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It is explained also that in this war only one man dies from disease as against ten to fifteen who fell victims of various diseases in other wars. This estimate is proportional.

Only ten per cent of the Canadian soldiers disabled on the battlefields are rendered unfit physically to engage in their former occupations.

There ought to be cause for general encouragement in these figures.

**"The Elusive Fact"**

While the following editorial was written by the New York "Tribune" from the daily and secular newspaper standpoint, nevertheless, in a modified form it applies also to the Catholic paper:

"Where do you get the absurd facts you print?" is a favorite query put to newspaper men. In the view of these cynics, newspapers spend most of their time misspelling names, imagining incidents that never happened, and generally manhandling life as it is led.

There is just one answer to be made to the query above, and that is: "Newspapers get such of their facts as are absurd from the absurd human beings who for one reason or a thousand refuse to relate facts accurately." Newspapers; truth-telling newspapers, spend a large part of their time correcting these misstatements, running them to their source and getting at the truth. A certain proportion of error gets by—not as great a proportion as can be heard in any village neighborhood gossip, for it is the concern of newspapers, of honest ones, that is, to allow for errors and correct them, whereas it is the concern of those other purveyors of news, gossips, to create errors whenever they are more interesting than the truth.

Imagine how much more difficult the newspaper's task is when it is compelled to get its facts from a maze of ignorant, willfully deceiving, conflicting witnesses!

The next time you find an error in your favorite newspapers try an experiment. Try to capture one small fact yourself, in your own home town. You will quickly discover just how wary a bird the truth is and how very unpopular.

Very often, if your name is misspelled in the account, of some Catholic happening, the editor's informant gave it incorrectly. Editors do not mis-spell names intentionally, or mis-state facts.

**Christmas**

Once more the cycle rolls round and again we approach another Feast of Christmas one of the great feasts of the Catholic year, and is, or should be, of the entire Christian world.

We are to approach again the manger where Jesus lay in Bethlehem. We will join in the triumphal hymn with the Shepherds on the hills. We will journey with the wise men to Palestine and there pay homage to the new born King with the Blessed Mother we will rejoice not only that a Child was born but that that Child was the Christ, the Saviour of Mankind.

While the shadows of the European crisis darken many a home this Christmas of 1917 nevertheless we have cause to be happy. We have been spared the horrors of war upon our own Continent and we are measurably well housed, clothed and fed.

And then there is cause to rejoice this Christmas in that Jerusalem, the Holy City, no longer in the hands of the unspeakable Turk but is occupied by a Christian Army and we may well believe that the sway of the Saracen and the Moslem over Palestine is ended forever.

And so let us gather in our churches and homes this Christmas day and give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings brought to us centuries ago on this glorious Feast Day.

**"Your Boy's Chance"**

There is a great deal of inaccurate stuff afloat as to the death rate among the soldiers at the front. Doubtless, at first blush, such would appear to be the case. But, there are appalling lists of fatalities in times of peace, in the mines, in the factories, in public works, by automobiles.

In the province of Quebec, Canada, there is a military hospitals commission which fortunately has been keeping account of the manner in which the Canadian troops have fared on European battle-fields. The statistics of this commission go far to contradict the impression that has prevailed in some quarters that American boys who go to fight in France have a very poor chance to come home alive or free from injuries that will disable them for life. Basing its computations upon the experiences of Canadian soldiers on the war, the military hospitals commission furnishes these statistics:—

The boy who goes to the front has twenty-nine chances to come home, as against one that he will be killed.

He has ninety-eight chances to recover from a wound against two that he will die because of wounds received in battle.

There is one chance in five hundred that he will lose an arm or a leg.

In your own happiness on Christmas do not forget the unfortunate for whom the outlook for good cheer is not bright or cheerful.

"Profiteering" is well-nigh treason these days and he who is guilty thereof is akin to a traitor and should be punished as such.

A fine Christmas present would be a years subscription to your Catholic paper.

Current military news item—Possibly the soldiers may be short on rifles and blankets but a fine card index of our Army and Navy has been completed.

Why should the tanners increase the price of American leather just because the supply of Russian leather is cut off? Will it cost any more now to cure, tan and dress American hides than it did last June? But, we suppose a poor excuse is better than none.

Whether it be Postmaster-General Burleson who is at fault or Congress, or subordinate postal employees, the fact remains that the postal service is not what it should be, what it might be or what it has been.

Does the Kaiser think he is the victor?

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