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Welcomed.

Archbishop Bonzano, successor to Cardinal Satolli, Martinelli and Falconio as apostolic delegate to the United States arrived in this country from Rome last week and has been accorded fitting welcome and greeting by the hierarchy of the country. Cardinal Farley, as was proper, being the prelate who presides over the diocese of New York, where the delegate landed, met him first, accompanied by the Bishops of the New York province, including our own Rt. Rev. Bishop. Prominent Catholic laymen from all parts of the country also joined in the welcome.

It is apparent that the Holy Father and the Vatican appreciate fully the wonderful growth of the Church in America. It is also apparent that American leaders, of all shades and no shade of religion, are coming to understand the great part played by the Church in upholding the traditions and ancient institutions in this Republic. They see that the appointment of a permanent representative of the Holy Father in this country means much to the entire community, also that it does not signify, in any sense, a union of Church and State but only emphasizes the importance of the work of the Church among its own members.

It is a source of gratification that the feeling of hostility displayed when the first permanent apostolic delegate was appointed is passing away. Please God, it will never reappear in the circles of thinking and understanding men. Demagogues and blatant bigots we will always see and hear but they will do no lasting damage.

Farcical.

Whatever the merits or demerits of direct primaries may be, it is evident that the results of the presidential primaries in Illinois and Massachusetts demonstrate the need of a revision of the plan as at present in vogue.

When the party voters of a State indicate that they prefer one man for a presidential candidate and then elect delegates pledged to his opponent, there is something radically wrong with the system.

Not Satisfying

While the investigation conducted by Senator Smith and his colleagues of the Senate committee into the Titanic disaster seems to have been searching and thorough it cannot be said that it has resulted in anything satisfying. The Ismay mystery has not been cleared up. It has not been shown conclusively that the Titanic's water tight compartments did or did not work satisfactorily. It has been shown that Captain Smith did take part in a big dinner the night the boat struck but that does not show he was culpably negligent. There were other officers on the boat to take charge during the necessary absence of the captain.

The evidence leaves a doubt whether the Titanic was travel-

ing at too high a rate of speed when struck. It is alleged that the big boat could not travel at a comparatively low rate of speed and be managed satisfactorily. It is also a matter of speculation as to just how and where the boat was struck.

One thing does stand out clearly, however.—The wireless system was not operated in the interest of the general public. Evidently wireless operators should be men of knowledge and experience.—It is also plain that big boats should carry three operators, one for each eight hour shift. In times of peril, no man can remain on duty for twenty four hours and longer. Wireless telegraphy needs supervision and all possible control by the Federal Government.

Bearing Fruit

Persuasion of the secular papers, all over the country, is demonstrating that the campaign of publicity conducted by the International Truth Society, the Catholic Federation, the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., and other fraternal societies, and by individual organizations, designed to spread abroad truth about things Catholic and to refute errors and ignorant statements is bearing fruit.

Much more space is accorded to Catholic matters by press associations and by secular papers generally. For this much, let us give thanks.

The baseball season is once more with us and at home.

That spring is really come again is evident by the May parties and exodus from the city to country of campers and tenters.

Bishop Hickey paid a warm tribute, in his sermon in Ogdensburg last week to his old classmate, Bishop Conroy.

Major Archibald Butt died, as he lived, a courageous, high-minded American gentleman.

Remember that the month of May is especially dedicated to our Blessed Mother, and practise some devotion in her honor.

Why will young Catholic women persist in permitting themselves to be designated as "Mae" instead of by the honored name of "Mary?"

Now comes the day of the sprinkling wagon, also the day of dodging the too enthusiastic driver when he floods the street instead of laying the dust.

Every Catholic parish needs its own parish library. Most of the parishes in Rochester are so equipped and the others soon will be.

Well, Rochester seems destined to have an art library or museum no matter how the Rundel will contest comes out.

Good reading is a necessity in every home. And a Catholic paper is a fine way to provide good reading for your children. Ever try it?

Now that the vacation search is near at hand, it is well to pick out a location where there is a Catholic Church near at hand. You are not dispensed from assisting at Mass, even when upon a vacation trip.

Instead of dying down, the verbal battle between the President and his immediate predecessor waxes hotter. It is not an edifying spectacle for the citizens of this country. Moreover, it furnishes plenty of material for our foreign critics.

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