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Still Growing.

The Catholic Directory's official copyrighted summary of the Catholic population of the United States is given out for publication. While the figures show an increase, it is stated that this increase is the smallest in years, plainly explainable in part, by the fact that several of the largest Dioceses in the country have not made any changes in their figures this year. But the compiler of the Directory estimates that there are 19,500,000 Catholics in the United States.

Four states have a Catholic population of over a million—New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Massachusetts. Eight have over half a million each—Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Louisana, Wisconsin, California, Missouri and Connecticut; while in sixteen other States the Catholic population varies from nearly 500,000 in Minnesota to a little over 100,000 in Montana—the average for these states being about 200,000.

There are 20,000 priests in the United States of which more than a third belong to religious orders and over one thousand of these served during the war as army or navy chaplains.

Other significant figures are as follows:—Archbishops, 14; bishops, 97; churches with resident priests, 10,460; missions with churches, 5,537; seminaries, 110; parishes with schools, 5788; children attending parochial schools, 1,633,599; orphan asylums, 294; orphans, 46,069; homes for the aged, 116; colleges for boys, 215; academies for girls, 674.

What Is Lacking?

There are persons who are finding fault with our literature, who seem to think that there is no Catholic literature worthy the name. There are those of us who do not agree that this is so. We wonder if there are many who coincide with the following view of the matter held by the "Columbiad":—

What is lacking in Catholic literature? Some of the most eminent writers of the day, judging them from the standpoint of the literary art, are Catholics. Some of the most exquisitely graceful articles published, even in magazines without religious affiliation of any sort, come from the pens of Catholics, and moreover carry in their content the very ideals of Catholicity. Would they be "taboo" were they heralded as Catholic works?

There is something lacking in Catholic literature. But the average Catholic does not know it, because the average Catholic is not given to reading Catholic literature. He will read the literature which is merely non-sectarian; he will support the periodicals that even at their best have little bearing on the important facts of life; he will absorb the sentimentality, the romantic trivialities of the latest thing in fiction; but the moment he realizes the word "Catholic" is even so much as indirectly related to literature offered for his interest, he finds his careworn day needs refreshment of another sort.

Ah, but we hear the sermon every Sunday; we live religion, if we are Catholic, every day! And yet Charity is a warm, human virtue, that thrills with a decided emotional thrill. Charity is, in other words, love, the seemingly most acceptable note in any effort in fiction. Aye, but perhaps Catholic fiction does not sound that perpetual note with the zest with which other fiction sounds it? There lies the answer: Catholic literature lacks the brutal sex appeal, thank God!

The School

The "Ave Maria" is always sound on the school question as on other great propositions. Quoting Pope Benedict that "The fate of the Church and of the nations depends upon the school", the "Ave Maria" goes on:

"This declaration of Benedict XV should be reiterated until its truth is thoroughly realized, not merely believed and accepted. One of the things to which serious attention must now be given is the question of religious education. Religion was found necessary during the war; it will not be less indispensable in the era of reconstruction. It must find a place in the schools as it did in the camps.

"The task of turning out good citizens who shall lead moral lives is the most important that any government not doomed to overthrow can possibly undertake.

The worst enemies of any country are those among its own citizens who oppose religion, it being the basis of morality, as morality is the foundation of society. It is to save the world from being dechristianized and to preserve the nations from destruction that the Holy Father raises his voice in behalf of religious education."

Strange!

While the war was on the American public was inclined to grant considerable leeway to the official press agents. In order that the public enthusiasm should be stimulated to the point where it would turn avidly to the purchase of war savings stamps and liberty and victory bonds.

Now that the war is over it does seem that there is absolutely no excuse for retaining on the official governmental payroll the perpetrator of such "alleged publicity material" sent out to the press in official flanked envelopes as the following:—

"The world war is over but—unemployment, industrial unrest, and rapidly spreading strikes signal a class war barely begun.—We are sitting on a keg of powder.—A period of trouble and depression is ahead. It cannot be side-tracked, to stop it is impossible.—The industrial classes of the world are at the point of revolution. America may see the darkest period of her history in the coming days. The farmers of the Western states will unite with the industrial workers in the Eastern states in attempting most dangerous legislation."

The sweet girl graduates are now departed to their homes.

What will the Anti-Saloon League do for a real issue when the American saloon is no more?

To be a "social reformer" does not necessarily imply that one is a disciple of Socialism and all that Socialists stand for.

There is no good political end served by assailing William Howard Taft because he supports President Wilson in his League of Nations. Mr. Taft is patently sincere in his stand.

Josephian

Surely, they do poke fun at Monsieur Josephus Daniels, the Southern journalist and litterateur who runs the United States Naval Department—not the United States Navy—but occasionally they do have one on Brer Daniels. Not so long ago Josephus, so Herman Bernstein writes, speaking in London said:

Bolshevism has been of world service in that "it has opened the eyes of old-fashioned diplomatists to the fact that the old secret methods of diplomacy must go and that the people must rule."

This provoked the Post Express to comment:—

What in the name of Neptune does our manager of mariners mean by this? Is it an indictment of the peace conference, or a eulogy? Does Mr. Daniels mean to say that the Bolsheviki have demonstrated that the peace makers have failed because they have resorted to "old secret" diplomacy? Or does he mean that the peace conference has inaugurated open diplomacy and the expression of the plain will of the people "who must rule"? Either way the cryptic utterance remains cryptic. Bolshevism has bothered the peace conference mightily and Josephus does not help.

The Post Express should admit that cryptic utterances are the order of the day in the Wilson Cabinet.

Will the women hold and exert the balance of power in the presidential election of 1920?

One Hundred Seventy-Sixth Semi-Annual Statement

of the condition of the

ROCHESTER SAVINGS BANK

July 1st, 1919

Assets

Bonds and Mortgages	$18,161,219 91
Land Contracts	22,361 51
Loans on Collateral	186,978 54
United States Bonds (par value $3,976,600)	3,976,600 00
State Bonds (Market Value) (par value $450,986 70)	436,986 70
County Bonds (Market Value) (par value $238,000)	230,370 00
City Bonds (Market Value) (par value $4,311,100)	4,235,100 00
Village and Town Bonds (Market Value) (par value $184,513.65)	184,523 80
School District Bonds (Market Value) (par value $55,760.50)	56,146 00
Railroad Mortgage Bonds (Market Value) (par value $7,240,000)	6,187,170 00
Banking House and Lot	241,260 65
Real Estate	3,135 00
Interest Due and Accrued	401,027 67
Other Assets	20 80
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,914,125 71
	$36,237,026.29

Liabilities

Due Depositors	$32,014,461 49
Interest Accrued on Deposits	103,166 67
Liberty Loan Deposits	881,286 56
Bills Payable	800,000 00
Interest Accrued on Liberty Loan Deposits and Bills Payable	69,755 50
Reserve for Taxes	20,500 00
Surplus (Market Value)	2,347,856 07
	$36,237,026.29

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Number of Liberty Loan Accounts	42,742
Number of School Savings Accounts	15,725
Number of Open Accounts	128,545

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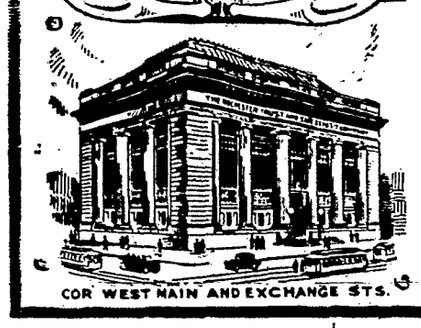

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The man who dares and does may have enemies but if his conscience is clear what need he care?

The programme of the National Catholic War Council has amazed by its boldness and surprised by its broad comprehension of the needs of the times.

If the Southern senators do not desire another Federal Force bill they had better go slow in their devotion to child labor and their desire to secularize absolutely all schools of whatever character.

July 1st was the momentous date!

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