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Progress or Not?

While it looks as if there had been much progress made in the last few days toward agreement among the Allies on peace terms - which are to include a society of nations covenant - nevertheless it cannot be denied that world peace is not as near as many would like to see.

In the first place: if Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty or to agree to the terms imposed by the Paris conference as to reduction in naval and military armament, as to reduction of territory, as to indemnities to pay for cost of the war, what will happen? Will the people of France and England and the United States be willing to re-engage in another war to enforce the treaty? Or will they insist that they have had enough of war and prefer to lose what has been spent rather than to spend millions more in men and money to enforce the payment of indemnities? If the latter course is adopted, will not Germany really emerge from the war a winner? True, she has suffered fearful losses in one way but she has also inflicted terrible losses upon her opponents, especially in France and Belgium. These latter countries are devastated while Germany is intact; not one of her villages has been laid waste; her people have not been evicted from homes; her women have not been outraged and her local treasuries have not been drained as in France and Belgium. In fact, the German people today will not admit that their army was defeated and they will not concede that the German flag was lowered in surrender, merely that the Allies were willing to agree upon a truce to discuss upon what terms the war should end. To-day, the German leaders boast that they never will agree to any terms of peace that will be disagreeable to them, and with the American armies well nigh all withdrawn from Europe, how shall the decrees be enforced if Germany just stands pat?

Then there is the rapid spread of anarchy in Russia, Austria, Germany and other middle European centers. If anarchy prevails, who or what can consummate the peace treaties representing the enemy powers? Will the French, English and American peoples - many of whose citizens evidently sympathize with the Bolsheviks - send armed forces to put down the revolutionists, and, possibly, restore to power the friends of Kaiser Bill and Emperor Charles? No, world peace is not in sight as yet but let us not despair. Rather, let us Catholics pray more earnestly than ever that the coming Easter may truly usher in a new era of peace and good will to all mankind.

March certainly went out lion-like.

Welcome Twenty-Seventh!

It was a royal welcome, that New York city extended to General O'Ryan's Twenty-seventh Division which included our own 108th, headed by Major Fred Couchman. Literally, millions of persons cheered the 25,000 marchers along the line of march and included in this was the Chaplain general of the American army, Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes who thus welcomed "Father Kelley, the Fighting Chaplain, who we know here.

This week Rochester welcomed home its own 108th in right royal fashion. But the 78th Division soon to come back, has probably 7,000 Rochester boys in its ranks. They, too, should and will receive a royal welcome.

Every Rochester boy who served in the army of the world war, either overseas or on this side, is worthy of all respect we can show. Is it not possible next fall to have a parade of all Rochester boys in the war?

Just Remember.

While discussing the War, the League of Nations and Ireland it is well to remember that there were 100 Irish soldiers to any one of any other nationality in Washington's army. That there were nine Irish signers of the Declaration of Independence. That Archbishop Carroll, an Irishman, was the author of the religious liberty section of the United States Constitution. That the father of the American navy was Commodore Jack Barry, an Irishman; that the first woman to fight for American liberty was Margaret Cockran, an Irishwoman born in Ireland. That Robert Fulton, an Irishman's son, designed the first steamboat, which insured American priority in the conquest of the seas. That an Irishman, Henry O'Reilly, built the first telephone line in America. That the first female school teacher in New England and, perhaps in America, was Mary Healy, an Irishwoman, that the Civil war general's list contained many an Irishman.

That the commander of the Twenty-Seventh Division that pierced the Hindenburg line, was Major-General John F. O'Ryan, of Irish stock and proud of it.

Bemirched.

To a Catholic exchange we glean this data regarding the misnamed "Pathfinders", the latest coterie of anti-Catholic bigots.

"Chas. D. Haines, former Congressman from New York state, is the supreme grand master and Rev. Dr. Augustus E. Barnett, Methodist minister for twelve years and later pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, is supreme registrar of the national order of P.'s or Pathfinders. These two gentlemen were connected with the Guardians of Liberty until the formation of the Pathfinders, with which, according to the New York Tribune, anti-Catholic lodges everywhere, although known by various names, are affiliated. "Mr. Haines declared to the Tribune reporter that the origin of the order was masonic, that its moving spirits were men high up in the masonic order, that it has branches in nearly every town in the country and that nothing can stop it. Dr. Barnett resigned his pastorate in Philadelphia for a two-year lecture tour in the interest of the order. "Bishop Burt, Methodist bishop of Buffalo, is the head of the order of P.'s in New York state. The New York state branch succeeded from the national order of P.'s a couple of years ago. At that time it claimed to control 300,000 votes in New York state and was responsible for the defeat of Martin Glynn for governor.

"The great secret order (of P.'s or Pathfinders) is intimately allied with the anti-saloon league, which is under Methodist control,

with a Methodist bishop at its head. Bishop Burt is its leader in New York state."

Explain!

If the following is true, as stated by the "Sunday Visitor" then some of our Masonic friends in Rochester have some explaining to do. If Mr. Higgins inaccurately represents Masonic opposition to the Catholic schools, then he should be repudiated by Masonic authority:-

We now cite the words of a gentleman with a patronymic, that is redolent of the shamrock; A. G. Higgins, thirty-second degree in New Age (Masonic) July 1, 1918: "Why," cries this worthy son of Catholic sires, "do we not proceed to make the country wholly democratic by requiring all to attend public schools until they are at least ready for high school? In... Childhood loyalty and patriotism should be taught, and the only place to do that, is in our public schools and no child should be allowed to attend any other. There is no room in a republic for schools, except our public schools."

These words are plain enough. Put them beside the late order of the Russian bolsheviks and compare them. Trotsky says: "All women belong to, are the property of the state." That is, a Russian woman cannot henceforth live her own life. She does not own herself. She shall have no husband. No husband shall have her.

Mr. Higgins, the mason, speaking for the craft and for the allied Pathfinders says: "No parent shall own a child, no child shall obey a parent who wishes another than a public school as the place to learn in."

They who begin by owning the children will end by owning the women. Dick is a brother to Daniel, Trotsky a brother to Higgins.

What returning soldiers want is less speech-making receptions but real justice - and their old jobs back.

General O'Ryan is not ashamed of the "O" in his name.

Perhaps young Mr. Roosevelt may win his own name in American politics.

If "Colonel Bill" Hayward ever runs for governor he is sure of the loyal support of a majority of the coldred citizens. He commanded a solid-colored regiment in the late world's war.

Leo A. MacSweeney sure makes an eloquent plea for Ireland's claim to fair treatment.

Much of Woodrow Wilson's future may be indissolubly linked up with his attitude on the Irish question.

Some people are socially isolated through false pride says the Milwaukee Citizen. They think they are geniuses, when they are more apt to be freaks. To prove the point, our confrere tells this story: A Scottish innkeeper once said of the late Duke of Argyle: "His grace is in a verra deeficult poseetion. His pride of intellect will no' let him associate wi' men o' his ain birth and his pride o' birth will no' let him associate wi' men o' his ain intellect."

Rev. Michael J. Byrne, chaplain of the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta Ga., is a priest with a unique distinction, two of his children are in the war service of his country. His son, Captain John Byrne, of the 324th Machine Battalion, is now in France, but was a surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad when he enlisted in Cincinnati. His daughter, Miss Jennie Byrne, is an army nurse and is stationed at Fort McPherson. Father Byrne became a priest some years after the death of his wife and for a time was stationed at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah, Ga.

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