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Organization is being perfected of the new Catholic Charities Aid Association to prosecute vigorously the campaign for sufficient pledges of funds to carry on the Catholic charities of the city and diocese each year without resorting to a dozen or more separate appeals for this or that worthy cause.

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We Catholics are called upon to aid charities of a general and also of a non-Catholic nature. In this we do our full duty as citizens. But we have charities of our own and these must be supported.

Dull Election.

So far as purely local issues are concerned the municipal political campaign in Rochester is exceedingly dull. There is practically but one political party that has nominated a city ticket, there are no state officers to be chosen.

There is a heavy registration however. This is partly due to the wish of the voters to have an opportunity to record themselves as to whether women should be allowed to vote in New York State or not.

decide whether given cities are to be "dry" or "wet" on the liquor question. Undoubtedly many voters have been imperturbed, by both the friends and opponents of prohibition to register this fall as under the New York election laws if one is not registered this fall he cannot vote in the spring election in 1918.

Change Needed

It is becoming painfully clear that there must be a change in the selective draft methods else manufacturers, farmers and other walks of life will be greatly crippled if not brought to a standstill.

As was told to Mr. Hoover by Secretary Betts and others of the New York State food commission the exemption boards have not been very liberal with exemptions to the real farmers and their help. The result is stated to be that whereas many farmers increased their acreage materially the past year they now find themselves without help to harvest, garner or thrash it.

There should be sufficient men to fill up the first lot of the new National Army who are not engaged in farming or kindred pursuits. There should be enough men who are not skilled mechanics in the industries which are of vital necessity to the lives and welfare of the public at large.

Surely it is not too much to expect that now the Government is shown the situation it will make the needed changes in the draft regulations before the next draft is made. Women can take the places of men in many vocations but not with any great degree of success on the farms or the industries where skilled and trained mechanics are needed and where to wait to instruct new apprentices in the intricacies of the craft would mean the absolute and immediate stoppage of the plant.

It is true that haste and expediency demanded that selections for the first draft of the new army be rushed. But it would seem that somewhat more discrimination might be exercised in the next.

300,000 At Funeral

Australian Journals received recently give vivid descriptions of the late Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne. Not since the death of Cardinal Moran has there been witnessed beneath the Southern Cross such a demonstration of sorrow, reverence and respect—such a public tribute to the memory of a great prelate. For practically a week, Melbourne was in mourning, for the late Archbishop's body lay in state before the high altar of his cathedral from Tuesday night until Saturday morning, and hundreds of thousands of people went to the cathedral during those days of grief. It is estimated that more than 300,000 persons attended Archbishop Carr's burial.

The funeral procession extended three miles in length. A noteworthy feature of it was the open carriage containing Archbishop Clarke, Dean Godby and Archdeacons Hindley and Hayman, officially representing the Church of England in Victoria, which formed the end of the cortege.

If you have not subscribed to Liberty Loan bonds today is your last chance.

It is evidently up to us to save and save a great deal more than we have done. The German people alone have just subscribed \$3,000,000,000 to their seventh war loan while we lag on \$3,000,000,000 for our second loan.

Even white paper is soaring in price. Pretty soon it will be next to impossible to issue those lurid appeals for this or that innovation.

Surely, the bigots cannot complain that the Catholics have not done their full duty in enlistment, in the selective draft, in subscribing to the Liberty Loan, in every war activity!

Soon will come the winter months when reading will be the order. Now is the time to subscribe and make sure of your favorite Catholic paper.

Now let us make the Catholic Charity fund a great success!

The Catholic Charities Aid Association's "big drive" is nearly ready to launch.

So many automobile accidents prove either that some motorists are careless or that street car and steam railroad drivers do not exercise sufficient caution.

Evidently, the German air plane invasions have not struck the terror to the Allies that was expected.

The President has a tremendous responsibility on his hands these days and it is up to us to uphold his hands in every way we can.

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Visions of Duty. Woman Suffrage is going to prevail. It is because the women have seen visions of duty, and that is something which we not only cannot resist, but if we are true Americans, we do not wish to resist. "I am very anxious to see the great State of New York set a great example in this matter." Woodrow Wilson. President of the United States. Vote YES, Woman Suffrage, Amendment No. 1, Nov. 6th

Rochester Must Raise \$30,750,000 For the Liberty Loan That means an average \$600.00 from every family in the city—\$120.00 for every man, woman and child. Some are doing far more, some simply cannot do that much. Many are making real sacrifices that they may do their part. Every dollar counts. Are you giving up some extravagance that you may lend your money in the cause of Liberty, and to preserve the fair name of your city? LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE Headquarters, 107 Main St. E.

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