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We Were There.

German submarines have again
taken toll from the American Na-
vy. One of our fast new subma-
rine destroyers has been torpe-
doed and sunk. Intentionally or
otherwise no opportunity was af-
forded the crew of the Jacob
Jones to escape as upward of six-
ty officers and crew are reported
missing.

While we may not talk revenge
or vengeance, it cannot be denied
that the torpedoing of the Jacob
Jones will intensify the Ameri-
can determination not to end the
war until the submarine is elimi-
nated as a recognized method of
destruction of innocent passenger
ships, also the absolute suppres-
sion as a governing force of the
human agencies responsible for
deliberate murder of defenceless
men, women and children.

In the names of the crew of the
Jacob Jones we note many who
were surely christened Catholics.
Thomas Francis Murphy, John
Francis Murphy, Thomas Bran-
igan, William Hughes, John Aloy-
sius Burns and a score of others
are now mute evidence that the
Catholic manhood of America is
not unrepresented and repre-
sented liberally at that in the
American Army for the preserva-
tion of liberty and justice in the
world.

This is no new record. We are
but doing our duty as citizens.
But the bigots have charged us so
often with un-Americanism that
we cannot refrain from calling
attention to the fact that Catho-
lics are serving their country and
also that we have not noticed
that Orange Lodges, Guardians
of Liberty circles, A. P. A. groups
or Junior Order councils have
made any special manifestation
of loyalty or patriotism. Lack of
red blood? Perhaps, may be a yel-
low streak.

Stricken!

Awful, indeed is the news of
the terrible calamity which has
befallen Halifax in the Province
of Nova Scotia in the Dominion
of Canada.

In the twinkling of an eye this
prosperous Canadian city was
transformed into a veritable
shambale where Death stalked
space. A tramp steamer in the
harbor mistook signals so it is
said, and collided with a munition
transport bearing thousands
of tons of the most highly charg-
ed explosive the world knows to-
day. Instantly the impact releas-
ed the mighty explosive. The mu-
nition ship was blown hundreds
of feet in air while the adjoining
country was leveled as by a
mighty earthquake. It is estimat-
ed that 4,000 persons were killed,
five times that many dangerously
injured and many more made
homeless.

Following, came a howling bliz-
zard with a forty mile an hour

gale. Relief trains were caught
in the huge snow drifts, food was
scarce and fire and lights were
lacking. But why pursue the har-
rowing details.

We can do but little in a mater-
ial way to relieve the horrors of
the stricken Halifax. But pray
we can and our prayers ascend
hourly that God may relieve
the intense suffering in Halifax
and grant that substantial relief
of a material sort may soon be at
hand and that His grace may sus-
tain the sorrowing ones who have
been bereft of loved ones and de-
prived of home and property.

Catholic Social Service.

It is a fine work that the ladies
in charge of "Charles House" on
Magne street which is to be the
first Catholic social settlement
house in Rochester have engaged
in.

Time was when such houses
were not needed in Rochester and
when the churches and convents
could and did furnish all the so-
cial service required or that was
even desirable.

But today the settlement has
become a recognized social insti-
tution and not infrequently, our
non-Catholic friends employ it as
a very efficient method of pro-
seelytization.

Hence it is vitally necessary
that we meet this sort of compe-
tition and also try to do settle-
ment work on our own account.
Lay women often are able to
reach into the homes and accom-
plish results that others are un-
able to achieve.

Success to Charles House!

Women in Industry.

It is evident that "women in
industry" will be one of the
troublesome problems arising out
of the war.

If women take men's places in
industry, and prove themselves
as efficient in production shall
they receive men's pay rather
the pay received by the men
whose places they take?

If women prove themselves
more efficient in production, shall
they receive higher wages than
the men whose places they take?

After the war is over, will the
women be retired to give places
back to the men? Will the women
be willing to retire? Will the em-
ployers wish them to retire? If
not, are the women to become the
supporters of the family?

If women are to be retained,
what will become of the men
when they return after the war
is over?

"Send for a Priest!"

In connection with the splendid
work being done for our soldier
boys, under direction of the
Knights of Columbus, one fea-
ture is worthy of special men-
tion. It is thus described by a cor-
respondent.

As a special aid for those Catho-
lic boys who may fall victims of
the bullets of the enemy, the
Knights of Columbus committee
on war activities is seeing to it
that every identification tag worn
by the soldier is being stamped
with the words, "Send for a
priest." The tags are made of
metal and are furnished by the
government. On the obverse side
appears the soldier's name and
military unit. The Knights of Co-
lumbus committee is furnishing
each of its camp secretaries with
a stamp which will cut the
words, "Send for a priest" into
reverse side of this government
tag. It is hoped that no Catholic
soldier will fail to present his tag
at the Knights of Columbus main
building at his camp that it may
be stamped in this manner.

Incidentally, it may be men-
tioned that contributions are still
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