000 deaths from influenza and pneumonia occurred among the civilian population of the United States since Sept. 15, according to a statement by the public health service. The epidemic persists, but deaths are much less, according to reports reaching here. A recurrence is starting throughout the country, but it is not believed to be a general renewal of severe conditions.

The Federal Trade Commission, in a supplemental report submitted to Congress charged the five big meat packing companies of the country with a combination in restraint of the stock and meat trade. Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Morris & Co. and the Cudahy Packing Co. are named.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida.—The house unanimously adopted the senate "bone-dry" bill. The measure provides that no whiskey or other alcoholic beverages can be transported within this state after Jan. 1.

PHILADELPHIA.—Two million pounds of sugar destined for Europe was destroyed when a big warehouse of the Franklin Sugar Refinery Co. was burned. 10 workmen, compelled to jump for their lives, were injured.

NEW YORK.—More than 500,000 cases of influenza were recorded in this city during the recent epidemic.

BOSTON, Mass.—300,000 cases of influenza and pneumonia, of which 15,000 proved fatal, were reported in this state during the recent epidemic. At present about 600 cases are reported daily.

For the Winter Evenings... you need something to read for yourself and your family. Keep the young folks out of questionable company, by accustoming them to stay at home in the family circle. To do so, you must provide them with innocent enjoyments at home, and one of the best and most useful of such enjoyments is the reading of Good Stories. If you have a parish library, do not fail to take out books regularly during the winter months. If there is no parish library in your vicinity, do not dread the expense of buying some good Catholic books. It is a good investment, better in fact than almost any other investment you can make for the comfort and pleasure of your family. Other articles, even the most expensive ones bought for the pleasure of the members of your family will soon grow old and will no longer cause the former enjoyment, but a good and interesting book is A Joy forever. It will be read and reread by all the members of the family and will cause new pleasure each time.

One of the best series of good Catholic stories is collected in the four volumes of The Ebb and Flow of Life. They contain about forty good stories written by the famous Catholic author Monsignore Konrad Kummel. They were first published in the German language in 1912 and soon the call for them was so great that four editions were sold within a couple of years. These stories are now available also in the English language, having been translated by a Father of St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Ill. During the months of October and November 1918 we have given our Readers an opportunity to see what these stories are like, by publishing one of them entitled "Man and his Illusions" as a serial in our paper. We now offer the entire set of four large volumes containing each about 440 pages, well bound in full cloth, free by mail for the low price of Only \$5.00 for the entire set.

We can highly recommend this excellent work to persons looking about for suitable Christmas Presents. Either the entire work or individual volumes are suitable for such a purpose. By purchasing a set of these books, you can make four of your friends happy at Christmas. We have only a limited number of sets of the work on hand. Intending purchasers should therefore not delay sending their orders at once. When ordering, do not fail to send the \$5.00 with the order. Address all orders to St. Peter's Bote, Muester, Sask.

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1918 Church Calendar 1919

Table with 3 columns: November, December, January. Lists various church events and feast days with corresponding dates and names.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell resigns.

A painful surprise swept over the whole province when it became known that the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, on Thursday had resigned the Ministry of Agriculture, which he had held for 13 years, ever since Saskatchewan is a province. During all this time he had devoted all his energies, and with splendid success, to the task of developing the wonderful agricultural resources of our great province, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that our young province now stands at the very head of all Canadian provinces in Agriculture.

In the afternoon session on Thursday, Premier Martin read the correspondence which had passed between him and Mr. Motherwell and which finally culminated in the resignation of the latter, which was accepted by the premier. After reading the correspondence, Premier Martin stated that Hon. Geo. B. Langley would temporarily take over the Ministry of Agriculture in addition to his other duties until a re-arrangement would be made after the session.

The reasons of Mr. Motherwell's resignation, as given in the correspondence read, are that Mr. Motherwell refused to come out in opposition to the Union Government at Ottawa, which, in Mr. Motherwell's opinion, had lamentably failed in forming and executing a policy which was in the best interests of Canada and especially of the West. He summed up the failure of the Union Government in the following points:

- 1) The two man power registrations by the Conservative and the Union governments effect nothing but useless expenditure of money.
2) The greater production campaign by these twin governments was conducted in a childish manner.
3) The abominable War Times Election Act, which was also an infringement of provincial rights, and which had been passed by the Conservative government at Ottawa, had not been abolished by the Union government.

4) The labor problem had been bungled in a manner which won nothing but whole hearted contempt.

5) The railway problem had not been handled in a practical way by the Union Government, though it had the example of Great Britain and the United States before it.

6) The scheme for soldiers' settlement proposed by the Union government was not satisfactory to the soldiers themselves, and at the same time it constituted a great danger to the independence of the provinces by entangling their finances with those of the Dominion.

7) The Union government's plan for handing over the Natural Resources to the western provinces was a huge deception, as it proposed to make so many reservations that there was practically nothing worth having left to hand over.

8) The Unionists had not carried out their pre-election promise of uprooting the patronage evil. On the contrary, Premier Borden had even procured for himself the exclusive privilege to recommend Canadians for Titles, so that he might wield a greater patronage. Most of these failures of the Union government strongly affected the provinces as such and that therefore he considered that a sufficient reason existed for the premier of the province to take a determined stand in the matter, as had done the former premier, Hon. Walter Scott.

Finally, Mr. Motherwell declared that another reason existed for his withdrawal from the cabinet. This reason was the school legislation which Premier Martin was going to bring down in the legislature this week. He could not agree with the Premier on this, and he wished to have full liberty to oppose it before the legislature, which liberty he should not have, if he still were a member of the cabinet.

Whilst Mr. Motherwell could not state what this proposed school legislation was, it is generally understood that it consists in a measure for abolishing the present rights of school boards to have an hour's instruction per day given in foreign languages, if they consider such instruction desirable.

A "More Rabid Foreign Community."

The journalistic Hydra whose owner is a German-speaking foreign-born individual and which tries to drag a red herring across its trail by inveighing against "foreigners" on every possible and impossible occasion, recently accused us of carrying on a subversive propaganda among the more rabid foreign communities in our midst.

If St. Peter's Bote is carrying on a propaganda in any particular community, it certainly is doing so in the district tributary to Humboldt, where about one half its total number of subscribers live, and where it regularly visits at least every second household and is read in most of the households that are not regular subscribers. It is very true that the majority of the adults in this district are foreign born, having first seen the light of day either in the United States or on the European continent, and they will not deny that the great majority of them have tautonic blood in their veins. What, then, has been the record of this "more rabid foreign community" during the fifty-three months since the outbreak of the war?

Not a single resident of the district has been convicted of disloyalty. Not a single resident has been interned in concentration camps. Hundreds of young men have donned Khaki to fight for the country of their adoption. Not a single worthy war charity, such as the Patriotic Fund, the Y. M. C. A. Drive, the Catholic Army Huts Fund etc. etc. were turned down, but received the most hearty financial support. The greater production drive was entered into a whole-hearted and effective manner. Law and order were observed to such an extent, that the government police force in the district was without any misgivings on the part of the authorities, reduced below its numbers in peace time. The government was financially supported by the prompt payment of taxes on the part of the residents. All this despite the passing of that infamous piece of Conservative legislation, the War-Times Election Act of 1917, which directly deprived many hundreds of loyal citizens of the district of their most cherished civic right, the franchise, and, by its provisions opened the way for conscience-less registrars to deprive hundreds of others of the franchise by downright fraud.

When the government called upon its citizens for the greatest loan in the history of Canada, two months ago, did this "more rabid foreign community" shrink the manifest duty of loyalty? By no means! Despite the fact that hundreds of its loyal citizens had just been deprived of the satisfaction of reading newspapers in their mother tongue, and despite the fact that the influenza was raging in the district to such an extent that in some parts of the district all the canvassers were down with it during the whole drive, the district of Humboldt exceeded its allotment by over 43 per cent, and the 137 subscriptions averaged \$251.67 each. Compare this result with that attained in the district of Lloydminster, the center of an all-British colony, settled in the same year as the Humboldt district, where the 404 subscriptions averaged \$168.14 each. Compare this result with that in the district of Quill Lake, immediately adjoining the Humboldt district on the east, and settled principally by British born people, where the 132 subscriptions averaged \$170.15 each.

We do not quote these figures, derived from the official results of the Liberty Loan campaign, in order to make invidious comparisons with our friends in these other districts, for we are convinced that they did their full duty. We merely publish them in order to repel mean-spirited aspersions by an unprincipled and dangerous newspaper combine, which is owned and controlled by a German-speaking foreign-born individual, and which is endeavoring to monopolize, by fair means and foul, the public opinion of the great Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

If the Humboldt district is, as the Hydra asserts, one of "the more rabid foreign communities in our midst," then it is involuntarily paying a great tribute to the loyalty of other foreign-speaking communities in this province, and indirectly it is convicting itself of calumny when it accuses St. Peter's Bote of carrying on a "subversive propaganda," for it is certain that St. Peter's Bote has had a great share in moulding the public opinion of the people in the Humboldt district, and "By their fruits ye shall know them."

St. Peter's Colony

ANNAHEIM.—After a lingering illness of about three weeks Mrs. Josephine Maier, the devoted wife of Mr. John Maier, passed away to receive her eternal reward last Saturday morning, Dec. 14th. She was well prepared for the end, having been fortified repeatedly by the devout reception of the holy sacraments of the Church. The funeral took place Tuesday, Dec. 17th. The deceased is survived by her husband, her father Mr. John Binsfeld of St. Gregor and a number of brothers and sisters. Among the parishes of St. Peter's Colony St. Ann's is to be counted with those stricken the hardest by the influenza, the deaths resulting therefrom aggregating to nearly the same number suffered by St. Augustine's parish of Humboldt.

The Rev. Father Bernard has now completely recovered from his illness and is able to perform his sacerdotal duties again. On Saturday he motored via St. Gregor to Münster and thence to Lenora Lake where he conducted the usual Sunday services for the parish.

LENORA LAKE.—Mr. Philip Linda, of St. Brieux, mourns the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Margaret, nee Joessel, which took place Dec. 8th. The Linda family

were visiting at Mr. Linda's parents at Lenora Lake, and while there were attacked by influenza. Her remains were laid to rest in St. Anthony's cemetery at Lenora Lake, Dec. 9th, the Rev. Father Casimir of Dead Moose Lake performing the last rites, of the Church over the corpse.

HUMBOLDT.—The Ven. Sisters of St. Elizabeth, heretofore wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following moneys and donations received and collected which will be used towards the erection of the new addition to the hospital, and for which they wish to express their most cordial thanks to:

- Humboldt and vicinity \$261.00
St. Benedict 188.55
Münster 187.72
Dead Moose Lake 151.75
Lenora Lake 120.00
Leofeld 100.00
Annaheim 93.00
Carmel 56.65
Pilger 56.15
Immaculate Conception 24.00
St. Scholastica 18.00
Cadworth 13.50
An unnamed benefactor 50.00
Unnamed at Bruno 10.00
" " Fulda 5.00
" " St. Gregor 5.00
May God reward the generous givers to St. Elizabeth Hospital most abundantly! Furthermore the good Sisters of Humboldt wish

to avail themselves of this opportunity to extend to their kind benefactors the greetings of the season by wishing them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The number of influenza patients having received treatment at St. Elizabeth Hospital up to Dec. 15th has increased to 108. Of these 80 were discharged as being cured and 11 succumbed to the malady. Only 8 are still nursed at the hospital. The new cases coming in now are mostly from the country districts.

A nice and fresh box of Chocolates will be much appreciated as a Christmas present. Get it at the Humboldt Candy Kitchen.

The west bound C. N. R. passenger train on Dec. 10th struck a deer about ten miles east of Humboldt. The train was stopped and the crew picked up the carcass and put it onto the train.

Pte. Peter Gasser, who has been in the army during the summer, has received his discharge and returned to his home here.

WANTED experienced Sales-lady. One with grocery experience preferred. Apply, stating wages wanted and give reference to C. BRUSER, Humboldt.

Messrs. S. Schaeffer & Ecker last week shipped six carloads of cattle and two carloads of hogs to the Winnipeg market.

Humboldt's mayoralty election on Dec. 9th resulted in the re-election of Mayor Telfer by a majority of 14 over his opponent, F.H. Bence. The vote polled was: Telfer 149, Bence 135; there were 10 spoiled ballots, making the total vote polled 294. The vacancies on the school boards were filled by acclamation on nomination day as follows: High School Board: Messrs. Archie Power, H. J. Folk, J. H. Brown, Public School Board: Messrs. W. H. Stiles, G. R. Watson, J. M. Crenar, Separate School Board: Messrs. F.I. Hauser, Anton Mettel.

Mr. J. W. Burton was re-elected reeve for the R. M. of Humboldt by acclamation, Dec. 2nd. In divisions 1 and 5 Mr. Nic. Schreiner and Mr. Peter Rauw respectively were elected councillors by acclamation.

Get your Christmas Candies in our store. They are always fresh, clean and kept in the most sanitary way. Humboldt Candy Kitchen.

DANA.—Two children of Mr. Normand, our former postmaster, who now resides at Howell, André and Marie, have recently died of the influenza.

BRUNO.—The daily papers of the Province of Saskatchewan reported on Dec. 14th that an act, introduced by Mr. James Hogan, M. P. P., to incorporate the Ursuline Nuns of Bruno, was given its second reading by the provincial legislature on Friday, Dec. 13th.

MÜNSTER.—Beginning with the Pontifical High Mass or Christmas night the usual solemn Church services at our Abbey Church, will be inaugurated again, after they had been discontinued and converted into more or less private services since the outbreak of the influenza.

Mr. A. H. Pilla, who seemed to enjoy immunity from the contagion of influenza, has finally, last week, contracted the disease also, and is now confined to his bed.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, on Christmas eve, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, there will be held a real "Christkindchen Bescherung" at Woell-Mainzer's Store. Bring all your children along and have each one get a present. Woell-Mainzer Co., Ltd., Münster.

was called to the bedside of Mr. Joseph Suchan, of St. Scholastica's Mission, whom he found suffering from severe hemorrhages of the lungs, a consequence of tuberculosis with which the patient has been afflicted since a number of years.

During the course of the past week St. Peter's Bote has received the following moneys: From a reader at Münster \$5.00 for the Orphanage at Prince Albert, from a reader at Carmel \$1.00 for the same good purpose and from a reader at Bruno \$5.00 for Father Egenolf. God bless you!

We refer our readers to page 2 and 3 of this issue of St. Peter's Bote where they will find additional news contained in very interesting correspondences.

The weather of the past week was mostly cloudy and dreary, but not very cold. A year ago at this time we were experiencing the fiercest cold of last winter.

Do not forget to visit my Candy Store. My Choice Christmas Candies, Nuts and Toys will gladden the hearts of your little ones. My store will be open from now on again every day until Christmas from 2-4 o'clock.

Caroline Maner, Münster.—The Ven. Fr. Philip Wartman, O.S.B., went to St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., last Friday, Dec. 13th, in order to pursue and complete his ecclesiastical studies there. The last three weeks he was assisting Father Bernard at Anaheim during his illness.

ST. GREGOR.—Mr. John Van Bergen will sell by public auction on his farm, 2 1/2 miles north of St. Gregor, on Friday, Dec. 27th, his livestock consisting of 6 horses, 21 head of cattle, a lot of chickens and turkeys, all his machinery, etc. Everybody invited to this big sale. The annual meeting of the St. Gregor Volksverein which should have taken place ere this, had to be postponed on account of the epidemic. The sickness now being practically over the date fixed for this meeting is Sunday Dec. 22nd.

The Committee per Emil Hohmann, Secy. WATSON.—The flag flying over the King George Hotel is the official recognition of the fact that Watson subscribed considerable more than its allotted portion of the Victory Loan.

Messrs. W.F. Bates, E.M. Bates, A. Ketchen and the Grain Growers' Association all shipped ears of cattle last week.

CORRESPONDENCES.

WATSON, Sask., Dec. 14th, 1918 Dear St. Peter's Bote:

The first and oldest school benches were the mother's lap and the father's knee. Thereby we see that the parents are the first teachers of the child, and they remain such as long as the child lives. But since the parents' time is greatly occupied with the necessities of life on the one hand, and since they are ordinarily not qualified to impart a thorough education on the other hand, they erect school houses and engage teachers to carry on and complete the work of education, which the parents had begun. Hence the teacher is taking the place of the parents, and assuming the responsibility for the child while the latter is at school, and representing the parents the teacher has also the perfect right and, even, duty to correct a child, and if necessary, punish same severely. But it is also the duty of the teacher to watch over the children while they are at play, so that when anything either in words, actions or otherwise crops up which is contrary to good morals, the evil may be eradicated and the culprit corrected. The parents, however, should assist the teacher, and cooperate with him as far as it is necessary to bring up

good men should give understand the teacher. There would the school pupils work their work the near not look to them?

At a meeting of the Sask. Co. Ltd., London were elected the board ensuring year chairman; Jno. Hutcheson, Bergeman, was elected the Watson's Elevator Co. Regina Dec.

HOLIDAYS

As Christmas we wish of the Colony merry Christmas New-Year. es will follow shall be la Blessed Infants liberally ad tour through tended to pu benefactors, by many no printed, we pence with f as also a nu have not yet ises.

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good men and women, and they should give their children to understand that they must obey the teacher. Disobedience must be punished. If this were observed there would be less disturbances in the school and the teacher and the pupils would get along easier with their work. Since our children are the nearest and best we have, why not look for the best we can give them?

At a meeting of the Shareholders of the Sask. Cooperative Elevator Co. Ltd., Local No. 213, the following were elected, and constituted the board of managers for the ensuing year: Jacob Auchstaetter, chairman; J. P. Kiefer, secretary; Jno. Hutchinson; Louis Mollé; R. Bergerman. Jacob Auchstaetter was elected Delegate to represent the Watson Local at the General Meeting of the Sask. Cooperative Elevator Co. Ltd., to be held at Regina December 18th.

Holiday Greetings.

As Christmas is drawing near we wish our generous benefactors of the Colony a very happy and merry Christmas and a prosperous New-Year. Along with these wishes will follow our prayers which shall be laid at the crib of the Blessed Infant for those who so liberally aided us on our collection tour through the Colony.—We intended to publish the names of our benefactors, but having been asked by many not to have their names printed, we thought best to dispense with this for the time being, as also a number of the subscribers have not yet redeemed their promises.

Repeating our most cordial wishes and giving voice to our deepfelt gratitude for gifts received we sincerely hope and pray, Our dear Lord will bestow His choicest blessings and graces, temporal and eternal on the generous inhabitants of St. Peter's Colony.—Trusting that with such aid, which promises well for the future, we shall be able to see our Motherhouse complete next Christmas, we draw the attention of the settlers to the fact, that we shall be most grateful for any further help they might feel prompted to offer.—Donations may be sent to the "St. Peters Bote."

Yours gratefully
Ursuline Sisters.

ENGLISH AT CONFERENCE

The Mail and Empire asserts that English will be the official language spoken at the Peace Conference, and shows great pride in the fact.

But the reasons given are not those of which lovers of the English language can be proud. "At least six times as many Frenchmen, Germans, or Italians, speak English as Englishmen speak any of the languages of these nationalities. On the Continent of Europe a knowledge of English is deemed part of a liberal education." The Mail admits that most of the leading Germans know English well, and the German acquaintance with the English language served the Teuton war cause well. It is not a bad sign on the English to have to admit that they know no language but their own, that very few in England have the "liberal education" of knowing other languages, but continue always in their narrow groove of shy aloofness and insularity. So the leaders of the European Conference being held on that continent, have had to come down to the level of the one insular language, and, in Paris itself, they are forced, through politeness, to drop the French the "official language of diplomacy." This want of adaptability is also to be seen at Ottawa, where the French Canadian members of Parliament, almost all of them, deliver themselves on the floor of Canada's Parliament in good

English, but hardly one man of English blood can address the House in French.

It is about time we dropped the idea that the French and other peoples are backward and ignorant, since it is we ourselves who deserve that designation!

The Catholic Register, Toronto.

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—Alphonse Marques, a porter in the Glasgow House, was arrested on a warrant charging him with theft of a large quantity of silverware and cutlery. All the stolen goods, valued at \$200, were recovered when Marques' room was searched.

MORSE.—H. Sodini, of Morse, was fined \$200 and costs, when found guilty of bringing liquor into a prohibited area. He was also fined \$50 and costs for having liquor in a hotel.

SASKATOON.—Saskatchewan's provincial seed fair will be held this year at Saskatoon from Jan. 14 to 17. The seed fair is held under the auspices of the College of Agriculture, and is of great importance in the encouragement and development of high seed standards in all classes of grains. Entries close on January 2, and exhibits must be in place by Jan. 8.

By a majority of 129 votes, Mr. F. R. MacMillan was recently elected mayor of Saskatoon for the year 1919. The total vote cast was 2,835.

VONDA.—John Mutelegan, a farmer residing near Vonda, was given the option of paying \$100 or spending thirty days in the Regina jail when he was found guilty of violating the Canada Food Board orders. He took the thirty days.

WAKAW.—Mike Syroishka, a Galician of Wakaw, was arrested on Saturday and will be charged with murdering six persons in April, 1916, all residents of Wakaw.

PRINCE ALBERT.—James A. Stevens, 19 years of age will be arraigned on 22 different counts when the court of King's Bench meets in session at Prince Albert on January 7. Ten of these charges are for forgery, ten more of uttering and two of theft.

Dr. Joseph Gervais, "the mystery man" of Steep Creek, and his draft-dodging henchmen, Victor Carmel and Jean Baptiste St. Germain, will be tried on charges of wilful murder at the criminal assizes at the court of King's Bench.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—Beginning with Dec. 1, the surcharge of 20 cents per \$100 that was added to the base rate of Edmonton's fire insurance after the big fires of last winter, has been entirely removed.

Word received from Camrose would indicate that the smallpox which broke out there a couple of weeks ago is well under control.

British Columbia

VICTORIA.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of W. C. Findley, who on the same day was relieved of his office as prohibition commissioner for British Columbia, the charge against him being that of illegally importing liquor into the province.

Afflicted with leprosy, two Chinese will be sent to the lazaretto at D'Arcy Island. The health authorities have had the two men under surveillance for some time.

VANCOUVER.—Fire wiped out the extensive Wire Nail and Wire Manufacturing plant of the Morrison Steel and Wire Co. with a loss estimated at \$150,000.

The strike of the iron moulders in Vancouver and district, which has been in effect for the last three weeks was terminated and the 150 men who have been out returned to work.

Justice Martin of the court of appeals and Judge in Admiralty has been instructed to proceed with an investigation into the wreck of the steamer Princess Sophia.

This city was shaken violently by an earth tremor on Dec. 6. The tremors which appeared from north to south were felt for two minutes.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—The Manitoba legislature will not meet in session until the first week in February, it is learned from an authoritative source.

Fire loss in Manitoba for the past ten months amounted to \$995,352.11, according to Fire Commissioner Heath. This amount of loss resulted from 935 fires. "Seventy-five per cent. of the fires of the province take place in Winnipeg," added the commissioner.

November's deaths totalled 710 in Winnipeg, compared with 126 in November last year. The number of males who died last month is 398; females 312. Births in November totalled 396—202 males and 194 females. Last November's figure was 462. November's marriages numbered 135.

The price of Crescent Creamery Co. milk is up again. Consumers must now pay 14 cents per quart, and eight cents per pint.

The cost of producing a pound of bread in Winnipeg for the month of September is the fourth highest of any centre in the Dominion, according to tables just issued by the cost of living branch, Ottawa. Vancouver is highest with the cost at 7.789 cents; Montreal (group one) is second with 7.621; Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, 7.250, and Winnipeg fourth with the cost of a pound of bread at 7.046 cents. The lowest is Sherbrooke and St. Hyacinthe, where the cost is 6.331 cents.

In response to the suggestion from Trades congress, local labor unions are taking a referendum vote on the desirability of permitting the sale of 5 per cent. beer in the city. Already the Bricklayers, the Carpenters and the C. P. R. and C. N. R. Machinists have responded, and it was stated that in each case the vote had been unanimous in favor of the legalizing of the sale of the liquor.

Ontario

TORONTO.—During October and November 5,623 persons died of Spanish Influenza in Ontario and the reports are still incomplete. In November 2,608 persons succumbed to the malady, as compared with 3,015 in October. Influenza is still prevalent in some parts of the province.

Ten years in the penitentiary was the sentence Judge Winchester imposed on Arthur Healey, aged 65.

18, who was found guilty of having shot P. C. John May here on Nov. 1, while he was attempting to stop an automobile which had been stolen.

Three persons were instantly killed, one died from injury and two others are in the general hospital here, as a result of a collision between a Grand Trunk train and a motor car at the Queen street crossing in Brampton.

KINGSTON.—Mrs. Bridget Foley passed away in the House of Providence, aged 102 years. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, and shortly after her marriage there, came to Canada.

SAULT STE MARIE.—Overdue many days and without even a call from their wireless apparatus to give hint of their fate, it seems certain that the two French mine trawlers, Cerissoles and Lukerman, which left Fort William Nov. 23, bound for the Atlantic coast, have gone down in Lake Superior with all hands. Each vessel carried a crew of 30 men.

OTTAWA.—The Canada registration act has been suspended though the registration board will remain a while to wind up business. It will no longer be necessary to carry registration cards, nor will young men have to register on coming of age.

Quebec

MONTREAL.—A strike of the police and the firemen here last week, resulted in regular orgies of lawlessness. Shops were looted and property destroyed. The damage is estimated at about \$300,000.

Troop trains with returning soldiers are to be given preference over all other trains, including regular passenger trains on the C. P. R., insofar as is consistent with safety.

The Dominion Shipping Co. has been awarded \$183,354 damages, including interest for the loss of the steamer Heathcote, as a result of a collision with the ship Kelbergen in the Bay of Fundy in July, 1917, the owners of the Kelbergen being condemned to pay this amount.

A shooting and landing affray on the stairway of a cafe resulted in five men being taken to the general hospital, four in a serious condition. One of the two constables taken to the institution is in danger of dying.

That during the past month the death of children under five years of age in Montreal reached the alarmingly high total of 1,090, only 15 per cent. of these deaths having resulted from the influenza, was the report made at the annual meeting of the affiliated baby welfare stations (English), held recently.

QUEBEC.—Sentence was passed by Magistrate Carrière on the Scott bank robbers. John Drew received a sentence of seven years and five year terms were allotted to R. Young, E. A. Lattel, J. MacKay and W. Scott.

A daring robbery was committed here when \$4,000 in cash was taken from the safe in the office of Arthur Duval. Mr. Duval had left his office for a few minutes and had neglected to lock the safe.

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Translated for St. Peter's Bote by
FATHER CHRYSOSTOM, O.S.B.

It was late in the evening, and
not a star shone in the sky. The
cold December wind whirled large
flakes of snow through the air.

The clock in the church tower
had just ceased striking seven when
the large first-story windows in
one of the elegant mansions at the
upper end of the street were lit up

When they had gone away, the
little one left her hiding place and
ran again to the window in order
to admire anew the wonderful
things in the room.

It did not take long before a
window was opened and a lady
leaned out, holding a bright light
in her hand, who called in a sweet
voice:

"Who's crying out there?"
"Poor Peppi," was the answer
of the sobbing child.

Quickly the window was shut
again and in a few minutes the
lady came out on the porch and
asked: "Where is the poor Peppi?"

"Children!" said the mother,
leading in Peppi by the hand,
" greetings from the Christ-child,
and here he sends you a little
guest!"

"Because I am afraid of mother,"
replied Peppi in a tearful voice.
" What, afraid of your mother? You
perhaps did something wicked for
which you fear just punishment?"

heaven, and there came another
mother into the house who is real
bad. Every day she sends me out
to beg, and if in the evening I do
not bring home at least half a dol-
lar, I get nothing to eat; and in-
stead, plenty of hard blows. To-
day I got only three pennies and I
bought bread with them, for I was
very hungry; if I come home now
with no money—Oh!— she could
not continue on account of her tears,

"Children," said the mother,
"the dear Christ-child has given
you so richly, although you did not
suffer the least want, and here is
this little one in such great need;

Now life came into the young-
sters, and with the cheerful cry:
" Yes, mother dear!" they vied with
each other in giving to poor Peppi.
She received a fine toque, a scarf,
stockings and many other useful
things. Her apron could not con-
tain all the apples, nuts and sweets
given her by the children. Little
Frankie however whispered some-
thing into papa's ear, and upon his
nodding his head, he ran away to
return almost immediately with his
little savings-bank from which he
took out a dollar and pressed it in-
to the hand of the child saying:

Peppi did not know what was
happening to her. Like one in a
trance she stood there, her face
shining with pleasure and tears
running down her cheeks. At
length she again found voice to
speak: "No, no," she exclaimed,
"the dear Christ-child did not for-
get poor Peppi! Oh, how good you
all are to me; never had anyone
been so kind to me!—And they
want to kill these good children!
They want to burn up all these
beautiful things which the Christ-
child brought them! Oh! the
wicked men!"

Extremely surprised, the father
asked: "Child, what are you say-
ing? The children are to be killed,
the presents burned? What do
you mean by that?"

"Yes, yes, it is really so, for I
heard it quite plainly."
" What did you hear? From
whom did you hear it? For God's
sake, child, speak quickly!"

"As I was standing out there
looking in through the window at
the Christmas-tree, two men came
along and I quickly hid in a dark
corner. They remained standing
quite close to me, looked at the
house for a while, and then I heard
them arrange with each other to
sneak into the house at midnight,
kill all of you, steal all your money
and then set the house on fire. One
of them wanted to kill only the
old ones, and let the young alive;
the other however said, no, no, that
wouldn't do, the children know us
too well and might betray us if we
leave them alive; besides it is bet-
ter for them to die quickly than to
burn to death slowly."

"Burned alive!" cried the af-
frighted children. This account of
the child filled them all with con-
sternation and for a while no one
moved or spoke. At last the mother
raised her folded hands on high
and cried: "Merciful God and
Father in heaven, what terrible
things awaited us! What would
have become of us, if I did not take
pity on this poor child and take
her in out of the cold—her, Thy
angel sent for our deliverance! Oh,
dearest Jesus, how superabundantly
Thou dost reward the smallest ser-
vice we have rendered this poor
child! Oh, children! let us thank
our heavenly Father on our knees
for his great mercy!"

All fell on their knees and sent
up from their innermost hearts a
thanksgiving such as they had
never before in their lives offered
up.

The father drew poor Peppi to-
wards him, embraced and kissed
her, saying with trembling voice:
" You dear child, as a guardian
angel God sent you to us, and it
would be the basest ingratitude, if
we would let you go from us again!
You must stay with us as our
daughter, and the children will love
you as a sister!"

"Yes, yes, you are our dear little
sister!" joyfully cried the children
and crowded around Peppi, em-
bracing and kissing her as if for a
wager.

Without any further loss of time
the father hastened to police-head-
quarters for help, and in a short
time a number of officers had been
secretly introduced into the house,
while some others with equal sec-
recy took up their station outside
the house.

Sure enough, a few minutes after
midnight a window in the basement
was opened and the robbers entered
to—be at once captured, handcuffed
and taken away to prison, there to
await their well-deserved punish-
ment. They were two laborers
who had been employed by the
family on several occasions and had
received many benefits.

Peppi, the saving angel whom
God had sent, stayed with this
family. The stepmother gladly re-
linquished her for a substantial
present that amounted to more than
Peppi could have begged to-
gether in a quarter of a year. Be-
sides, when saying good-bye, Peppi
handed her stepmother the dollar
that Frankie had given her that
evening. They always called her
their little guardian angel. Every
Christmas-Eve in future was cele-
brated by a special thanksgiving
service, and each member of the
family selected a part of his or her
Christmas presents and distributed
them to poor children. Do thou,
oh reader, do likewise.

IRISH WIT.

It was in the days of Daniel
O'Connell, not over sixty years
ago, that a certain English member
of Parliament presented a bill pro-
viding for a change in the word
"Christmas." In England for cen-
turies the word "mas" was held in
abomination by conscientious Pro-
testant bigots. This man proposed
that Christmas be altered to Christ-
tide, so that the objectionable por-
tion—"mas"—should no longer of-
fend British ears. The name of
this zealous member, who had never
before introduced a bill, was Thom-
as Massey-Massey.

When the bill came up for con-
sideration Mr. O'Connell submitted
an amendment to the effect that,
since the word Christmas was to
be changed to Christ-tide, it would
only be right, just and proper to
make a similar and corresponding
change in the name of the man
who was the author of the bill.
" This," said Mr. O'Connell, "will
enable us in future to call our
friend Tho-tide Tidey-Tidey." The
uproar of laughter and applause
which followed the Irish member's
suggestion overwhelmed Mr. Mas-
sey-Massey with confusion and
killed his bill so dead that it was
never seriously referred to after.

"NO NEAR RIGHT."

Two inmates of a lunatic asylum
decided that they wished to escape.
They watched their opportunity
and waited until the keeper was
out of sight, and then made tracks
for the nearest outer ward. "Noo,
bend down, Sandy," said one, "and
I'll climb up your shoulder to the
top, and then I'll gae ye a hond up
tae." Sandy accordingly bent down.
Tam, mounting his back, gained
the top of the wall and, dropping
over into safety on the other side,
shouted as he prepared to make
off: "I'm thinking, Sandy, you'll
be better tae bide anither fortnicht,
for ye're no near richt yet."

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HUMAN LIFE A LITERARY CURIOSITY—THE POETS' "ESSAY ON MAN."

It took Mrs. H.A. Deming, of San Francisco, a year to search for and fit together the following thirty-eight lines from thirty-eight English and American poets.

- Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour? —Young
Life's a short summer—man a flower; —Dr. Johnson
By turns we catch the vital breath, and die— —Pope
The cradle and the tomb, alas! so high. —Prior
To be is better far than not to be. —Sewell
Though all man's life may seem a tragedy; —Spencer
But light cares speak when mighty griefs are dumb —Daniel
The bottom is but shallow whence they come. —Sir Walt. Raleigh
Your fate is but the common fate of all; —Longfellow
Unmingled joys, here, to no man befall. —Southwell
Nature to each allots his proper sphere, —Congreve
Fortune makes folly her peculiar care. —Churchill
Custom does not often reason overrule, —Rochester
And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool. —Armstrong
Live well—How long or short permit to heaven; —Milton
They who forgive most shall be most forgiven; —Bailey
Sin may be clapped so close we cannot see its face —French
Vile intercourse where virtue has not place. —Sommerville.
Then keep each passion down, however dear, —Thomson
Thou pendulum betwix a smile and tear. —Byron
Her sensual snares let faithless Pleasure lay, —Sinollet
With craft and skill, to ruin and betray. —Crabbe
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise; —Massinger
We masters grow of all that we despise. —Cowley
Oh! then renounce that impious self-esteem; —Beattie
Riches have wings, and grandeur is a dream. —Cowper
Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave; —Sir Wm. Davenant
The paths of glory lead but to the grave. —Gray.
What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat, —Willis
Only destructive to the brave and great. —Addison
What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown? —Dryden
The way to bliss lies not on beds of down. —Francis Quarles
How long we live, not years, but actions tell; —Watkins
That man lives twice who lives the first life well. —Herrick.
Make, then, while yet you may, your God your friend, —Wm. Mason
Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend. —Hill
The trust that's given, guard, and to yourself be just; —Dana
For, live we how we may, yet die we must. —Shakespeare.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL (Special for St. Peter's Bote.)

Thus at the flaming forge of life Our fortunes must be wrought; Thus on its sounding anvil shaped Each burning deed and thought!

—Those who are happy and fortunate ought to be on the lookout for opportunities to cheer the other half of the world which has to depend on artificial sunshine.
—It is true that Christ Himself chose to be born in a stable, but heartless and cruel are those who are willing to offer Him a stable, or who are satisfied that His home in their community should be no better than a stable.
—People who criticise their pastor for spending money to beautify the House of God deserve the rebuke which Christ administered unto Judas.

—The more Catholics read the Catechism, the better they will know and appreciate their religion, and the more fully that religion will find expression in their lives.
—We must make up our minds to two things: one is that we shall find bad weeds growing in our garden; and the other, that we will have the courage to uproot them, for our self-love will live as long as we do, and from it rises all this noxious growth.
—Thoughts are but seeds. If you foster them, the fruit is inevitable. Think mean thoughts to-day, and you will be a mean soul to-morrow. If great and loving thoughts, and you cannot but grow great.
—Dream not your thoughts are secrets of your own. They mold you, they make your character; they come forth and startle you, when you least expect it, in word and deed. They are your real self.
—If you cannot be great, be willing to serve God in that which is small. If you cannot do great things for Him, cheerfully do little ones.
—To lay up treasure in heaven is the object of life. To get ready to be fit companions for the angels is the most essential of duties.

BOOKS AND WRITERS

Readers who are now being bombarded with publishers' advertisements of "histories of the Great World War"—a certain one, in fifteen volumes, offered on the "easy-payment plan", is already on the market—would do well to drop all such circulars into their wastebaskets. The time has not yet arrived when the definitive history of any campaign can be produced; though, of course, narratives by competent eye-witnesses may be written; and, if not too wordy, they will be sure of a general welcome. —AVE MARIA.

"Fighting for Fairview," by William Heyliger, is another book for boys, written by an author of whom one critic says: "He is considered by many to be the foremost American juvenile writer of the day." In view of this prestige, it may well be worth while to remark that the present story, like such other books of Mr. Heyliger's as have come to our notice, is not indeed an irreligious or an anti-religious, but very certainly a non-religious tale. From the one extreme of being goody-goody, a characteristic of the juveniles of a few decades ago, the pendulum has apparently swung, at least among non-Catholic authors, to the frankly pagan. There is absolutely nothing in "Fighting for Fairview" to indicate that the American boys of whom it treats are any more Christian than the youthful athletes who played the Grecian or Egyptian games centuries before the coming of Christ. As a complement of the non-religious training received in our public schools, such books are doubtless quite consistent; but to imagine that boy or man can build up a moral character independently of religious belief and training is an absurdity of which even our non-Catholic brethren are becoming more and more convinced.

PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

The Learned Editors of America Send a Clarion Call to Catholic Effort, Asking for Increased Stimulus in the Sacred Interests of the Nation

That the Church and country are face to face with many problems; that a Catholic civic forum should be established and that Catholic literature should receive better support was the message that Rev. Richard H. Tierney, S. J., editor of America, delivered to the delegates of the Catholic Federation of the Diocese of Brooklyn, N. Y.

He spoke in part as follows: "I did not come here this afternoon to deliver an oratory, rather to give you an informal talk on some of the problems which we are to face within the immediate future, and after the war. Some of these problems are economic, some social, but Catholics in general, and Federation in particular, must play an important part in their solution.

The Woman Question. "First let us consider what might be called the woman question. This brings into being a problem which has especially come to the fore recently. Women now have the vote. The various political leaders are giving the entry of this new element into politics considerable thought. The Democrats, the Republicans and the Socialists are saying, 'How are we going to attract these new voters to our party?' They will endeavour to place planks in their platforms that will appeal to a majority of the women. They will undoubtedly appeal to the emotions, to the heart; they will appeal to the primal instincts, the school, the home, the child. And the good morality of those planks will depend not so much upon the platform makers as the disposition of women. If the woman voter wants easy divorce laws, anti-religious schools, etc., and if she makes her views known then we can expect platform planks containing pledges to de-Christianize the Nation. What will be the attitude of the women? It depends upon the Catholic women to decide the question. If our women do not go to the polls, if they do not take a superior activity in deciding what platform shall contain, if they do not make their presence and power known just as much as those of the radical type, then we can expect to find the Church and America face to face with a problem that will work tremendous harm.

Anti-Feminine Leaders. "There is another side to this same question. I have lived in many parts of the world and have become familiar with the philosophy of many professional and influential women. Most of them are anti-feminine and anti-domestic. Their theories are being exploited day and night in a subtle and deadly way. They aim to spread about an anti-domestic philosophy. And conditions are aiding them. We are putting women into painful occupations so fast that no one has time to inquire into the moral surroundings, which in many cases are bad. What is the effect on a woman who works twelve hours a day on the trolley cars brushing shoulders with many undesirable elements? It simply brings about a deadening of her instincts and a decay of the domestic ideal. Destroy the domestic ideal and you destroy the nation. Look at Greece and Rome. They were progressive nations until increments against the home gained impetus.

"This question is crying out and it demands an instant solution. After the War. "The second great problem which I desire to bring to your attention this afternoon is a more or less industrial one. History shows us that democratic races eventually tend to break down due to power being centralized. At the outbreak of this war, our government took over many economic forces with their employees which was a most necessary action. But what will happen after the war? Will the government give back to their rightful owners what it has taken away from them?

"In France some years ago the government controlled nearly every industry. The country had 1,700,000 public servants. A group of irreligious leaders got control of the country, thereby becoming the employers of these servants and drove them into an anti-religious movement, which has been especially felt by our Church.

With government control in this country after war the same thing could happen. There are pure natural leaders in this country who never heard of supernaturalism. They have no respect for religion. They would not hesitate, if they found themselves the leaders of millions, to sanction an anti-religious movement.

"There is a deep moral side to this problem. We now have many a place that formerly was a wilderness, which has become a teeming city. Thousands and thousands are employed in these mushroom growths at war work. After the war these thousands will be thrown out of work over night. What will become of them? Years ago when the shipyards in Liverpool were changed most of the workers remained there and in that city pauperism, poverty and immortality arose of a startling nature.

Distribution of Labor. "Some active body is needed to study the distribution of labor. Before the war is over we shall have about five million men in our armies. At least eighty per cent of these will return to civil life fit for work. Where are we going to place them? If we demobilize at the rate of a million a year then we will be placing a large city on the map. It is easier to take a man from a job than to find him one. Many unemployed means a great deal of vagrancy. After the Civil War it took until 1895 to clear up the plague of vagrancy due mostly to unemployment.

"Here we have a problem which should be of deep interest to Catholics and which such a body as you men represent should be interested in helping to solve.

State Socialism. "We now have price-fixing and many such things, controlled by the Government. The rights and privileges of our people are limited. It is a form of State Socialism, absolutely necessary for the successful prosecution of the war. After the war, if these things are not changed, then we shall find that the Socialists will be putting themselves on the back, because half of their platform is accomplished. And, finding the economic side being completed, they will devote their efforts to the other half—the moral side—which half, as we all know, is inimical to Americanism and antagonistic to Catholicity.

"We Catholics in America are seventeen million strong. We have obligations, not only to ourselves and our Church, but also to our country and our fellow men. Our country today is in a grave crisis. Our Church is apt to be in the same condition soon. We must go into the arena as individuals and as an organization and grapple with these problems.

What Can We Do? "It is not my purpose to scatter a lot of dust and then leave it to settle. I will give you something concrete to work on. First we must spread Catholic literature, not only among our own people, but among non-Catholics. Many of our people do not read a Catholic paper. Editors of these papers not only arm you with Catholic truth, but they are on the water tower, ever ready to give you warning of approaching danger. And they are ever ready to answer calumnies and give the Catholic teaching on disputed points. We must put Catholic facts before Catholics and non-Catholics.

"Secondly, this organization supported by Catholic Brooklyn should start at least one public forum, where Catholic men and women could be in

structed. And, thereby you would build up a strong Catholic opinion which would see to it not only that after war problems were solved from the Christian point of view, but would see to it that the Church got a fair deal. Our Church is the mother of democracy. She has always been on the side of the weak and the oppressed. It depends on us to represent her.

"And last, Catholic Federation should be a great civic influence against divorce, etc., and in favor of sound social legislation, such as the minimum wage. At your executive meetings just go over the different problems that affect us and strive to solve them.

"Knowing these problems let us labor to give a reason for our existence, and seek to serve our Church and Country's interests best."

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Foreign News

MEXICO CITY.—Five men's bandits killed Customs Collector Carlos Cataregli, of Sonora, and two of his guards, wounded a third, and then escaped with \$125,000 in gold.

LONDON.—The general elections for parliament were held last Saturday. The Union government will apparently hold about 400 seats, and therefore have a safe majority. The final results will, however, not be known for another fortnight, as it will take that long to get in and count all the soldiers' votes.

—A giant Handley-Page airplane, carrying six members of the Royal Air Force, started from the air-drome near Ipswich and headed across the channel for France on a flight to Karachi, India, and thence to Delhi. The craft ran into a thick fog, however, and was compelled to make a landing on the French coast. The journey, it is announced, will be continued. The distance to Delhi is something more than 5,700 miles.

—President Wilson has accepted an invitation from King George to

visit England and it is understood he will stop here on his way home.

—Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Sunday while he was in a railway station at Lisbon, waiting for a train to Oporto. Advice from Lisbon said that he was struck by three bullets. The assailant, named Jestne, was killed by the crowd. Paes died within a few minutes after he was shot. Tainagani Barbosa, minister of the interior, has assumed the presidency.

DUNDEE, Scotland.—In a speech here Winston S. Churchill, minister of munitions, said that the British Government wants the Irish problem to be solved as soon as possible, but that "Ulster must not be coerced." "Great Britain," he said, "goes to the peace conference ready to bestow self-government on Ireland. It is only the quarrels and disputes of the Irish themselves that prevent a solution."

BELFAST, Ireland.—The feature of Saturday's elections in Ireland was the strength shown by the Sinn Fein. It is reported here that Cardinal Logue and Archbishop Walsh both supported the

Sinn Fein. The defeat of John Dillon, Irish Nationalist leader, in East Mayo, is anticipated when the final count is completed. The Sinn Feiners polled a heavy vote in the county and city of Dublin and in Cork. The Northwest Ulster Sinn Feiners will carry the city of Derry, three seats in Donegal, and Northwest Tyrone. The Unionists expect to retain all their seats in the north. Jos. Devlin, Nationalist for West Belfast, has been re-elected by several thousand majority.

GENEVA.—The Central Polish bureau at Lausanne has received a telegram from Berlin to the effect that there have been no programs against the Jews in Poland.

STOCKHOLM.—Sweden has severed diplomatic relations with the Bolshevik government of Russia.

CHUR, Switzerland.—The Benedictine abbey of Engelberg was afflicted severely by the influenza, which took away within two days on Oct. 24 and 25 three of its priests in the very prime of life. They were: Fathers Benedict Kaeslin (aged 30), Paul Wymann (aged 40), and Sigisbert Cavelti (aged 34).

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