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THE LOUVAIN LIBRARY

Contributions to the fund for the restoration of the library of Louvain in Belgium is one of the bits of unselfish generosity which will appeal with renewed interest to Americans as the result of the Cardinal Mercier's visit to this country.

The restoration of this library is one of the projects dear to the heart of the brave Belgian priest, and it offers to his friends and admirers in America an opportunity for a concrete expression of their feelings toward him and the heroic country which he represents.

It would be impossible to give in any brief space a list of any appreciable part of the treasures which fell under the German torch. It is estimated that at the time the library was burned in 1914 it contained some 200,000 volumes, the result of five centuries of painstaking collection, including rare documents and ancient records many of which can never be replaced.

The destruction of this precious collection, among the most valuable in the world, was one of the most outrageous acts of the German hordes, and aroused in every decent breast an indignation which will never subside. It is the determination of the civilized world that so far as possible the library shall be restored. The appeal of the American committee having the matter in charge is for \$500,000. It goes without saying that the response will be prompt and generous, and the amount oversubscribed.

The official repository for the fund is J. P. Morgan and Co., New York.

PERSONAL SPENDING AND HIGH PRICES

A few more words from the wise about high prices have come to the public from the director of savings of the Treasury department, William Mather Lewis. Mr. Lewis agrees that federal action of some sort is necessary to control the soaring prices which are making life difficult for the people in general, but he also thinks that direct personal effort is necessary in the case of every individual if any lasting check is to be put upon profiteering. Until men learn to budget their own incomes and control their personal spendings no amount of law-making will do very much good.

"The average American citizen has got to get into the habit of taking a personal inventory," says Mr. Lewis, "of studying the leaks in his own financial system, of policing his own pocket book before the high cost situation will be materially bettered."

"The profiteer's slogan is 'easy money.' The profiteer fattens today because easy money is universal in America, because extravagance is habitual, because men are willing to deal in glittering generalities and stubbornly unwilling to face the matter personally."

Without doubt, Mr. Lewis is correct in his ideas. No amount of legislating will help the waster. No amount of figuring will help the man who habitually spends without figuring. This being so, the hints given by the director of savings are worth the individual attention and practice of every citizen who reads them.

"Stake out the uses of your salary, and stick by it for a few weeks. Then make up your mind to buy carefully, and insist upon a dollar's worth for every dollar you give a merchant. Get up the nerve to refuse to buy when the price is exorbitant or the article inferior. If you do these things you will immediately reduce the high cost of living in your own individual case, and contribute materially to a general reduction in prices."

A miners' strike would certainly add fuel to the public discontent.

365 DAYS A YEAR ROADS

"Out of 2 1-2 millions of miles of roads in the United States, we have less than 200,000 miles of such highways which we can really call 'roads'—by that I mean roads which one can travel on 365 days out of the year without getting stuck in the mud." This statement is credited to H. G. Shirley, secretary-treasurer of the Federal Highway Council, addressing a highway association convention in Minnesota.

The national council is planning a backbone of national highways to which state and local highway systems may be joined. Such a system should open to the farmer three or four markets for his produce instead of a single city market. As Mr. Shirley points out, a system of all-the-year-round roads which can be travelled over with speed and safety in any season looms up as more and more necessary. It would be a great boon in case of a serious freight tie-up.

As to the particular kind of construction to be employed, the federal council is in favor of anything that is good. Different sorts of road construction are suited to different parts of the country. But in every section roads should be built with an eye to future needs as well as present. Roads constructed only a few years ago in the east were made four and six inches thick. That was believed strong enough for any possible strain. It is already an old story how those roads have gone to pieces under the strain of motor truck traffic.

Roads mean so many things in national life. They are

important factors in education, communication, distribution, recreation. It is every citizen's duty to take an active and positive interest in good roads in his community, and to be foresighted and broad minded enough to extend his interest from the road which goes past his door to the roads which pass the doors of the rest of the nation.

An additional toll is to be charged for ships passing through the Panama canal. The ultimate consumer has not yet heard what commodity this will raise the price of, but he is already recasting the budget to meet the raise.

The little striped chipmunk is the last of the furry tribe to yield up his pelt to satisfy the demand of vain woman for furs. If this keeps on, not even a bald-headed man will be safe.

All these prohibition referendums and protests are little better than postmortems over John Barleycorn. They accomplish nothing worth while. Why not let dead booze alone?

Well, the war is over in France, anyway. When are we going to have peace in America?

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It's the flag of a resolute nation
It's the flag of the brave and the free
You are cherished by true-hearted millions
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Three proud floating emblems of glory,
Our guide in the coming of time:
The red, white, and blue in their beauty,
Love gives them a meaning sublime.

The red is the deep crimson lifestream
Which flowed on the battle's plain
Redeeming our land of oppression,
And leaving no servile stain.

The white is the proud people's honor,
Kept spotless and clear as light;
A pledge of unflinching justice,
A symbol of truth and right.

The blue is our nation's endurance,
And points to the blue above;
The limitless, measureless azure,
A type of our father's love.

The stars are God's witnesses of blessings,
And smile at the oppressor's frown.
They speak and gleam in their splendor;
Bright gems in the world's great crown.
—Mrs. Ella A. Hart, Albany, Ore.

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According to the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, the Roosevelt Memorial Fund of \$5,000,000.00 is to be utilized to erect a National Monument in Washington, D. C.; to acquire and maintain a public park at Oyster Bay, N. Y., and ultimately to include Sagamore Hill, the Roosevelt home, therein, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield; and to endow a National Society to perpetuate the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A certificate will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

The name of every contributor will be placed on the list of names deposited in the National Monument to be erected at Washington, D. C.

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