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Catholic Education.

In these trying times, it is a source of satisfaction to be able to point to the splendid record made in Army and Navy by the graduates of our Catholic schools and colleges.

Probably no more shining example might be cited than Lieutenant Clovis Smith. Graduated from the parochial school and Notre Dame University with high honors.

These instances are a splendid proof that the public school is not the only palladium of democracy as so many would have us believe.

When we come to the Socialists, the I. W. W.'s and the other agitators? Not one in ten ever attended other than the State schools.

Are there more ardent disciples of the Hearst school of latter day economics than the professors in the State Colleges and universities?

Just ponder the significant words of Mr. L. I. Dublin, statistician of the Metropolitan Insurance Co., as we find them in a document recently printed in the Congressional Record.

In these words Mr. Dublin pays an implicit compliment to the parochial schools. Education without religion, as it is an injury to the individual, is a menace to any government.

It is to be hoped that while the desire to institute "reprisals" for the enemy air raids may be justifiable, it will not be carried to an extent that will make the Allies as conscienceless as they estimate their opponents.

Shameful.

Arrests made by the Federal Government of a number of manufacturers alleged to have imposed upon the National Army soldier boys raincoats which were standard laid down in the specifications. This means that the raincoats supplied to our soldier boys were of little use in the trenches where, of all places, they should have been up to and above the standard.

With the high prices being exacted on all war supplies and war necessities, it would appear that sufficient profits were possible without recourse to down right swindling which is just what this accusation, if proven, amounts to.

Example.

What a practical Catholic may do by unostentatious example is well illustrated by the following from a Catholic exchange: "Some time ago five young men came up to Sacramento from San Francisco to take examination for the bar. The hotels were crowded and they were forced to occupy cots in the same room.

"Getting Along."

It is not every person who possesses the happy faculty of making themselves agreeable in any company—in short to be the domestic and social diplomat as well as the diplomat in the recognized profession of statecraft.

Dr. Frank Crane, in "Farm Life", pays this fine compliment to the domestic and social diplomat:

There is a woman I know who is an expert in one of the most important arts within range of human accomplishment—the Art of Getting Along with Folks. It is well to be wise and pretty, it is well to be free and strong, it is well to live your own life, it is well to strive and to conquer, but the small but blessed group of them that can just Get Along with everybody deserve some praise.

When we are irritable, they know the trick of stroking our fur the right way. When we are glum they know the sweet secret of silence.

They know when to laugh and when to look sympathetic. Many a family blaze has been prevented by their acute sense of social smoke. They can see trouble coming a mile away, and guide us all down a by-lane. They are human lubricants. They are the gifted ones who can manage human bees and never get stung. They may lie—a little—but still, "blessed are the Peace Makers."

We repeat: The way to ward off coal shortage and suffering next winter is for Mr. Garfield to speed up coal production and for Mr. McAdoo to speed up coal distribution. It can be done. Let Mr. Garfield take a leaf out of Mr. Hoover's book.

Keep up the purchase of thrift stamps.

Safety.

There is a war on in Rochester which, in its way, means as much in after results, as the battle now waged on the Flanders front and in Picardy. That is the war not up to fifty per cent. of the against carelessness as waged by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the National Safety Council.

Probably, it is not taken into account that accidental deaths should have been up to and above the ordinary walks of life to the standard.

This pertinent comment is made by the Rochester "Times Union": "Teaching people to be cautious is no easy task. Every man is ready to admit that other persons are careless, but only continual hammering home of the lesson will cause him to mend his own ways, however much it may be to his advantage to do so."

"One reason for supposing that the safety work has caused this decrease in the number of accidents is reflected in the figures relating to those injured by automobiles. The decrease has been almost entirely in connection with cases where the pedestrian is at fault. The campaign has been directed toward automobile drivers also, but they have long been under more or less pressure to exercise due care."

"Training the pedestrian to be careful is something new. These figures seem to show that progress is being made. The Chamber has decided that this safety campaign, originally planned to last six months, shall be continued for at least a year. It may well be of indefinite duration, until the lesson of self protection is thoroughly seeped into the consciousness of the community."

Let us hope Mr. Burleson will not handle the wire service of the country as he has the postal system. If he does telegrams will go by freight train.

Fair-minded persons will not object to sacrifice or high prices to win the war but they object strenuously to being blackjacked and blackmailed by profiteers.

Mr. Roosevelt's idea of how to uphold President Wilson is to elect a Congress composed of a majority of his political opponents.

An allied statesman was quoted a year ago as saying "This is no war for amateurs". Nevertheless, the amateurs seem to be a factor in recent victories.

While submarines may be hard to detect, it would seem the part of wisdom to search every nook and cranny of our Atlantic coast for hidden submarine bases after that declaration of one captain that he had lived in Maine for ten years and knew its coast line like a book.

This is no time to be slapping traitors on the wrist.

"Al" Smith and Governor Whitman as rival candidates for governor insure a lively campaign this fall.

We note that our own Archbishop Hanna officiated as the personal representative of Pope Benedict at the Catholic Educational Association in San Francisco.

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