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BEST WISHES

While not quite the same as the elevation of one of our own American Prelates—say Archbishop Hanna, Archbishop Hayes or Archbishop Mundelein—the Catholics in the United States feel pardonable pride in the bestowal of the Cardinal's hat on Archbishop John Bonzano, who has served so well as Apostolic Delegate in Washington for several years.

It has come to be the rule that the delegate to the Catholic Church in the United States is raised to the cardinalial dignity. Cardinals Satolli and Falconio are instances of this rule.

Members of the Sacred College and officers of the several congregations at the Vatican, dealing with the questions that arise from time to time regarding the Church in the United States who have served as Apostolic Delegate here are familiar with the problems first hand and approach them with understanding.

Archbishop John Bonzano, who is not unknown to Rochester, is the latest incumbent to be raised to the Purple. This happy event dates from this week, when Pope Pius XI held his first Public Consistory.

The best wishes of the Hierarchy and the millions of Catholics in the United States go out to Cardinal Bonzano in his new and deserved honors and their prayer is that he may live long to serve God and Holy Mother Church in his new capacity.

DECAYING Is it possible that the United States, is to follow France as a decadent nation due to the low birth rate especially among the higher and most educated classes? The problem appears serious enough to engage the attention of sociologists and welfare organizations. Rev. T. J. Livingstone, S. J. of Holy Family Church, Chicago, delivered one of the most striking pronouncements during the last week. He cited the small number of children in the families of Harvard and Bryn Mawr graduates, as typical of conditions among the graduates of the larger and older men's and women's universities.

There are only 195 sons among 328 graduates of Harvard," said the Jesuit speaker, "and the daughters of 1,198 graduates of Bryn Mawr number only 393. There is need of a better race through a higher birth rate among the well educated, otherwise there will be an explosion because of our attempt to carry on an ever increasing government in size and complexity, and a civilization making more instead of less demands for efficient leadership."

Another to sound the warning was Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, founder of the juvenile court. Out of 39,000 marriages in 1911, said Judge Lindsey, "there were last year 15,000 actual divorces and perhaps thousands of

other separations that were handled by the courts.

"If the youth of today were educated to the problems of married life and encouraged to marry young and have families, marriage would be more stable and lasting."

In order to encourage marriage and preserve married life, the Garrett Biblical Institute, one of the largest Protestant educational institutions for the church in the west, is building an apartment building for married students where they may live and keep house on a co-operative basis, where living cost will be reduced to a minimum.

FUEL

The Buffalo "Express" tersely and pointedly calls attention to what appears to many of us to be a weak point in the scheme of state and local fuel administration and distribution. There is a moderate supply of hard coal for every household, every business and every public institution. It should be possible to get it. He should be allowed, of course, to burn soft coal or briquettes, or pea coal or coke along with his hard coal, but, while the sky's the limit on the price of substitutes, the householder should not be compelled to take substitutes along with his allowance of hard coal. The mistake that has been made is not in the householders' reluctance to use substitutes, but the state's failure to control the prices and distribution of substitutes, while the price and distribution of hard coal are effectively guarded—in fact, so effectively guarded that many folks have no coal.

NOT SO QUEER

Says the Chicago "Tribune": "Isn't it queer that some men, honest, respected, capable of wide influence in public affairs, will hold aloof from taking a part in routine politics, will stay away from primaries, will neglect public hearings, will refuse public office, will be simply apathetically critical until they are stirred up by some specific condition that rouses their wrath and apprehension? Then they will go to secret meetings, subscribe to a secret compact, don a rigging of mask and shroud, aid and abet in general disturbance of legal processes, and behave in a manner totally at variance with what ought to be expected from people of their sort."

Perhaps not so queer after all. Just ask one Nathan L. Miller what he thinks about serving the public, as he thought, wholeheartedly and with the end and aim of conserving the public welfare.

If Senator Norris and his colleagues have their way and the President and Vice-President are elected by popular vote of the country at large instead of by states as now, the foreign born voters of New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Cleveland, San Francisco and New Orleans, will have almost a deciding voice in the selection of the Chief Executive of this republic.

Buffalo Holy Name Societies have a monthly "breakfast" at each of which a well known speaker discussed a public problem of Catholic interest.

Rev. Clinton Wunder we understand, has not received from Rev. Fowler the list of "two hundred of Rochester's prominent business and professional leaders" who have affiliated as charter members of the local branch of the Klu Klux Klan.

Monsignor Fumasoni-Biondi, fifth Apostolic Delegate to the United States, was born in 1872 and is titular Archbishop of Diocletia, Epirus. He served as Apostolic Delegate to the East Indies and Japan.

Representative Julius Kahn of California, voiced the inward sentiments of many an American when he made this reply to M. Georges Clemenceau's appeal for the United States to join hands with France to repel possible German aggression: "American mothers will not send their boys to fight for France while French mothers will not raise boys to defend their own country."

Says the Catholic Universe

There is a clinging to the family hearthstone in other lands which is almost unknown in our country. In the home one generation has dwelt after another. It represents not only a shelter but carries with it the traditions of an ancestry. The present generation of Americans is born in a maternity hospital, is reared in an efficient apartment building, in a kindergarten, in a gymnasium, in a school, in a park. There is no place for the home.

A Catholic paper in the Herald during 1923 would be a sensible New Year's gift.

Monsignor Curran's many friends were in evidence at the funeral last week despite the worst storm of the season.

Let us hope that we have seen the last of wild New Year's Eve revels.

Rochester's industrial and financial institutions appear to be in healthy condition this New Year's.

Former Senator George F. A. Senginger should be a success as a banker.

This singer is a whole quartet. Let a few specialists are greatly interested in a man singer who is said to have a most unusual voice. The young man's name is Seattle Mackay and he is employed as a janitor at a bank in Thruway street. While Sir James Dunlop Grant listened he sang in a tenor voice, a baritone, a falsetto and at last in a double voice, baritone and tenor simultaneously.

Although the two voices could be heard distinctly, the tenor voice predominated, and Sir James remarked that if Mr. Mackay could harmonize with the two and render the baritone with the same clarity and volume as the tenor the result would be startling.

The examination of Mr. Mackay's larynx showed that it was quite normal, and he said it did not strain him to use both voices at once.

"Roosevelt's Religion." President Roosevelt writes Ethel an interesting account of a "rescue." Sloan, the secret service man, and he were en route to church when he saw two dogs chasing a kitten. He drove the dogs off with his cane while Sloan captured the "kitty." Then the President inquired from the smiling spectators if the cat belonged to them, but not finding an owner, he went down the block with the kitten in his arms until he saw "a very nice colored woman with a little girl looking out the window of a small house" and gave her the kitten. Then, straightening his clothes and brushing his silk hat, he went on to church in a better frame to "worship."—"From 'Roosevelt's Religion,' by C. F. Reiser.

Study of Dreams. Much valuable information as to the mental makeup of a child could be obtained from a study of his dreams. Dr. O. W. Kimmins, an English savant, recently declared during a discussion on psycho-analysis and education at a meeting of the British association at Hull. It would be interesting, he suggested, to hear from psychologists to what extent children's dreams could be used for school purposes. Doctor Kimmins emphasized the danger of extravagant hopes in regard to the use of psycho-analysis for educational purposes, which might lead to an infinite amount of harm.

Natural Pipe Line. In the city of Bath, Maine, while workmen were busy recently quarrying out stone for a stone crusher, they uncovered, at a depth of about 20 feet from the surface a water conduit about three feet wide and two feet high. This conduit is in the solid ledge, has been opened up for a distance of 200 feet and is of uniform diameter the entire way. The four sides are corrugated deeply, showing that at some time water ran through it at great pressure. Many people have visited the interesting spot, as very few have ever before seen one of nature's pipe lines, exposed.—Scientific American.

SHE WANTED "CHOIR SINGER"

At Least That is What Woman Asked for, but She Was Slightly Mixed.

While a squad of police in the charge of Sergeant Edward Helm was searching the home of a negro for "white mule" whiskey several days ago, a knock was heard at the door. When the door was opened, Sergeant Helm found a colored woman waiting. "I'm lookin' for a choir singer," the woman said. "What do you mean—choir singer?" the sergeant asked. "Nobody living in this house goes to church." "Oh, you know what I want—a choir singer," the woman exclaimed. "I've got a corn that needs attention immediately. A choir singer is what I'm looking for." "You mean a chiropodist, don't you?" Sergeant Helm asked and the woman, smiling broadly, nodded her head. Sergeant Helm pointed the way and the woman left in search of relief for her corn. (Tribune News.)

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