

### OLD QUEBEC CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

Historic Notre Dame, Valued at \$1,000,000, Believed Ignited by Incendiaries

### PRICELESS RECORDS LOST

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the historic \$1,000,000 Notre Dame Church early today.

The fire is believed to have been caused by an incendiary, according to Daniel Lorrain, chief of the provincial police, who said he had received a letter informing him that the edifice would be burned on December 28. First report said it was believed the blaze was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring.

Notre Dame was considered one of the finest and most artistic church buildings in Canada and the interior had been repaired recently at a cost of \$20,000. The loss was said to be covered by insurance.

A messenger boy turned in the alarm when he noticed smoke issuing from the edifice. Firemen were unable for a time to locate the seat of the blaze, so dense was the smoke inside the building. Later it was found the flames had started between the ceiling and the roof. Heroic efforts made to save the sacred vessels were unavailing.

The rotatory adjoining the church also was destroyed. The secondary buildings were threatened when the fire was at its height and the students were ordered out.

The flames leaped the narrow street separating the church buildings from the business section of old Quebec and caused slight damage to the offices of the Telegram and the Chronicle, the English newspapers. Other establishments suffered locally from smoke and water.

Monsieur Ladame, cure of Notre Dame, said that the art treasures and documents, dating back to 1674, which the church held among its greatest possessions, had been destroyed. Famous sacred paintings by Van Dyke and Lebrun were lost.

The church, known as the French Basilica, was located on the opposite side of the square from the former site of the Jesuits' college, and was first established in 1647. The first mass was said on Christmas Day in 1659, but it was not until 1690 that the church was consecrated by the first bishop of Quebec, Monsignor De Laval. It underwent a restoration in 1745 and since that date had been altered and renewed a number of times.

Within the last few months, no less than eight churches have been burned in the province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

Of these, probably the most famous was St. Anne de Beaupre, situated on the St. Lawrence River about twenty miles from Quebec, and which was visited annually by approximately 200,000 pilgrims, seeking to find relief from physical ills. The cathedral, monastery and sacristy were destroyed, leaving only the old chapel which housed the shrine before the church was burned. The church was burned on March 20 last. The cathedral in Quebec, an imposing structure, also was burned this year. In Montreal, the historic Notre Dame convent was burned on April 10 last, and five days previous the church of the Sacred Heart. Attempts were made to burn St. Vincent de Paul's refuge and the Deaf and Dumb Institute, both operated by Catholic nuns.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Worshippers in St. John's Catholic Church today discovered fire in the basement and after the alarm had been sounded fought the blaze for two hours with more than the shell of the edifice left.

U. S. Mission Reaches Brazil—Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—The American naval mission to Brazil, headed by Rear Admiral Vogorasant, arrived here yesterday.

### OIL MAN SHOT DEAD

Louisiana Superintendent Killed From Ambush in Mexico  
Tampico, Mex., Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Emilio Arnesten, formerly of Shreveport, La., assistant pipe line superintendent of the Mexican Gulf Oil Company, was shot and killed from ambush yesterday on the road between Toluca and Zacamiatle, State of Vera Cruz, it was learned today.

Arnesten, who was more generally known as Eddie Anderson, is a native

of Norway, but lived in the United States for many years. Although he is not thought to be a citizen of the United States, the American consul was notified.

"U. S. STREET" FOR SANTIAGO  
Santiago, Chile, Dec. 22.—The Mayor of Santiago has decided shortly to name the street in front of the American Embassy "United States Street." His action is in recognition of the aid rendered Chile by the American Navy during the recent earthquake disaster.

### HELD FOR STEHLIN MURDER

Police Arrest Walter Moline in Belvidere, N. J., Hotel Room  
Belvidere, N. J., Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Walter Moline, wanted for the killing of Patrolman Rush Stehlin, at Easton, Pa., December 14, was arrested here this morning in his room at a local hotel.

Moline was recognized by Jack Madden, hotel bartender, who summoned police. When arrested Moline had a gun under his pillow, according to the police.

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