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St. Anne de. Beupre

Thousands of Americans, not all of them Catholics, read with deep regret that the great basilica of St. Anne de Beupre near Quebec had been destroyed by fire.

A local secular paper expresses the general sentiment as follows: "Many in this country will deplore the burning of the basilica at the shrine of St. Anne de Beupre."

The destruction of this shrine will also cause regret because it is the loss of something unique on this side of the world. Such shrines are not uncommon in Europe.

The great consolation in this loss is that the original church, small though it is and unpretentious, is saved, together with the supposed relics.

Who figured out that the new K. of C. club house would cost exactly \$555,555?

That Lent is observed more generally than ever, a visit to the noon-day Mass at St. Mary's will convince the most sceptical.

Monarchy and monarchs are fast governmental commodities in Europe—more the pity that there are any.

Rochester Plan

Visitors from the outside remark upon the superior intelligence displayed by Rochester's foreign-born population, in business life, in the courts, in the type of workers.

Undoubtedly, much of this is due to the attention given to our newly made citizens by the naturalization courts. The Chamber of Commerce in its Americanization work, and, especially in the welcome it gives annually to the new citizens.

Up in Monroe county at least one thing is done better than it is done down here at the mouth of the Hudson—or rather, they do up there one thing that we do not do at all down here, and it is as fine as well as a proper thing to do anywhere.

On Washington's birthday there was held in Rochester what might be called a municipal reception and welcome for everybody to whom full naturalization papers had been issued during the past year.

These ceremonies were conducted with something of solemnity, and Judge Frederick E. Crane of the Court of Appeals, who watched them, declares them to have been highly impressive.

To Be Watched

Whether one agrees with the following sentiments of the "Post Express", nevertheless the "one big union idea" should be watched:—Textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., have voted for a strike along "one big union" lines.

We want no Russian Soviet in the United States.

To be addressed as "Your Majesty" must have amused Nathan L. Miller.

Immigration problems plague the present national administration as they have others in the past.

Parent's Duty

In one of his recent Lenten sermons, Bishop Hickey summed up the Catholic plea for parental responsibility and Catholic education in the following sentences:

"Nature has fixed the power of parenthood in regard to their children, making father and mother their great protectors and defenders, to whom the children can turn in every need.

"For children, then, a very important school in life is the Christian home, where the teachers are father and mother. At a very early period in life, the child becomes susceptible to its environment, so much so that at times parents are startled by the power of the young child to assimilate and drink in what transpires in the home atmosphere.

"Again our children are entrusted to others for supplementary training of the mind in the school room where the integrity, sincerity and honesty of the teacher will naturally impress the young life more than anything else.

Facts

The Rochester Herald does public service in pointing out that Ireland will not suffer in educational facilities even if English rule is abolished.

And this is not all. The Herald goes on:—Ireland is well endowed with facilities for secondary and higher education of the youth of both sexes. In addition to the national secondary schools, the religious orders of the Catholic Church maintain their educational institutions.

Ireland also has in Trinity College one of the world's famous universities, which has abolished all religious tests for scholarships and professorships.

All that Ireland needs for the development of its educational system is the liberal support of the new government, and one of the first demands made on the Irish exchequer will be for school funds.

The railroads say they cannot reduce rates because they need the money. That's what all the hold-up men say.

Let us hope the villainy "Shifters" have not wormed their way into Catholic schools and colleges.

Rotarians seem to like Rochester.



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