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Pope Proposes Peace.

Now that the warring nations have had an opportunity to ponder Pope Benedict's peace proposals, the Holy Father's purpose becomes more apparent. While he is not a temporal sovereign, hundreds of thousands of his spiritual children are involved in this world war, battling on opposite sides. The Holy Father's heart bleeds at the fearful carnage, wanton slaughter of human life, and frightful destruction of property.

While the world war has taken on the color of a struggle for humanity, for human and national liberties, nevertheless in the beginning love of conquest, lust for power and desire to extend territory undoubtedly played a leading part. Certain of the Allies' statesmen have, from time to time, made statements as to disposition of territory now in dispute, after the war is ended and before final peace can be declared.

The Germans have declared repeatedly that their enemies were actuated by love of conquest and a desire to cripple Germany as a nation and restrict her development.

The Holy Father's peace proposals will test the sincerity of the claims put forward by both parties to the war. Probably he did not expect the proposals to be accepted as a whole. But they may serve as a basis for beginning of peace negotiations. Let us hope they mark the beginning of the end of the great struggle.

Reasonable!

While in the main, it must be held that too wide a scope must not be given to exemption from military service under the selective draft, there is merit in contention that regular police officers should not be taken in such numbers that the police department in specific localities would be depleted. It takes time and experience to train a police officer just as it does to train a soldier. A police force, made up of wholly untrained men, would not be so potent a force to detect and suppress crime and especially is this true of the detective force.

There is still more merit in the argument that medical students should be permitted to finish their college courses and then be drafted into the medical, hospital or ambulance corps instead of day being drafted now as privates in the ranks. At first blush, one might ask why exempt medical students any more than law students or those studying for other professions?

The answer is: A large number of the doctors at present in practice either have volunteered or have been drafted for military service. This has reduced the number of doctors available for home practice. Of the enlisted doctors a fair proportion never They may carry a dangerous elec-

will return. If the students now in college are taken into military service before their course is completed where will the doctors come from to supply the needs of the population not at war and the generation growing up?

The health of those not in war as well as those in military service or in the trenches in Europe, must be taken into consideration before these boys are called out of college. Besides, they were old not to enlist in the officers' reserve or hospital corps where their educational advantage could have been utilized.

It were well to give the medical student phase of this question the most careful consideration you. Do not stand directly under a chandelier, near a radiator, nor on a register. Do not use the telephone. The L. C. B. A. proposes to "do its bit" in the world struggle. It has notified President Wilson that its \$2,500,000 resources are at his disposal and that the members of its 1,350 branches are prepared to do whatever work is assigned, such work to be financed without government or state aid.

"Whose Ox Is Gored?"

While we dislike the attitude of "kill-joy" or "I told you so" we cannot refrain from calling attention to the plea made in behalf of direct primaries that "it will mean the elimination of political machines and the annihilation of the bosses."

Has this been the result? Not in an iron bed, provided you do that anybody has noticed. Taken to all intents and purposes, been picked already by the political committees of the old political parties, presided over by the same consummate political geniuses who have occupied those positions for a score or so of years, and are the candidates now just as good as nominated although the official primaries are not scheduled to be held until September 19th?

One thing is certain, you cannot eliminate political leaders or political parties by legislative enactment, neither can political leaders or political parties prevent the people having their way when once aroused. But you cannot make some "reformers" be-

George W. Perkins, it would appear, is not popular with New York state farmers. Members of the L. C. B. A. expressed their confidence in Messrs. Mahoney, of Troy, in electing her their same president for a four year term. Rochester's best wishes go with the Third Regiment boys and the men of Troop H. and to all the boys who have enlisted in Army and Navy and those selected for the National Army will return safe to home and loved ones.

Men's Retreats

Inaugurated in a modest way some ten years or so ago, well-attended retreats for men, have developed into settled institutions and year by year more men are coming to avail themselves of these opportunities to retire temporarily from business and worldly worries and for a few days to rest mind and body and to take a spiritual inventory and as a result, to balance accounts with themselves and their Creator.

Women for years have enjoyed these retreats. Why not men also? It used to be the rule that men rather admired such things as retreats, recitation of the Rosary and frequent Communions as fine for women but not so for men. We are glad this has changed in many respects. Men are not afraid to display their rosary in public and they frequent the Sacraments in greater numbers each year.

Even in war we cannot escape politics. The 1917 primaries and elections are upon us. In retiring from the presidency of the Common Council, Hon. Eugene J. Dwyer carries the respect of his fellow citizens and their best wishes during his temporary stay in private life. Mr. Gerard writes better than he talks. But it is often so that a man who writes well is not pleasing as an orator.

Although we started late we think the historian will be obliged to record a spirit of self-sacrifice more prevailing among the people of the United States than in almost any other war that has ever engaged our Nation.

The Lehigh Valley boasts a woman section gang and the New York World is moved to inquire: "Is there a female Finney section gang of whom the world is yet to hear?"

In Electrical Storms.

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THE STREET CAR NICKEL
Will No Longer Provide
Street Car Service

(No. 3---Earnings and Expenses)

The Street Car Nickel is steadily shrinking in value. That is, it takes 5 cents now to buy supplies we used to get for 3 cents. We have shown you that in Rochester street railroad securities are not attractive to investors, because for ten years the average return has been less than five per cent. and the SHRINKING VALUE OF THE NICKEL makes the outlook worse.

Every important item in street car expense has grown enormously in the last three years. The most important items of operating expense are labor, materials and maintenance or upkeep.

LABOR

Labor is getting better pay than ever before--and it is entitled to it. Wages of out trainmen have been raised 50 per cent. since 1905.

The increase has been 75 per cent. in some departments in the last three years, and the average increase has been 22 per cent. for that period.

ABOUT 40 PER CENT. OF ALL OUR INCOME GOES OUT TO LABOR.

MATERIALS

Every article of consequence we buy has gone up. The increase is all the way from 10 per cent. to 400 per cent. The AVERAGE for the last three years is MORE THAN 100 PER CENT. For example here are some prevailing figures:

Article	1914	1917	Increase
COAL Bituminous	2.55 Ton	5.25 Ton	106 per cent
Anthracite	5.09 Ton	5.98 Ton	18 per cent
RAILS	38.25 Ton	62.00 Ton	62 per cent
TRACK BOLTS	1.25 Cwt.	9.09 Cwt.	117 per cent
SPIKES	1.63 Cwt.	1.93 Cwt.	117 per cent
TROLLEY WIRE	19 1/2c Lb.	15c Lb.	150 per cent

Electric apparatus of all sorts, motors, converters, controllers, etc. have all gone up nearly 75 per cent. in the last four months. This is one of the biggest items in our supplies.

The above are all important items. A complete list would take in several thousand other articles.

NOTE - The new cars now being built for Rochester will cost \$7,800.00 a car (32 per cent.) more than the cars purchased last year.

UPKEEP

Without going into details, let us say that the cost of maintenance has grown from \$592,737 in 1912 to \$708,818 in 1916, an increase of \$116,081 a year.

INCOME

Our income has increased also, but it has not increased as rapidly as our expenses. While our income has increased 13.03 per cent. our operating expenses have increased 14.85 per cent.

A six-cent fare is 20 per cent. more than a five-cent fare. But the value of the nickel has shrunk more than 20 per cent.

J. F. HAMILTON, General Manager

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