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Merry Christmas

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Very Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, Brother of Bishop O'Hern, Dies in Washington, D. C.

Rector of Apostolic Mission House at Catholic University, Executive Secretary of Catholic Chaplains During World War, Editor and Zealous Priest, Succumbs to Heart Disease

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE, CARDINAL AND DISTINGUISHED PRELATES HONOR HIM

The Very Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, D.D., rector of the Apostolic Mission House of the Catholic University of America, at Washington, D. C., and a brother of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, died last Friday in Washington after an illness of one month with heart disease. Bishop O'Hern and his two sisters, the Misses Helen and Gertrude O'Hern of Rochester, were with Father O'Hern when he died. A true priest, and sincere, he faced death with hope and faith in the goodness and mercy of the God he had served so faithfully and devotedly his entire life. His death closed a career that had been fruitful in good works, noble accomplishments and rich results for religion and for God, and he leaves a memory that is a blessing and benediction to all who knew him in life.

A Pontifical Mass of requiem, with Bishop O'Hern officiating, was celebrated for Father O'Hern in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, on Saturday morning, after which the body was taken to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, the church of the Paulist Fathers in New York City, where his funeral was held on Monday morning. Interment was made in the crypt in the church, where deceased members of the Paulist Congregation are buried.

Sketch of His Life
Father O'Hern was born in Olean, N. Y., on June 12, 1876. His early education was received in the schools in that village. Then he left to enter the Congregation of St. Paul the Apostle. He was ordained a priest in 1903. He went then to Rome, where he took a post-graduate course and returned to the United States with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For several years he was in the mission field in the South, and later conducted a number of mis-

sions in various cities throughout the country. Called to the Paulist Novitiate and Seminary in Washington, Father O'Hern served some time as professor of canon law. Nine years ago he was made rector of the Apostolic Mission House, caring for priests who desisted by post-graduate work to prepare themselves for special work in preaching missions. He was editor of The Missionary, a widely known monthly magazine.

In Charge of U. S. Chaplains
For many years and up to the beginning of the war, Father O'Hern was in charge of the Catholic chaplains in the army and navy. On the appointment of Cardinal Hayes as Ordinary for the Army and Navy, Father O'Hern became his executive secretary in Washington.

Frequent visits to Rochester were made by Father O'Hern. Each year he celebrated midnight Mass on Christmas in the chapel of the Sis-

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Hail Mary, Full of Grace!



The Mother of the Christ-Child

Louvain University Wins Fight to Abolish "Fury" Inscription

Court of Appeals Decides That American Architect Has No Right to Compel Use of War Legend on Library Building Erected Through American Generosity—Will Appeal Case

RECTOR OF LOUVAIN OBJECTED TO USE OF WORDS REFLECTING ON THE GERMANS

Brussels, Dec. 19.—The Court of Appeals of Belgium on Monday reversed the decision of the lower tribunal which ordered the "German fury" inscription to be placed on the Louvain Library balustrade.

In its verdict Monday the Court of Appeals denied the demand of Whitney Warren, American architect, and ordered him to pay the costs of the hearings, both in Brussels and Louvain.

Law Misinterpreted
The Louvain tribunal which had upheld Mr. Warren based its pronouncement on the Belgian law protecting an architect's plans, contending that the inscribed balustrade recalling the destruction of the original library of Louvain by the German invaders was an integral part of his design. The upper court decided that the law in question, which was intended only to protect an architect from the pirating of his designs, but in no wise was intended to permit an architect to enforce each detail of his design upon the owner of a building. The owner may modify the plans as he desires in the course of construction, the court held.

The University of Louvain, as the established legal proprietor, is competent to determine whether an inscription shall or shall not be put in place, according to the verdict.

Threatens Further Action
—New York, Dec. 15.—Architect Whitney Warren of this city declined to comment on the verdict of the Court of Appeals of Belgium, other than to say that he would continue his efforts "to see that Cardinal Mercier's wishes are carried out through the higher courts."

The inscription that has caused such a furor is in Latin. Translated, it reads: "Destroyed by Teutonic Fury; Rebuilt by American Generosity."

Selected to embody thought expressed by the late Cardinal Mercier, the six Latin words, which created so much sensation and controversy, later interpreted by the court as the official motto of the University of Louvain.

Nevertheless, the inscription, wrought in stone and mounted on the balustrade of the main facade, became the storm-point of a dispute which culminated in the destruction of another and "false" balustrade, without any motto at all, and the court action taken by Mr. Warren Whitney following the dedication of the library on July 4, 1928.

Says Cardinal Favored It
Mr. Whitney insists that the late Cardinal Mercier favored the inscription, and that he followed the wishes and instructions of the Cardinal. By virtue of what he declares to have been Cardinal Mercier's wish and of the right of an artist to carry out and see his work preserved, the author takes issue through the higher courts.

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Archb. Dowling Leaves Estate Of Small Value

Will of St. Paul Prelate, Filed for Probate, Shows That He Left Little of Value When He Died.

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—The total value of the estate left by Archbishop Austin Dowling of St. Paul who died November 29 and whose will was filed for probate, probably will prove to be less than \$10,000, it is estimated by Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Welch, Bishop of Duluth, who is named as executor and sole legatee.

"Archbishop Dowling, never bought a bond, never made a personal investment for himself. He looked on money solely as an instrument for doing what good it might, and especially for furthering the work of the Church. So far as I can ascertain now the whole amount left consists of a checking account, his library and a few items of personal property, the total value of which will be under \$10,000," said Bishop Welch.

"The account, I hope, will cover the expenses of his last illness and burial and leave a few hundred dollars to be given to Sister Antonine of Providence, R. I., his sister, for bestowal on her order, the Sisters of Mercy. He more than once expressed the wish this might be done. The library already has been distributed largely among educational institutions of the diocese and the vestments and other personal belongings will be disposed of according to his expressed wishes."

The Archbishop Ireland Educational Fund, said Bishop Welch, is the beneficiary of a modest life insurance policy carried by the late archbishop.

Hollywood Has Taken Maureen To Its Heart

LOS ANGELES—Ireland has given a new star to Hollywood. Maureen O'Sullivan, brought to this country by John McCormack, to play in his first talking picture, made such an impression that a number of Hollywood promoters sought her service. She has since starred in pictures with other topnotchers. Now she is reported to be one of Hollywood's highest paid performers.



MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN

John J. Raskob, Jr., Quietly Married In Massachusetts

North Chelmsford, Mass., Dec. 19.—John J. Raskob, Jr., aged 29, and Miss Minerva Aronson, aged 23, of New Haven, Conn., were married here last Friday. Raskob is the son of the chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The ceremony was quietly performed in the rectory of St. John's Catholic Church by the Rev. Joseph A. Curt in the presence of only a dozen witnesses. Among those present were the groom's parents and his bride's widowed mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Aronson. Immediately after the wedding the party left for Boston by train with the couple's honeymoon destination unannounced. Young Raskob did impart the news to a friend that they were "going West." The bride is a Jewish girl, but there are persistent rumors that she has been baptized in the Catholic Church.

Anti-Religious Parades Will Be Held by Children In Russia on Christmas Day

No Cheerful Holly-Bedecked Windows Anywhere in the Land—Anti-Christmas Campaign Will be Artistic, Soviet Newspaper Says.

Moscow, Dec. 19.—Soviet Christmas preparations contrast strangely with those of other countries. Here there are no cheerful holly-bedecked show windows and "do your shopping early" signs. Instead there are meetings and newspaper articles and signs planning an "anti-Christmas" campaign, which this year, according to the Izvestia, will be "artistic," under the guidance of the art section of the Department of Education.

Propaganda in Schools
Actors from the State circuses—the pride of young and old alike—theatres and movies are organizing plays and shows—where, doubtless, Santa Claus will take the role of the leading villain and the hero will be a red-searfed Communist youth typifying Soviet ideas. In the schools the young children are catechized in the tenets of anti-religious doctrine and prepared for the demonstration on Christmas Day, when they will parade the streets carrying banners and effigies.

Placards in red clubs and articles in the newspapers warn the workers against the evil of drunkenness because the old Russian custom of liquid celebration on holidays has not been stamped out. Drinking is especially deplored because it causes absence from work. The propaganda against liquor is needed now because vodka is more plentiful than in the summer and autumn and can be had in almost any shop without standing in line. But the chief aim of the drive is "to supplant rows of ikons with bookshelves and holy candles with radio tubes."

Plan OGPU Anniversary Fete
Another celebration in preparation is the thirteenth anniversary of the Cheka, now the OGPU (secret police).

Bert Metzger Has Made Good With Notre Dame

CHICAGO—The smallest guard ever to win All-American honors, Bert Metzger is a Chicago boy who made good on the famous Notre Dame football team. When Knute Rockne remarked that he was a "pretty small" to be a linebacker Metzger is said to have replied, "Small but tough." His work in every game this season was sensational. Experts say that it was he who made it possible for many of the backfield players to make their sensational runs. This is Metzger's last year at Notre Dame.



BERT METZGER

Prison Camps Of The Soviets Full of Horror

London, Dec. 19.—Horror of disease and starvation in Soviet Russia's frigid Archangel timber camps were related here in a letter from Sir Hilton Young, a member of parliament, to Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald.

Sir Hilton, who said he obtained his information from three Russians who stowed away on a timber boat bound for England, was informed that the prime minister would investigate the revelations. The refugees charged that thousands were on the brink of starvation in the camps, with many dying daily after working 12 hours or longer a day with scanty rations, ragged clothing and poor housing.

Priest, Victim Of Leprosy, Goes Back to Colony

(Fides Service)
Dakar, West Africa, Dec. 19.—Father Wintz, O. S.S.P., unable to resist the call of the mission field, despite the lingering disease of leprosy which he had contracted, has returned from France to the Vicariate of Senegal, West Africa, where he will labor among the lepers of Desiderate.

Father Wintz is now 60 years of age and has labored 25 years in Senegal, West Africa. Working among the natives afflicted with leprosy, he contracted the disease, and in 1928 returned to France to be cured. He was unwilling, however, to be idle and accepted permission of his superiors to return to Africa. He is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, to which the Vicariate of Senegal is confided.

Noted Layman, Honored By Pope, Dies In Indiana

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 18.—Francis Joseph Reitz, a retired banker and philanthropist, prominent as a layman in the Roman Catholic Church, died here on Dec. 11 from heart disease and influenza. He was 89 years old.

Mr. Reitz received in 1925 the highest honor bestowed on a layman in the Church, the title of Commander of the Order of Pius IX. Among his beneficiaries were \$900,000 to establish a Catholic high school here, \$700,000 for the rehabilitation of an orphanage at Vincennes, Ind., and \$25,000 in the building fund of Evansville College, a Methodist institution. He started his career at the age of 12 as a bank messenger.