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Friday, May 2, 1919.

Help The Missions.

Bishop Hickey's appeal that the Catholics of the city co-operate with the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester, outside the City, in contributing toward the support of home mission work should meet with a generous response.

While the quota usually raised for Catholic charity work will be made up from the "War Chest" this year, as last, this source of supply, naturally and obviously cannot be drawn upon for home mission work.

For several years to come Catholic home mission work must be prosecuted vigorously. Such work costs money. The only ones to give it are the Catholics.

Hence be generous because the Bishop asks your co-operation in a worthy cause.

Shall It Fail?

It cannot be denied that the late reports from Paris are not reassuring as to the world harmony which President Wilson hoped and possibly still hopes would result from the proposed League of Nations. Undoubtedly, there will be a League but it is possible that the League will start off more as an alliance hard and fast between the big world parties to the Allied cause than a co-operative society pledged to harmonious relations and complete understanding with each other. It is plainly evident that there will be rancor and heart-burning after the League is launched instead of the era of universal good will and fellowship that was expected by those who fondly hoped that human nature had changed over night.

Who is to blame? That is difficult to measure accurately. Cable despatches clearly reflect the personal views of correspondents, plus the source of their information and inspiration. Accordingly, the influence and responsibility of this or that nation ebbs and rises with whatever cable despatch or service or correspondence you read.

Certainly, it doesn't look as if the United States should be blamed. Surely, the United States is not seeking acquisition of new territory, as is the case with France. The United States is not seeking ever to perpetuate her own territorial extent, as witness the proposal to give the Philippines independence, as is Japan in Corea and China. Whenever President Wilson demands that this or that nation shall be free and independent he but emphasizes the intense feeling that prevails among red-blooded Americans that crowns should pass as expensive luxuries to be replaced by the rule of the people.

Untenable is the position that President Wilson is responsible for the present situation. True, he may not have the entire ap-

proval of all the American people for all his expressed policies but that would not make him the stumbling block. Even in the "Committee of Four" President Wilson could not make much progress unless either Clemenceau and Lloyd George and Premier Orlando, of Italy were in accord with him or he with them.

It is to be hoped, however, that better councils will prevail and that the proposition will not revert back to separate peace treaties because that would result in better terms for the German militarists.

No American Kaisers!

After fighting two years and thousands of American soldiers have given their life that the Kaiser and Kaiserism might be eliminated we will not tolerate an American Kaiser, whether his name be Wilson or Burleson.

We don't want nor will we have a public official who by his censorship powers as head of the mails, telephone and telegraph, can suppress news, put the soft pedal on editorial staffs, and deny freedom to the press generally.

The American people are not so much concerned about public ownership of public utilities as it is whether we are to have civil treatment from the men we elect to office, men who are supposed to be public servants not public owners of us.

We see no earthly excuse for government retention and control of the cables from the peace conference. If all that governmental control can bring about is increase in rates, poorer service and more annoyance to that portion of the public which is compelled to use one or both.

American despots are no more welcome in the United States than they were in Germany and this is no Bolshevik threat.

The Senate.

Those who, without reflection or study of history, would abolish the United States senate or would shorten the terms of the senators, would do well to read and ponder these words of Alexander Hamilton:

"Thus far I have considered the circumstances which point out the necessity of a well-constructed Senate, only as they relate to the representatives of the people. To a people as little blinded by prejudice or corrupted by flattery as those whom I address, I shall not scruple to add that such an institution may be sometimes necessary as a defense to the people against their own temporary errors and delusions. As the cool and deliberate sense of the community ought in all governments, and actually will in all free governments, ultimately prevail over the views of their rulers, so there are particular moments in public affairs when the people, stimulated by some irregular passion or some illicit advantage, or misled by the artful misrepresentations of interested men, may call for measures which they themselves will afterwards be the most ready to lament and condemn. In these critical moments, how salutary will be the interference of some temperate respectable body of citizens in order to check the misguided career, and to suspend the blow meditated by the people against themselves, until reason, justice and truth can regain their authority over the public mind. What bitter anguish would not the people of Athens have often escaped if their government had contained so provident a safeguard against the tyranny of their own passions? Popular liberty might then have escaped the indelible reproach of decreeing to the same citizens the hemlock on one day and statues on the next."

The annual collection for St. Charles Borromeo Theological Seminary in Philadelphia amounted to the princely sum of \$150,435.97.

Queer!

We in America will rub our eyes when we read the following:-

London, March 27.-Cardinal Bourne has appealed to the lords in the case of a gift for masses, left him by Edward Egan, an Irishman. Though his Eminence's was the only name mentioned in the case, there are several other bequests for masses under the same will. The lower court and the court of appeal have both decided that masses for the dead are a superstitious practice, for which money can not be legally bequeathed in this country, although such bequests are valid in Ireland. The point involved had never before been raised in the house of lords, and after hearing part of the evidence, their lordships adjourned, so that the case is still under consideration.

Should the verdict go against Catholic bequests of such a nature, Catholics are determined to demand a revision of the law, which is of modern date. Had it not been an innovation some of the most precious gems of architecture would have been lost in our Cathedrals for the famous Chantry chapels were always raised for the purposes of masses for the dead.

The Knights of Columbus Council in Detroit grew in 30 days from 3,000 to 6,000. Good work.

Without regard to creed, the merchants of Lancaster, Ohio, observed the "Three Hours" of Good Friday by closing their places of business from 3 to 6 p.m.

Archbishop Hayes will receive the pallium on May 8th in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

That was "some Roastfest" the Rochester News Writers' had.

Rev. Emanuel Chastand, who is appealing for funds to rebuild Protestant churches in France and incidentally slandering Catholics' and things Catholic is brought to the United States, it is announced, by the American Red Cross to assist in remaking disabled American soldiers. And part of the fund for the American Red Cross work was contributed by American Catholics!

Although demonstrated to be non-sectarian in character, the city council of Toronto has voted not to assist the Catholic army huts.

Hon. Francis P. Garvan, alien property custodian, has been appointed dean of Fordham Law school in succession to Hon. John Whalen, resigned.

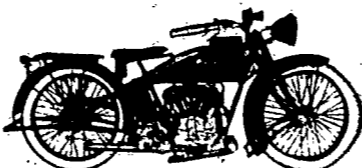
The Missouri Legislature adjourned in respect to St. Patrick on March 17th.

That was a young winter we had last week.

Shall or shall we not have Sunday baseball and Sunday movies in Rochester!

Why should the State Employment Bureau inquire into the religious belief of seekers after jobs? Why should employers do likewise?

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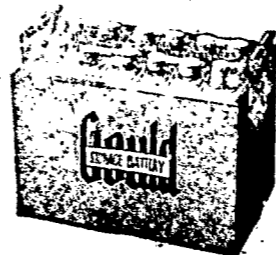
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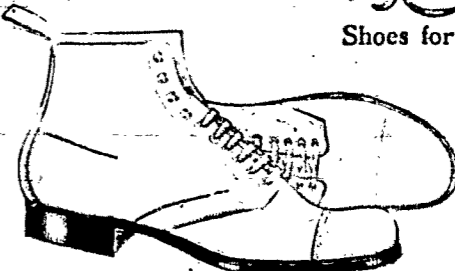
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