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Germany and the War.

The world war came to an end last Monday, Nov. 11th, through the signing of the armistice. It practically puts Germany in a position where it will be impossible for that country to continue the war.

Five years ago Germany was one of the most prosperous nations of the world. Her commerce took in the world. Germans were wielding influence in every mart of trade in every country of the globe.

Five years ago, if not revered outside, Germany was respected and feared by her competitors and the same was true of her Kaiser. If her people were ground under the militaristic iron heel, they were prosperous and thriving.

Then came the world war and the Kaiser and his people saw visions of a world-wide German domination. No longer content with indirect influence, they dreamed of open control. The mastery of the seas was to pass from England to Germany, through the devastating agency of the submarine.

The United States? It was to disappear as such and to emerge a series of vassal states presided over by a German viceroy, while South America was to be one vast German colony.

To-day the German Empire is disrupted and bankrupt. The Kaiser has been forced off his throne while his people curse him. Beaten, humiliated, disgraced in the eyes of the world, and prostrate at the feet of the Allies and the despised United States.

It is a terrible price to pay for the inordinate ambition of a paranoiac ruler with homicidal tendencies and the power to rain a great nation and a prosperous country!

Safety Congress

Industrial accidents, even in New York state, we were about to write, exact a heavier toll of fatalities each year than the Great War has so far enacted of the American soldiers.

Under the auspices of the New York State Industrial Commis-

sion, each year is held an Industrial Safety Congress to promote the prevention of accidents and to encourage safe practices in industry.

The third of these gatherings is to be held in Syracuse on December 23, 1 and 5. Not only employers and employees, but the public as well is interested in the work of this Congress and all who can be present will find the sessions profitable and interesting. Among the celebrities who are to address the Congress are United States Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson and Charles M. Schwab.

Governor Smith.

Unless there is a tremendous change in the election returns, hitherto undiscovered, when the official canvass is concluded, the State of New York has elected its first Catholic Governor since the days of Dongan. Martin H. Glynn was Governor of New York about a year, being promoted from lieutenant-governorship by reason of the impeachment of Governor William Sulzer but he was defeated when he ran for election. Governor-elect Alfred E. Smith has had a remarkable career. A poor boy of the New York east side he worked his way up to Member of Assembly, Speaker of the Assembly, member of the Constitutional Convention, Sheriff of New York County, President of the Greater New York Board of Aldermen and now Governor of the State of New York.

While he has always been a loyal member of Tammany Hall—that bugbear of New York papers and judged voters, these same New York papers had nothing but the best to say of Alfred E. Smith personally. His splendid legislative services when he did so much for the toilers of the Empire State endeared him to all who knew him. His sterling worth was recognized. His loyal, practical Catholicity was known to all men, albeit he did not go about advertising his religious faith with a brass band. He lived his faith as his parish priest can testify—and he never has removed from the street where he was born and reared.

Up-state papers and opposition orators abused Mr. Smith shamefully but he passed their slurs by. In the off corners of the State and in the darkness of night the bigot whisperers hinted that "it never will do to elect a Catholic as Governor of New York State." But the broad-minded citizens of the State paid no attention to these slamy whisperings. They elected Mr. Smith as Governor. Perhaps, Mr. Smith's opponent now realizes that the American people are able to gauge accurately the difference between the two men.

"Carry On."

To read over a current issue of the "Columbiad" is to glean a running history of the Catholic activities in the war, both in this country and overseas.

Certainly, the National Catholic War Council, working through the Knights of Columbus as its active agent, has been doing a wonderful work, and is still doing it. Not only have the spiritual needs of the Catholic soldier boys been cared for but every soldier who could be reached, regardless of his religious belief, has been provided amusement and recreation and needed material comfort as well. God Himself alone knows the full measure of the good these K. of C. Chaplains and secretaries have done for the soldier boys.

Undoubtedly, the United War Activities drive for \$200,000,000 will be successful. It deserves to be. And although the war has ended, the work will be needed until the Armies are demobilized and the boys are home again.

It did seem good to go to Church again.

Our Schools.

While there is no likelihood of any organized attack upon our Catholic schools in New York State nevertheless the proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan so that none but state controlled schools may exist in that state, it may not be amiss to republish what Dr. Grestes A. Brownson, a distinguished convert to the Catholic Church wrote on the subject over half a century ago.

"The State has no right to make itself a proselyting institution for or against Protestantism, for or against Catholicity. It is its business to protect us in the full and free enjoyment of our religion. The case is 'one of conscience, and conscience is accountable to no civil authority and all secular considerations whatever must yield to conscience. In questions of conscience the law of God governs, not a plurality of voters. The state abuses its authority if it sustains the common schools as they are with a view of detaching our children from their Catholic faith and love. If Catholicism cannot retain their Catholic faith, A and practice, and still be true, loyal, and exemplary American citizens, it must be only because Americanism is incompatible with the rights of conscience, and that would be its condemnation."

It should be apparent that in setting up purely Protestant schools, the State would be discriminating against Catholics in clean violation of the United States Constitution.

A Catholic governor of New York and a thirty-second degree Mason elected as his associate lieutenant-governor would seem another bit of substantial evidence that "the barriers are breaking."

Senator Martin, head of the Senate appropriations committee, is quite right in asserting that as soon as war stops, extravagant appropriations of the people's money must stop. The people demand that Governmental preachers of thrift in the home, must practise economy in Washington.

The times do move! Two women will sit in the New York State Assembly of 1919!

Poor old Kaiser Bill, beg pardon Mr. William Hohenzollern, now!

President Wilson's "Fourteen Points" are to make history.

The Post-Express should learn to control its superlative disposition.

Probably, we will need to conserve food a while longer, but we will do that voluntarily.

While it may not be nice, we fancy the American people will not take kindly to feeding the men we have been fighting so long.

Alexander and Napoleon, too, had the same visions of world domination that Kaiser Wilhelm had.

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