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For Charity.

If you have not already made your promise to the solicitors for the new Catholic Charities Aid Association you have only another day in which to do so. It is barely possible that your name is not on any list even if it was thought unlikely that any "prospect" had been omitted in the careful compilation made by Secretary William Nolan and his corps of able assistants.

Under this new plan there will be but one solicitation in the year for Catholic charities instead of a number. Hence you should figure up what you have been accustomed to subscribe to all the various appeals and subscribe now in one lump sum. In the future the Charities Aid Association will be able to deal with emergencies and ordinary calls at once without having to wait until funds could be raised or subscribed. It will know at once just how much can be used or promised because the funds will be in hand or in sight at that particular moment.

And then the business end of the association is in the hands of laymen, men who are accustomed to handling big problems of business and finance. This fact, in itself, insures efficiency and correct management. Possibly, a central purchasing agency for supplies for our institutions and agencies may be a future development of the new plan put in operation by our Right Reverend Bishop.

Time to Act.

While this is no time for carping criticism or the time-honored "I told you so," it does seem high time for the nations prosecuting the war that democracy may not perish to agree upon a firm policy of military co-ordination in order that the war may be prosecuted to as speedy a termination as possible on all sides and that the hostile ring may be tightened constantly, persistently and mercilessly until he sues for peace after unconditional surrender.

While it might not have been prevented wholly, it does seem as if more assistance, more support might have been accorded by the Allies to Italy and thus the German mass could have been put to far

more effort in men and ammunition before they drove General Cadorna back and robbed him of the fruits of a hard won victory. In short: There is or should be, to the side of the Allies, as great military skill, as efficient organization, as clever tacticians, as great a combination of scientific geniuses as there are on the side of the Central Powers. Then why are they not co-ordinated so as to produce still greater results? We owe it to the world to demonstrate the superior efficiency of thinking individual units to the blindly led mass formation of the Central Powers. Any other result would be an admission of the correctness of the theory held by the Central Powers that blind submission to autocratic despotism is the only policy a people should be permitted to pursue.

A Wise Decision.

The following temperate editorial in the "Post Express" is the more significant when it is recalled that the editor of the Express is one of the most scholarly musical scholars in this end of the State:-

The decision of the Metropolitan Opera directors to omit German opera from the repertory this year is a wise one. It is better to forego the music of any school than to allow amusement to stir resentment and dissension in our public. The trouble in which the Boston Symphony finds itself is deplorable from a purely musical viewpoint. Great as the orchestra is, however, it is better to sacrifice it temporarily than to let it become a bone of contention. This is a time when motives of general welfare to the nation must move the whole people to sacrifice any personal feelings and prejudices - or lack of them. To omit the Wagnerian operas from the repertory of the Metropolitan will curtail the interest of the season to some extent and break the custom of two decades, but the directors have foreseen that this is small loss in comparison to that which their inclusion might entail. It would be a truly civilized attitude that would hold great art aloof from war spirit but this is not possible. Germany has been a vandal in destroying art and out of her practices more or less directly comes the exclusion of her great art contributions from non-German art homes.

Co-ordination

Undoubtedly, there has been too much stress laid on "business as usual" by those who would selfishly try to secure preferential favoritism for their own industry which, perhaps, is one which might easily be shortened up without any public injury.

But there are others who take precisely the extreme opposite view. These would shut down every industry and enterprise which has not a direct connection with or bearing upon the war prosecution. Possibly, the war exigencies may bring about just such a contingency. But that it is now necessary, if a few of the volunteer efficiency agencies were eliminated or placed on short time, is not apparent.

However, if all but war industries are to be cut down or suspended, those in charge of things at Washington should be ready with a definite plan whereby the factory so affected may be operated along other lines so that workmen may not be thrown out of employment, that capital may not be withdrawn and that demoralization, bankruptcy and perchance starvation may not prevail in such communities. It should be at least half as easy to practise as to preach, if the preacher be not a demagogue or ignorant of consequences which are inevitable from certain acts or premises.

There is another thought: Such a protest went up when Congress proposed to draw the major part of the new war reven-

ues from the war supplies profiteers' that it was necessary to cut down the estimated revenue from this source and add this amount to the burden of the general consumer. Now, if the war supplies and people are to have their way and eliminate all industries but their own, can they not see that the taxes will have to be paid by themselves? Men cannot pay taxes unless they have business or income to pay with. If their business be ruined they will not be able to pay their taxes and those who are making and profiting will, of necessity, have to do the paying.

Views Of An Expert.

When John A. Robertson, of the Eastman Kodak Company, talks on practical factory operation he knows what he is talking about, both from the standpoint of a superintendent and a workman, because he worked up to the position he now occupies from the ranks.

Speaking before an engineering society the other night Mr. Robertson declared that the successful superintendent must be able to cultivate close acquaintance with and manifest sympathy with his employees. This "Jack", as those who know him best call him, has done.

Mr. Robertson has no particular admiration for the "outside efficiency experts" who were the vogue not so long since. Mr. Robertson avers they generally breed discontent by introduction of unnecessary changes and whims which do not add increased efficiency enough to pay the expense of the expert.

Iola Sanatorium

Rev. Father Napier celebrated mass at 9:30 o'clock last Sunday and preached a sermon on the subject, "It is a Holy and Wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins."

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