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We Do Not Forget

Often the American people are charged with short memories of their heroes and noted men but, after the impressive and solemn scenes all over the land last week attendant upon Armistice Day anniversary and the burial of the "unknown soldier", it must be said that we do not always forget. And, as the Nation had begun to grow callous and forgetful of what Memorial Day, latterly termed Decoration Day, really stood for in the nation's life, the world war brought back vividly to us the supreme sacrifices made by America's noblest manhood that liberty might not perish from the earth.

It will be many years ere the country grows callous again or forgetful of the debt we owed to the noble boys of 1914-1918. And upon none is the debt more vividly impressed than the Catholics of the United States, no matter what their ancestry.

Bold Proposal

Who will assay analysis of the proposition whether Lloyd George or Charles Evans Hughes is the canniest Welshman?

For, be it known, although American born and proud of his citizenship, the Secretary of State is of Welsh descent and proud of it as those who were close to him when Governor of New York State well know, and it was often pointed out in the Presidential campaign of 1916 that if Mr. Hughes were successful over Mr. Wilson, there would be Welshmen at the head of two great nations—because Lloyd George even then was regarded as the coming Premier of England, as he is today in fact. Now, at the great disarmament conference, Mr. Hughes calmly and coldly takes control and like a bolt out of a clear sky, tells the rest of the world that the United States proposes to take the lead in reduction of naval armament and insinuates that the other nations dare not refuse to follow our lead.

Charles E. Hughes is a man of great mentality, whether you like him or what he represents. There is no doubt whatever that he will give a good account of himself—while crossing swords with the diplomatic duellists of Europe.

Father Fidelis (Rev. James Kent Stone) was a convert and a married Episcopalian clergyman with three children. Upon the death of his wife he entered the Catholic priesthood. That was how he died at the home of a daughter, which fact has puzzled some of our non-Catholic curious ones.

Pathetic figure, indeed, is Woodrow Wilson. Even his bitterest enemies must feel a twinge of regret that national service has worn out a brilliant American.

The Ku Klux Klan appears to have been a mint for those "on the inside."

Christmas Trade

Let us hope that the Rochester Herald's prediction is correct and also that the shoppers of Rochester will do their Christmas buying early.—In walking through the aisles of the big stores, and many of the smaller ones, it is gratifying to observe that Christmas shopping is already under way, indicating that buyers are gradually coming to sense the advantage they derive from shopping early, without waiting until two or three days before Christmas, as was once almost a custom.

There has been some comment on this free buying which we now see, as being a contradiction of the belief which has prevailed for several months that the times were hard, and that the situation threatened trade for the holidays. We are inclined to the opinion that a great many persons lay by a bit during the summer and fall for the purpose of making holiday purchases when the winter stocks are opened.

However that may be, there is every indication that the holiday trade is going to be as heavy as in many former and more prosperous years. It would suggest what in Ohio a while ago was referred to as "normalcy," and presages a return of that feeling which all of us have had at one time or another that whatever happened to U. S. we were not going to Davy Jones' locker.

Not Hurting Us

We have read nowhere a more concise and forceful analysis of the Ku Klux Klan and its possible effects than that given by Archbishop Hayes, of New York when he said to the representative of the National Catholic Welfare Councils press representative:—"As for the Ku Klux Klan, it is rather a danger to the country than to the Catholic Church. There never has been a time when I have been in the least afraid of it, and if there was any kind of collision with it, it would be like one between a little Ford and an auto truck. The only time I feel a little grief is when I realize that we Catholics, who love the Flag, should ever be accused of being disloyal to the country we honor or to the Flag for which we fight. It is part of the Cross. Ofttimes the hardest test is to be suspected by those who have every reason to trust us; but we shall be still more ardent Catholics and then we will be still more ardent in our devotion to America."

Just Get This!

There is so much common sense in the following editorial in the St. John's, New Brunswick Freeman that we reproduce it here:—Every line in a newspaper costs the proprietor something. If it is for the benefit of the individual it should be paid for. If the grocer were asked to contribute groceries to one abundantly able to pay for them he would refuse. The proprietor of a newspaper must pay for the free advertising if the beneficiary does not, and yet it is one of the hardest things to be learned by many, that a newspaper has space in its columns to rent, and must rent it to live. To give away rent for anything less than living rates is as fatal to a newspaper as for a landlord to furnish free rent.

All honor to that plucky Irish lass, Loretta Murray, who would not let the bigots drive her out as school teacher in the public school at Reyburn, Pa. Incidentally, her experience is an earnest of what will happen if compulsory Bible reading in the schools is written into the law. Miss Murray read from the Douay version and the bigots of Reyburn would have it that the Douay version is not the Bible—only the King James suited these narrow ones!

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Rochester certainly was not lax in its observance of Armistice Day.

Under Grand Knight McInerney the Columbian is continued as a sprightly fraternal news vehicle.

Irish ecclesiastical art sustained a great loss in the death of Joshua J. Clarke, who founded the stained glass and ecclesiastical studio in 1866.

Foreign language publications are doomed in the United States. "Amerika" the German Catholic daily issued in St. Louis for the last 49 years ceased publication on October 30th and now only appears as a weekly. Arthur Preuss, its editor and manager says the younger generation does not read foreign language publications.

Archbishop Curley, successor to Cardinal Gibbons as head of the see of Baltimore, has this to say of the proposed national union of Catholic men:—"I am in the fullest sympathy with all the activities of the National Catholic Welfare Council, and particularly with the organizing into councils the Catholic men of the nation. I am persuaded that God's hand is in the work. If we are to be prepared to defend our Catholic rights as American citizens, and to work effectively for the building up of God's Church in this country, we must gather strength and force from organization. Too long have we stood apart, separated in small, unimportant groups, making little or no impression on the national life when great questions were being discussed.

According to the new Catholic Directory there are 1,795,673 pupils in the Catholic elementary schools of the United States.

The churches of the world must be in favor of reduction in naval and military armament in order to be consistent with their professions.

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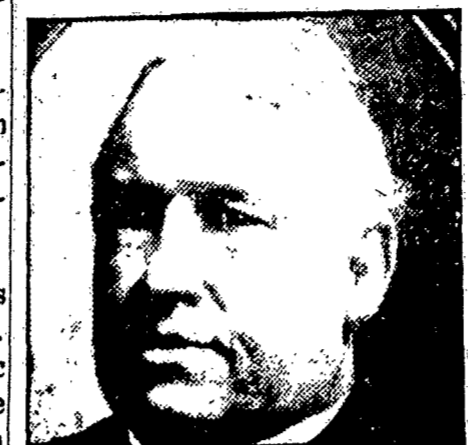
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