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Honor First.

Ere this issue of the Catholic Journal reaches its readers, it is quite possible that the United States may be in armed conflict with Mexico.

Already hundreds, yes thousands of New York State men are at Camp Beekman awaiting the summons to proceed to the Mexican border. Mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts, sons and daughters are shedding tears in the seclusion of their homes over the absence of husband, father, brother, lover, or son and hearts are aching over the possibility they may never greet each other this side of the grave. This is the sad side of war.

It will not do to bewail what might have been or to complain that this or that policy if it had been adopted would have produced different results. It will not do for us to sit back with folded hands and to argue that we are miles from Mexico and are not threatened by danger. Those Americans who reside along the Mexican frontier are as much entitled to dwell in peace under the Aegis of the Stars and Stripes as are we of New York or New England. Mexican bandits have murdered American citizens in New Mexico. Mexican soldiers have trapped and slaughtered American soldier boys.

The President at Washington has decreed that this must stop. It is our duty, as good American citizens, to uphold the hands of our President in whatever course he may deem best to uphold our national honor. Meanwhile, let us all pray earnestly that the war cloud may yet be averted.

Harmony Ties.

Hon. John Burke, reasurer of the United States, states some wholesome truths in an article on "Americanism" contributed to the current "Columbiad". Among other things, Mr. Burke says: "The religious ties are always found in harmony with and supporting the ties which bind us to our native land. In the great conflict now raging in Europe each nationality is fighting for home and native land regardless of religion. Catholic Bavaria and Catholic Austria are standing shoulder to shoulder with Protestant Germany, fighting against Catholic France, Catholic Italy and Catholic Belgium; while Protestant England and Protestant Russia are joined with Catholic France, Catholic Belgium, and Catholic Italy fighting against Protestant Germany. Each is praying to the same God for vic-

torious triumph. His great office and its responsibilities are expressed in a demonstration of an ideal, a loyalty to Church, and, in its stance, when only one side could be right. Of course, they are praying to the same God. Why should

they not pray to the same God for victory in a cause for which the individual citizens of each nation are willing to give their lives? They must have faith. And having faith in the cause and birth of so welding them into having faith in God, why should they not pray to him for assistance. It proves their sincerity, their Church, and consequently and it shows beyond a doubt that better Americans. His record as the strongest ties on earth are the ties which bind us to home and native land. For these and their defense man will leave his home, his wife and his children, and with their blessing and blessing of the pastor of what ever church to which he may be long, he will give his life.

There is no danger to American institutions from any religion, and what shall we say of the signing man who, knowing this, would array one religious denomination against another, and who charges any religious denomination with a plan to destroy American liberty? The charge at once attracts the attention of the loyal citizen. He is apt to believe the charge for all men are credulous, and believing the charge his indignation is aroused and his sympathies are enlisted against the religious denomination. The charge is sold in great numbers, for every loyal citizen desires to know whether there is such a plan or campaign against American institutions, and hence the publisher is enriched at the expense of discord between American citizens.

We're There.

If the rosters of the New York State National Guard and other state militia were published, full they would readily refute the senseless and baseless charge of the bigots that Catholics are loyal to the United States and the Stars and Stripes.

In every company starting for the front these days as many Catholics will be found among the marchers as of any other nationality. There are as many Catholics in those with whom we deal, as of Van Rensselaers, Stuyvesants, Astors, or Rhineclanders. There are as many whose names end in "O" as in the bluest-blooded patronymic in "Who's Who?" First to be recruited to war strength and first to march to camp was the gallant Sixty-ninth Regiment of New York, known far and wide as the "fighting Irish Regiment."

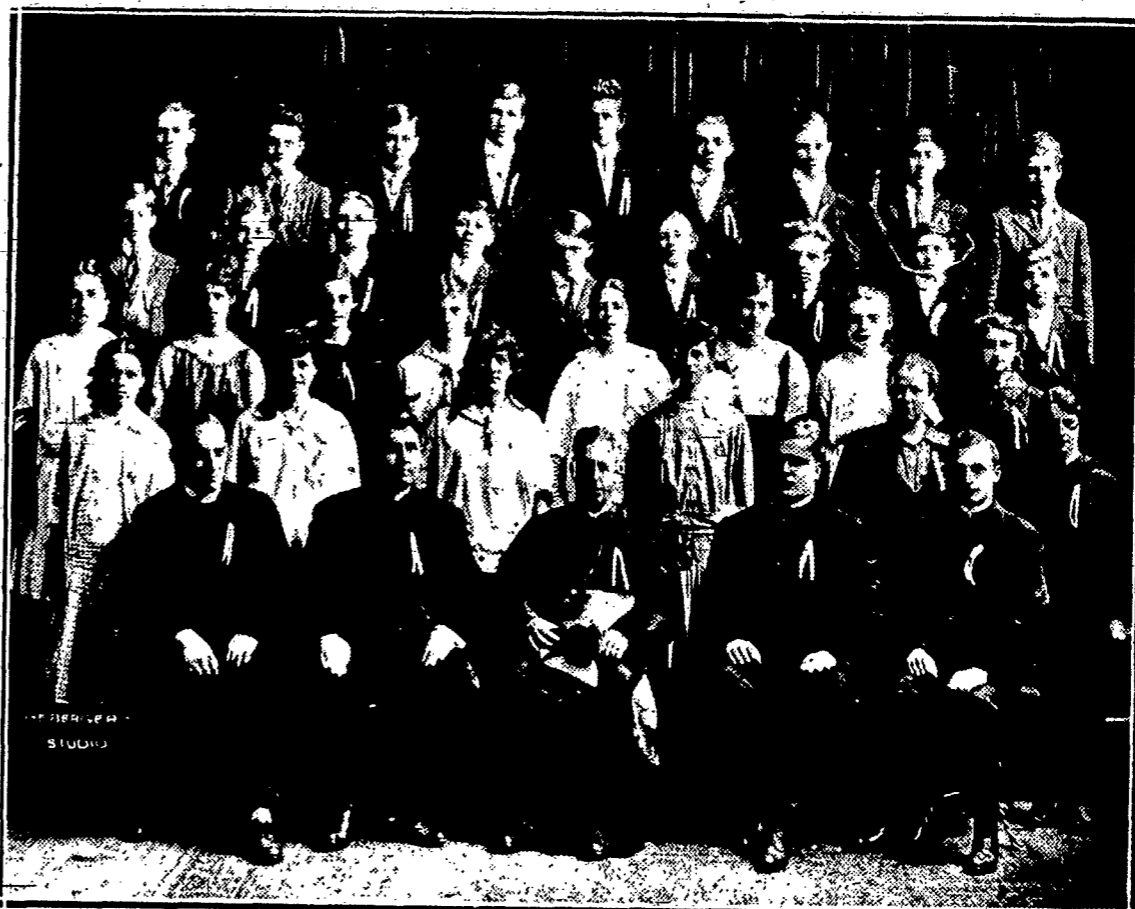
No, indeed, the Catholic soldier boys are not lacking to defend the Stars and Stripes. What of the Orangemen, the Fenians, the Enrope revilers of the Pope and the Catholic Church? Are they conspicuous in their rush to enlist as recruits in Federal or State service? Not that anybody has remarked as yet.

Crushing.

The secular Buffalo "Commercial" administers this crushing rebuke to the blatant bigots who der to shoulder with Protestant Germany, fighting against Catholic France, Catholic Italy and Catholic Belgium; while Protestant England and Protestant Russia are joined with Catholic France, Catholic Belgium, and Catholic Italy fighting against Protestant Germany. Each is praying to the same God for vic-

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