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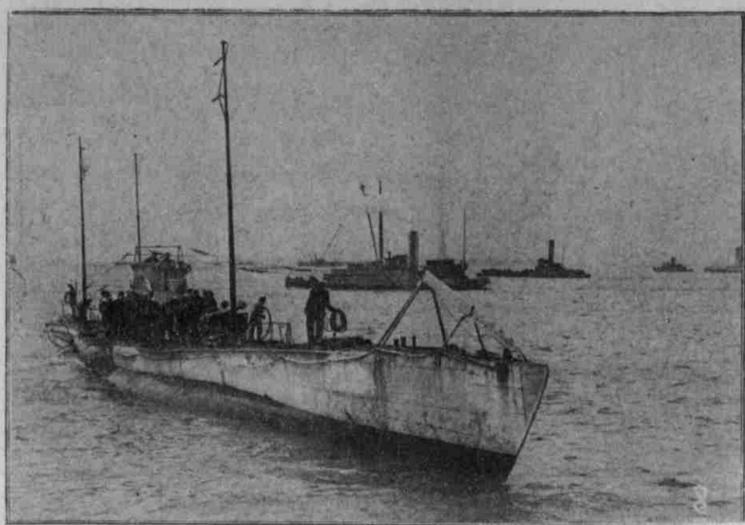
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CAPTURED U-BOAT EXHIBITED IN NEW YORK. The former German UC-97 arriving at the Battery, New York City, to be placed on exhibition. The U-Boat arrived here with several other captured German submarines the other day from England in charge of an American naval crew. Photo shows saw-like knife in bow of sub for cutting cables and nets.

THANKED BY PERSHING.

A letter from Gen. Pershing, received by William J. Mulligan, Chairman of Knights of Columbus War Activities, expressed in warm terms appreciation for what the Knights of Columbus have done for the American army abroad, before and since the armistice was signed. Gen. Pershing in his letter said: "I wish to express through you to the Knights of Columbus my appreciation and that of the officers and men under my command for the valuable services rendered by your organization to the American Expeditionary Forces. The active work of your organization in France began early in 1918, was well under way by the spring of that year, and has been increasing in scope ever since. Before the cessation of hostilities its workers were attached to many of the combat divisions and recreation huts had been opened in the principal American concentration centers. Numerous commanding officers have commended the devotion to duty of your personnel and have testified to their popularity and helpfulness among the troops whom they served. During the armistice it has been particularly active in the promotion of athletic, a most valuable factor for health and contentment. It has also contributed to the success of the army entertainment programme by numerous appropriations for musical instruments and equipment of soldier shows, has increased its general recreational activities, helping materially to maintain the morale of the army during the inevitable period of waiting to go home. I thank you, and each individual worker in your organization, for your valuable assistance."



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DOUGHBOYS' PILGRIMAGE.

The second pilgrimage of the American doughboys to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes, France, took place on Thursday, May 29, under the direction of the Knights of Columbus. The first pilgrimage of the American doughboys to the Grotto at Lourdes was on the occasion of the feast of the Annunciation, and to use the word of an aged French woman, "There was never anything so wonderful as that." Endless lines of khaki-clad boys filed toward the shrine of Our Lady and on their arrival attended mass, visited the Grotto and Shrine and at twilight, when the stars shone in all their splendor, chanted a solemn Vespers and the Rosary. On their departure they suggested that each would give a "Doughboy's mite" and the proceeds will be used toward placing a statue of Joan of Arc above the Rosary church. This will mark the day of the first American military pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. Hundreds of doughboys expected to leave Paris under the direction of the Knights of Columbus, and attend the second American military pilgrimage to that shrine. Catholic travelers from every part of the world have visited Lourdes, for they know that there the Blessed Virgin appeared to the little Shepherdess, Bernadette Soubirous, and told her such things as have made Lourdes one of the holy places of Christendom.

WILL HAVE TALE.

One of the Knights of Columbus overseas official photographers of the name of Barry, who is in a way a pictorial historian, describes the reunion of parents and children at Brussels after four years' separation because of the war. "The parents waited for them in a school-room," says Barry, "and the little ones were brought in one at a time and ran the gamut of their trembling elders. Suddenly there would be a cry and rush and an embrace and the rest was tears. Four years is a long time in the life of a child and some of them had grown almost beyond belief. The atmosphere was so tense that it was almost unbearable. I shall never forget it as long as I live. The men and women waited with anxiety written deep in their faces. The children came in with trembling wonder in their eyes. And then there was joy unutterable. We took pictures of that scene. This was a cinema which needed no rehearsing, and it never could be repeated." When Barry gets back to the United States he will have a tale to tell that will cure deafness.

MEDALS FROM STATUE.

The big statue of the former Kaiser at Metz has been melted down and made into medals. Three of them, commemorating the Knights of Columbus' distribution of toys to the children of Metz, were presented to Edward L. Horn, K. of C. Overseas Commissioner; Andrew McSwain, of Pittsburgh; and Fred Milan, of Minneapolis. The pedestal upon which the Kaiser's effigy stood still remains—but not a trace of the statue remains. It is expected that other medals made from the same statue and commemorating other Knights of Columbus activities abroad will be sent to K. of C. officials in this country.

CATHOLICS

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CHURCH MAKES GIANT STRIDES.

There are 17,549,324 Catholics in the forty-eight States of the Union, according to the 1919 edition of the Official Catholic Directory, published and copyrighted by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, Barclay street, New York. With fifty-four archdioceses and dioceses making no changes in their population statistics, with nine dioceses showing decreases and with thirty-nine archdioceses and dioceses showing increases, the net increase in the number of Catholics over the preceding year amounts to 133,021. Although this is the smallest increase shown in many a year, there is no cause for alarm, for, according to the tables of the 1919 issue, fifty-four important archdioceses and dioceses made no changes whatever in their population figures. This does not mean that the archdioceses and dioceses in question have been at a standstill, but simply indicates that no new census was taken during the unsettled conditions brought about by the great world war. In fact, it is pointed out that some of the most important archdioceses have not changed their figures in quite a number of years.

The Catholic population figures are not therefore, as Protestant statisticians sometimes intimate, over-estimated or exaggerated, but on the contrary, according to Joseph H. Meier, who has compiled the directory for the past fourteen years, the figure 17,549,324 is very conservative, and if the "floating" Catholic population could be recorded and if it had been possible for every diocese in the country to take

a new census, the Catholic population figure would be over 19,500,000. During the last twenty-five years the church in this country has made giant strides as is evidenced by comparing the figures in former directories. Tracing back the population figure twenty-five years it is shown that the increase in the number of Catholics in the United States during the past quarter of a century has amounted to 8,471,459.

Adding to the figure 17,549,324, which is the Catholic population of the United States proper, the number of Catholics in Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the United States possessions in Samoa, the Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and in the Philippines, it develops that there are 26,332,650 Catholics under the protection of the United States flag. The usual table of statistics appears in the Kenedy publication, and according to the general summary of the 1919 issue there are now 20,588 Catholic priests in the United States. Of these, 15,052 are secular clergymen and 5,536 are priests of religious orders. Other figures taken from the copyrighted summary are as follows: Archbishops, 14; bishops, 97; churches with resident priests, 10,469; missions with churches, 5,637; seminaries, 110; seminarians, 7,865; parishes with schools, 5,788; children attending parochial schools, 1,433,509; orphan asylums, 294; orphans, 46,069; homes for aged, 116; colleges for boys, 216; academies for girls, 674.

Special attention is called to the pictorial section in the 1919 issue. The compilers have secured and published likenesses of all the archbishops and bishops who were appointed to American sees up to a few weeks ago. The pictorial section consists of thirty-two pages, an unusually large number. Another feature of the 1919 edition is the complete list of army and navy chaplains, which takes up six pages in the Kenedy publication. The 762 secular clergy and the 264 members of religious orders who were serving under the stars and stripes, are listed in the army and navy section.

According to the new issue of "Kenedy's Official Directory" twenty-eight States have a Catholic population of 100,000 or over, the twenty-eight "Banner" States being as follows:

New York	3,089,266
Pennsylvania	1,867,000
Illinois	1,481,789
Massachusetts	1,406,845
Ohio	866,715
New Jersey	746,879
Michigan	631,508
Louisiana	518,869
Wisconsin	592,233
California	589,000
Missouri	528,692
Minnesota	483,494
Connecticut	523,795
Texas	465,389
Maryland	378,406
(Including District of Columbia)	
Indiana	275,914
Rhode Island	275,000
Iowa	265,500
Kentucky	178,296
Maine	152,635
New Mexico	151,573
New Hampshire	132,869
Kansas	132,210
Nebraska	129,279
Colorado	113,638
North Dakota	105,871
Washington	105,836
Montana	103,850

FIELD MASSES.

Decoration day was solemnly observed at the Catholic cemeteries of the Chicago archdiocese. Arrangements had been made to have the holy sacrifice of the mass celebrated in the open at the various cemeteries. A field mass was said at Calvary cemetery on Decoration day morning at 10 o'clock and a similar service took place at both Mount Carmel and Mount Olivet cemeteries at 11 o'clock.

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