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Third Liberty Loan.

On the anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the world war, the third Liberty Loan was announced.

How much longer the war will last we do not know. But having entered into it, we must see it through.

If we save over here and then lend our money to Uncle Sam we will be helping support the boys over there and they must be supported.

The Liberty Loan is offered in such installments and on such terms that well-nigh everybody can purchase at least a \$50 bond.

Let it be a Victory Loan.

The Catholic Journal notices that thinking men, not pacifists but patriotic men wholly in earnest about fighting on until the war is done, unite in the opinion that there will be as grave problems to be met and solved after the war is over as are concerned in the war itself.

From across the water comes this query from the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Bourne: "What is the future to be? How is the social and political order to be reconstructed among us? There are some, a small minority as yet, but with increasing influence, who are proclaiming a policy of despair. They have looked, they will tell us, in various directions for a solution of the problem in vain. Those who in this country are the official representatives of religious teaching have failed, so these despairing and last, Rev. John J. Ganey who heretofore answer to their questions, thus they are driven again to their voice that speaks to the unwelcome conclusion that the existing relations of society are incapable of being remedied and that things cannot be worse than they are at the present time.

They proclaim that the existing order should be overthrown and destroyed in the hope that out of the chaos and destruction some better arrangement of men's lives may grow up."

As It Should Be.

White it was a graceful act of the Republican Governor of New York state to propose the toast of the United States and for a distinguished Democratic Governor of New York state to offer the toast to the Republican Governor of the State at the annual dinner of the Legislative Correspondent's Association in Albany, it was no more than should be expected of them.

These are no days for partisan-ship, no days for little, petty, contemptible jealousies, no days to hold grudges, no days for factional divisions.

We are or should be one people, standing shoulder to shoulder behind our chosen President until we shall have made the world of free indeed, until there is equality of opportunity for every man, woman and child in every country on the globe.

It cannot be asserted that there is quality of opportunity today in some parts of the world. No one should be able to attain honors, if he be not of the royal blood, he cannot be Emperor of Germany, King of Italy, Emperor of Austria.

Very likely, monarchy will depart from England but there the King is ruler in name only. He cannot perform any important act without consent of Government, especially the House of Commons. However, the English people may decide that monarchy and regal courts and retinues are too expensive and set up a substitute that the people shall, at stated intervals, say who they will have at the head of the country.

The Lenten season is ended but the "days of grace" in which one may perform his Easter duty do not over.

But the days of grace are fast drawing to an end for this year. It is not well to wait too long. It is not well for a man to be out of touch with his religion, out of touch with his Church, not in Communion with his God.

Therefore, it behooves each and every one of us who has not yet made his Easter duty to at once comply with that precept of the Church and make his peace with God.

Now prove that a different condition exists now than after the preparedness parade of two years ago. It will be recalled that that monster turnout was surprisingly slim when it came to voluntary enlistments. Let us hope that the great Rochester Liberty Loan parade means a correspondingly large sale of bonds.

Four Rochester priests are now enlisted as army chaplains. Rev. John M. Sellinger, Rev. Arthur LeMay, Rev. George F. Kettell, have failed, so these despairing and last, Rev. John J. Ganey who heretofore answer to their questions, thus they are driven again to their voice that speaks to the unwelcome conclusion that the existing relations of society are incapable of being remedied and that things cannot be worse than they are at the present time.

Bringing Back.

One of the fruits of the war is a renewed faith in revealed religion and in no phase is this more marked than at the Catholic recreation camps and chapels in and near the cantonments in this country. The scrupulous exactitude with which the Catholic soldiers attend to their religious duties is remarked on by every hand by our non-Catholic friends. This is as it should be but it is none the less gratifying.

There is another phase peculiarly gratifying to us as Catholics. While it is pathetic that a Catholic should become careless in his attitude toward his Church it is gratifying always to see the wayward one return home. It is a matter of record that every week, every day, some Catholic soldiers who have become careless in the practice of their religion have returned to the fold.

mainly because the good example of their practical Catholic associates has brought back the days of yore, has awakened the dormant conscience, has led the errant one back to the confessional and Holy Communion.

Parents of Catholics need have no fear that their boys will be careless in their religious duties. Their spiritual needs are carefully supplied while the father or mother of a careless Catholic soldier boy may rest assured that if that boy does not practise his religion in the United States Army cantonments it will not be because of lack of example or opportunity. Indeed, once his Catholic associates find out that he should be a Catholic they will spare no effort to have him one in deed as in name.

Service in the army may rescue many a careless Catholic and prepare him to meet his God without the fear of eternity in torment. The first quota of Knights of Columbus secretaries are now "somewhere in France."

When they sailed and in what ship was not given out by the censor but we know now from the "Columbiad" that they are in service and who can doubt that they will render efficient service.

Really, it does not seem that such a quantity of advertising is necessary to induce American citizens to subscribe to the third issue of Liberty bonds. We believe every American is heart and soul with Uncle Sam and does not now need to be prodded to help the Government.

If the Government can make use of it, St. Mary's College, of Winona, with which Rev. William Griffin, formerly of Rochester, is connected, will be used as a convalescent home or in any other capacity during the summer vacation months. Bishop Heffron has placed the College at the disposal of the Government.

We presume the election of Rev. Sidney Catts, a Baptist minister, as Governor of Florida does not indicate any recession in the flood of bigotry.

That was some drive of the K. of C. war fund in New York city! Over \$4,000,000 subscribed! More power to the New York Catholics. God bless 'em!

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