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**Breaking Down Barriers.**

This is not the first time that the Catholic Journal has alluded to the potent influence of the war in obliterating sectional, racial and religious prejudice. We are also convinced that through the examples seen at the cantonments of the Catholic soldiers many an uninformed non-Catholic is becoming informed as to what the Catholic Church really stands for. Hence we intend to call attention to this phase of the war quite often.

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**Governor No-Bigot!**

Governor Arthur Capper, of Kansas, has many friends and admirers in this part of the country, especially among members of fraternal orders and the news-paper fraternity. It was with surprise that they heard that the Governor had hooked up with anti-Catholic agitators. However, we are happy to be informed that Governor Capper, without the investigation he really should have instituted, consented to become an honorary officer in what he was told was to be a new league of American Patriots. When he discovered that the league was really an aggregation of bigots he promptly repudiated the whole thing in the following sharp letter:-

"Dear Sir - I have your letter of April 16th in regard to the American Patriots. I have a distinct recollection of writing to someone in the east. Some weeks ago that I was willing to be identified with an organization named the American Patriots. The letter which came to me as a patriotic society, the purpose of which was to promote patriotism and loyalty to our country. I have been anxious to assist the government in every possible way, and especially to foster the spirit of the war quite often.

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**Everybody Work!**

Between the state law which makes mandatory upon all male persons residing within the confines of New York state who are over 18 years old and not over 50 years old, to show to the satisfaction of the authorities that they are regularly engaged in a recognized lawful occupation, paper trade, profession or calling for at least 36 hours weekly, and Pro-Marshal Crowder's ultimatum that men of draft age - between 21 and 30 years - who have been exempted either permanently or temporarily for whatever reason - It is true cause shall be engaged in some essential industry, that is one which is listed as essential to the winning of the war - or else take their places with the other unformed men at the front, idleness in the Empire State should be a negligible quantity after July 1st. General Crowder's order caused some confusion because some labor unionists fancied they saw in it an entering wedge for conscription.

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There has been paid into the national Knights of Columbus war fund to March 8th at New Haven office, a total of \$3,984,899.43.

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The Federal Reserve Board (Opinion No. 66) has passed upon this issue of 7 per cent. preferred stock. Following is an excerpt from the letter of the board:

"After inquiry into the purpose of the issue above described, we are of the opinion that the sale thereof is not incompatible with the interest of the United States.

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