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Legislature

Whether the legislative session of 1922 was the shortest or longest on record is of little moment to the taxpayers of the state. The question is: was the session a good or bad one from the viewpoint of good legislation enacted and the volume of proposed bad or vicious legislation that was killed.

It is early yet to judge accurately as to the accomplishments of the Legislature of 1922. Probably, it has considered more big legislative propositions than any Legislature in a decade. Until the full list of 30-day bills are printed and in hand, it is impossible to list which of these were passed or what final form they took, or to state which legislative propositions were killed or shelved until the legislative session of 1923.

That Governor Miller is the real state executive cannot be disputed. He has dominated the situation since last January. The Governor is more than the state executive. He is the leader of his party in New York State and that fact has made the legislature responsive to his wishes. The legislative programme of 1922 was a Miller programme and the major share of the credit or otherwise of the accomplishments of 1922 should and will go to Nathan L. Miller.

One legislative act of 1922 is of great interest to the Catholics of Rochester. Senator Whitley introduced, the Legislature passed and Governor Miller has signed a special charter for the Aquinas Institute, destined to be our Catholic institution for higher education for the laity, in addition to St. Andrews and St. Bernard's Seminaries for the education of students for the Catholic priesthood. This is a great forward step in our behalf and we may now begin to look forward to a Catholic College or University in Rochester so that we may give to our Catholic boys and girls, right here in our own city, a complete education in the higher branches, in a Catholic institution surrounded by all the safeguards of the Catholic parochial school.

This is a source of great gratification to us and we may well list the legislative session of 1922 with a red mark in our calendars.

Admiral Charles R. Barnes should be able to guide the good ship No. 178, Rochester, into the haven of a new harbor and home.

George C. Donahue, Harry B. Crowley and John J. McInerney are a trio of busy automobilists these days.

Bishop Hickey saw Governor Miller sign the special charter bill for Aquinas Institute. The Governor should appreciate the benefits and advantages of a Catholic educational institution—at least Mrs. Miller knows full well.

St. Mary's Hospital will now take its rightful place in point of importance thanks to the generous

Complete The Record

D. J. Ryan, Director of the Bureau of Historical Records of the National Catholic War Council urges prompt co-operation from Rochester in the Bureau's task of collecting records of the Catholic work accomplished during the war and, particularly, the survey of Catholic men who were in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. He writes thus specifically to the Catholic Journal regarding the records from the Diocese of Rochester:—

Fifty-one parishes have sent in at least partial lists of men who were in the service during the War. Over seventy have not favored this collection with a roster of the parish service men or their War Time Parish Honor Roll.

Less than 3,000 names are on file to the credit of the Diocese, whereas, there should be at least 8,486, since 4.8 per cent of the population of the State of New York was under arms during the War, and the Catholic population of the Diocese at the time of the War, was 173,903.

Let Rochester have its full share in the National Record!

True Words

Writing about Pope Pius XI, "Columbia" says:—Achille Ratti, the son of the weaver of Desio, is now the spiritual father of mankind. In the scarcity of official news from Rome following the death of the illustrious Benedict XV, until the announcement of the election of Pius XI, much speculation regarding the outcome of the election was printed—most of it hopelessly wide of the mark, drawing analogies between the election operations of the Sacred College and those of secular institutions subject to the play of politics rather than politics. But the Catholic world was unexcited. Catholics knew that in the end the hand of God would pick out the man to head the Holy See even as that hand picks out the men to head all seas. Cynicism has a sneer for what may be considered so disingenuous a creed; but if cynicism has little respect for faith, faith has no patience whatsoever with cynicism. For the person destitute of information regarding hierarchies and powers, the simple fact that a weaver's son may be elevated to the spiritual sovereignty of 800,000,000 souls is striking and positive proof of the noble democracy of the Holy Catholic Church.

More Patronage

The real African in the woodpile is concealed in the final paragraph of the following despatch:—

Chicago, March 17. —While she may not perfume the palms of her hands or rouge her bare knees, the rural flapper is as hard to handle as her city midten sister, Mrs. Stella Shepley declared today before the Illinois probation officers.

"The wave of delinquency that has gone over the country the last few years has, I believe, reached its crisis," Mrs. Shepley said. "It has been worse in the country than in the cities. Intelligent handling of the problem will minimize it. We want gold-medals young people more than we want gold-medal cattle and pigs."

"A juvenile protection officer for each county would aid in keeping 'em down on the farm'" she believed.

Parents have no responsibility and in their place should be substituted paid municipal, county, state and Federal protectors at nice snug salaries.

Rochesterians who had the good fortune to hear Father Fitzgerald's eloquent paenegyric on St. Patrick's Day hope the good Dominican will pay this city a return-visit ere long.

March is turning out a pretty decent sort of month.

Queer

One might expect to read the following editorial paragraph in an English or a Tory Canadian paper but not in a Rochester American daily, in discussing Lord Readings experiences as Viceroy of India:—

The Hindus had gathered under the leadership of Gandhi, a native lawyer and reformer, who represented the nationalistic aspirations for complete self-government. His doctrine was non-cooperation with the British government. There were numerous outbreaks. The Amritsar incident, when British troops fired on a demonstration of unarmed Hindus, killing 200 of them, added to the ferment, and India has been seething ever since.

These were the problems Reading has sent to India to solve. One of his first acts on reaching that country was to send for Gandhi and obtain his views. Unfortunately the Viceroy has failed to stem the rising tide of native discontent. The tour of the tactful Prince of Wales failed to pacify the seditious millions, and riots have attended his progress through India. If such an able statesman as the Earl of Reading could not induce Gandhi to see the error of his ways, it was high time that drastic steps should be taken to repress the rising seditious tide in India. Stern measures may be required to compel the native Indian leaders to learn that the speediest way to the attainment of the ultimate goal of home rule is by loyalty to the Empire.

Different

While the National Catholic Welfare Council heartily favored the programme of the Disarmament Conference in Washington, it has refused to join other organizations in a campaign to coerce United States senators into hurried or undiscussed ratification of the treaties negotiated as a result of the Conference. The reason therefore is set forth in an official statement to the effect that the Council believes the Senators know the sentiment of the country; that they are qualified to pass upon the treaties and that they should assume responsibility for their own actions.

The Malachy prophecies describe Pius XI as "Fides Intrepidus". It appears fitting. "Pius XI. Dauntless Faith!"

The Ku Klux Klan appears to be showing its head again in the South. However, as a money making institution is out of the running.

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Your innermost faults perceive.
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On Life's Eternal Tree.
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Entirely out of place,
Shunned by worldly pleasures,
No atonements to efface.
Like the dancing Sunbeams,
Watch by the Chancel rail,
With joy laden lilies,
He is coming without fail.
Through the silver clouds a rift,
The Rock has rolled away,
Immortalized and precious,
The Saviour's sinless Clay.
All through life imbued,
With manhood's crested stream,
The tempter's blandiloquence spurning,
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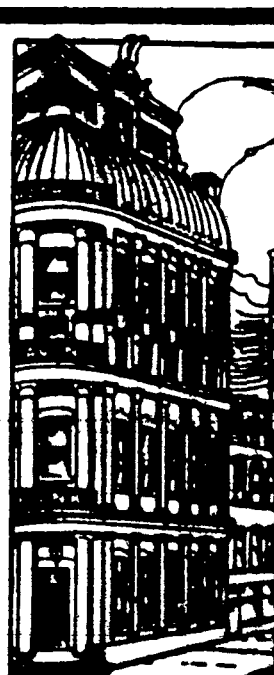
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