

Regent Theater Has Passion Play Superbly Filmed

Pictures Were Made In Freiburg, and They Feature Actors Who Have Grown Into the Life of the Play.

A beautifully artistic presentation of the Freiburg Passion Play depicting the life of Christ, the unusual offering at the Regent Theater, beginning Friday, February 20.

This presentation is among the early public showings of the picture in America. It has been given recently in Europe sufficiently long enough to develop into an outstanding success.

The players are reared and trained for their parts. They are simple residents of the community of Freiburg, simple country folk engaged in clock-making, wood-carving, locksmithing and similar pursuits, and who engage in the periodical presentations of the Passion Play as a vocational duty.

The Freiburg Passion Play, dating back through history as far as records exist in the connecting link between the early ages and the present. As early as the year 1167, Freiburg was selected as the spot in which to produce the Passion Play.

It was not until 35 years later that the Oberammergau Passion Play, now an institution of international celebrity, came to Freiburg as a model of perfection for having been scrupulously maintained in the epidemic that swept over Europe at that time.

Neither Freiburg nor Oberammergau are miles distant, has hitherto produced a motion picture to be shown in the United States. This picture is the first of its kind in the world.

A most interesting group of short subjects will complete the Regent program for this week.

On Monday

The management of the Regent Theater, has designated Monday evening as "Catholic Night." A special invitation is extended to all Catholics of the city, their families and friends, to visit the Regent on that evening and see the "Passion Play." This Freiburg edition of the play will be an excellent inspiration for the Catholics and their friends, and arrangements have been made to accommodate a large number of them.

Beloved Woman Passes The Age Of Ninety Years

Mrs. Mary Driscoll Dies at Home of Her Daughter, Mrs. Robert Gordon, on Lower Street—Sketch of Her Life.

The death of Mrs. Mary Driscoll, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Gordon, 31 Lower Street, was a great loss to many hearts. She attained the great age of 90 years and six months, and was a familiar figure for many years at the Church of St. Augustine in Hill Avenue, and always taking a lively interest in the life of the Church.

Mrs. Driscoll was born in Canada, but came to Rochester to make her home after the death of her husband, 42 years ago. On September third last, she celebrated her 90th birthday by holding a reception during the afternoon and evening, and many of her friends and acquaintances attended. She was honored by a visit from the Rev. Michael O'Brien, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church, and other clergy and religious of the city. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom survive her: Mr. John R. Driscoll, Mrs. Robert Gordon of Rochester, Mrs. Helen Carson of Buffalo, W. F. Driscoll of St. Paul, and J. H. Driscoll of Detroit. Two of her grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral of Mrs. Driscoll took place on Friday, February 13th, from St. Augustine's Church, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The Rev. Michael O'Brien celebrated the funeral Mass, and the Rev. John P. O'Brien, pastor of St. Thomas, officiated at the graveside. Rev. John P. O'Brien, pastor of St. Thomas, D. D., imparted the last sacrament to her.

Mrs. Driscoll was a devoted member of the Holy Trinity Church, and was a member of the Holy Trinity Convent.

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Pontiff Charges Italy With Failing to Enforce Terms of Lateran Treaty

Criticizes the Toleration of Immoral Newspapers, Evil Movie and Vaudeville Shows, and Promiscuous Proselyting in City of Rome.

Vatican City, Feb. 20.—Pope Pius XI, speaking on Monday to a delegation of priests who are Lenten preachers in the city of Rome, made sharp criticism of the Italian government for its failure to enforce the terms of the Lateran treaty in Rome. He accused the Government of violating the terms of the treaty by permitting the publication of immoral newspapers, the presentation of evil movie and vaudeville shows, the profanation of the Sabbath and promiscuous proselyting. He said the terms of the treaty provide that Rome must be maintained as a religious center, and that this cannot be done unless there is profound unity of thought and of soul.

Petition to Pope Presented The Lenten preachers, upon being received by the Pontiff, presented a petition to him, begging his help in combating the triple evil of immoral papers, evil movies and evil vaudeville shows. They said forgetfulness of Sunday observance was abated by the example of government institutions, and they asked the Pope to "defend the souls of our parishioners so satanically besieged and daily exposed to tremendous perils."

The Pope read the petition and launched into a vigorous condemnation of the priests' conclusions. Through "some high phenomenon of telepathy," he said, he had arrived at the same conclusions himself.

Deplores Proselyting The Pope said Protestant proselyting in Rome "does much damage to souls and is a menace to that which is most precious in the life of the people, the profound unity of thought and of soul which cannot be so successfully expressed as in religious unity."

He asked the priests to fight with all their might against these evils and to convey his protests and complaints to the faithful. He feels very strongly on these subjects, he said, "which sadden us in a manner which could not be more profound or more bitter."

"It is impossible," said the Pontiff, "to be too severe in condemning the immoral press, which is indecent and sacrilegious to an extreme degree. Similarly the motion shows" which are shown in the city are offensive to the morals of the boys and girls who frequent them.

Profaning the Sabbath "The profanation of the Sabbath as a day of rest is practiced on an extensive scale, following the example of organizations controlled by the government."

"An example of infractions of the third commandment," he said, "come often from men in high position, from the institutions of the state and from the Governor of Rome."

The Pope said that against these evils the parish priests have often protested in the past, as the Pope himself requested and protested but alas without obtaining the desired results. He with the utmost courage, however, will continue to raise his voice, he said, against all things which are contrary to Christian morals, with the right deriving from his duties as head of the Church.

Violates the Treaty The toleration of such evils is not only contrary to Christian doctrine, but is contrary also to the specific provisions of the Italian Government. Article 1 of the Lateran treaty states the Catholic religion is the only Italian State religion. The Italian Government bound itself to prevent all things which are contrary to Rome's sacred character, he declared.

"This was well written but it is shamefully contradicted by the facts," the Pope continued. "The priests cheered at this point but the Pope reproved them, saying it was a matter rather of weeping than of cheering because the subject was extremely painful."

Before imparting the apostolic benediction the Pope asked the Lenten preachers to raise their voice against such "scandalous" state of affairs, promising he would assist them by every means in his power.

Alfred E. Smith Swaps Experiences With The Fire Chief at Pinehurst, N. C.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 20.—Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York State, was down here last night, learning how to breathe the mountain air and fight fires where the ozone of the pines is prevalent.

Years ago, when you and I were young, Maggie, Al. Smith was a volunteer fireman in New York City. Like the proverbial fire horse, Al still feels the urge to answer the old call. So when the fire whistle sounded here the other morning, for a blaze before breakfast, Al jumped out of bed, shouted to his friend, William H. Todd, the New York ship builder, to join him, and hustled into his clothes. Mr. Todd was a good second, and they were soon at the firehouse.

The blaze was over-quick that you could fry an egg, but Al and Mr. Todd remained at the firehouse, where Al spent a half hour inspecting the apparatus, asking questions, and swapping experiences.

The former Governor showed the keenest interest in every detail of the plant. "Now take me to see what wakes you up at night," he requested. After seeing the up-to-date alarm system, he commented: "O. K. I see the only difference between Pinehurst and New York is that New York has a chief and his men. His visit delighted the chief and his men."

Only Four Charter Members Remain Alive In the Knights of Columbus After 49 Years New Haven, Feb. 20.—Only four charter members remain alive in the Knights of Columbus after 49 years. They are: William M. Geary, Patrick H. Carrigan, C. T. Driscoll and William Sellwood. These four first links in the great fraternal chain of Columbianism were expected to be present at the 50th anniversary of the institution of San Salvador Council, No. 1, Knights of Columbus, celebrated on February 21st. Geary and Carrigan were present; Driscoll and Sellwood were unable to attend.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in the time pastor of St. Casimir's Church in this city, Sunday this patriotic priest was elevated to the dignity of Domestic Prelate of the Pope, with the title of Monsignor, and it was a great event for his people and for himself.

People Honor Yonkers Pastor Made Monsignor Yonkers, Feb. 20.—That West Point Military Academy has a fine statue of General Kościuszko, the Polish Catholic hero who came here to help America fight for freedom, in the Revolutionary War, is largely due to the efforts of the Rt. Rev. Magr. Joseph C. Dworzak, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in this city. Sunday this patriotic priest was elevated to the dignity of Domestic Prelate of the Pope, with the title of Monsignor, and it was a great event for his people and for himself.

Catholic in Congress



PAUL H. MALONEY One of the new men in Congress is Paul H. Maloney, representative of the Second District of Louisiana. He is an able and eloquent man, and has been active for some years in public life in his home State.

CATHOLIC BOWLING LEAGUE

The Catholic Bowling League race goes merrily along and the standing of the teams shows but little change. The O. L. P. H. team, in sixth place last week, is tied this week with St. Ambrose for fourth place. St. Ignace still hangs to the top, but its safety margin is narrowing.

Table with columns: Team, W., L., P.C. listing bowling league standings.

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Cardinal Calls the Pope's Speech One of the Wonders Of The Entire Modern World

Says It Was Great Triumph For Science and Great Glory For Religion—Its Sympathetic Reception by Non-Catholics Appreciated.

New York, Feb. 20.—His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, head of the New York archdiocese, left for the South for his health on Monday this week, accompanied by George MacDonald, a marquis of the Papal Court. Before leaving, the Cardinal was interviewed on his impressions of the Radio speech by Pope Pius XI on Thursday of last week. "I thought the speech of the Holy Father over the radio last Thursday was one of the seven wonders of the modern world. I think it was a great triumph for science and a great glory for religion," Cardinal Hayes said.

Profound Non-Catholic Appreciation "One thought every Catholic heart appreciates is the sympathetic reception of the message on the part of so many who are not members of the Catholic Church."

A very striking incident of this was that I received word of a New York gentleman, not a Catholic, who had said "I believe that if God, Himself, had spoken over the radio last Thursday in that world-wide hook-up as did Pope Pius XI that He would have said to the children of men just what the Pope said."

"I felt that this highly spiritual tribute should reach the Holy Father. So I have communicated the incident to His Holiness. I wrote a letter to His Eminence, Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State at Vatican City, relating the incident and asking him to place my communication on the desk of the Sovereign Pontiff."

Cardinal Hayes said that, after all, when the successor of St. Peter consented to speak over the Radio in dedicating the new station "what he had in mind was to speak as near as like God would speak as human mind could know how."

On 150 American Stations The speech of Pope Pius was carried over more than 150 American broadcasting stations. Radio engineers estimated that the speech reached "every remote section of the globe." It was the first time in history that this had ever been done.

It is estimated that upward of 250 broadcast stations participated in this important program. In Germany a network planned to intercept it. Likewise in England, Australia, New Zealand, India, Africa and throughout Europe and Asia, ether networks of individual stations made plans to participate. It was, without doubt, the most gigantic broadcasting system ever assembled for one event.

Thousands of messages, cables, telegrams and letters flooded the Vatican City after the broadcast. The coming from all parts of the world, from non-Catholic and from Jew, as well as from Catholic.

He Was Nervous at First Before the broadcasting started, Pope Pius stood before the intricate machinery and looked on, and thoughtfully at the dials and numerous appliances. He bestowed a dubious look upon the gold-mounted microphone, and in stepping before it, he shyly squared his shoulders under his white papal vestments.

Senator Marconi he said, "Undoubtedly it is not the same as speaking to a people one can see and paint. This microphone makes me panic-stricken."

As the Pontiff began speaking his face relaxed and after a few moments his voice adjusted itself to natural tone. An occasional smile flitted across his lips; once or twice he glanced knowingly at Senator Marconi, as if to be assured that he was proving satisfactory.

Received with Reverence Newspaper accounts all over the world indicate that the speech of the Pope was received with reverence and great respect. In New York City, for instance, several thousand people, chiefly Italian, threw themselves upon their knees in the city street, blessed themselves and listened in rapture to the voice that came from various loud speakers installed in the streets.

Everywhere the broadcast was received in reverent silence. Men regretted their hats and in every crowd there were some who knelt for the final benediction regardless of the gaping onlookers or the motion picture cameras grinding busily. The silence of the crowds, their whispered conversations and their solemn manner bespoke the deep impression the Pontiff's words had made.

Similar scenes were enacted in other large cities, and people of all faiths listened in all places throughout America. In many Protestant churches Sunday the ministers preached on the Pope's talk.

Methodist Minister Praised "The world listened to one man last week not alone because he claimed to be the head of the Church, but primarily because he dealt with religion, a subject in which all mankind is interested," said the Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reiser, pastor of the Broadway Temple Methodist Church, Broadway and 174th Street, New York, in his sermon Sunday evening. "Two thousand people knelt in the street as they listened to the Pope," said one newspaper report. That shocked many Protestants; it should not, it was but a feeling of reverence, through this chosen man, for God, God-sure America, saturated with cheap egotism, think they betray strength and independence by falling to bow the knee in prayer. The Pope's message will awaken millions of sleeping souls to turn expectantly toward God, and they will not be disappointed."

Rabbi H. S. Goldstein of New York said: "The world has been thrilled with the Pope's Radio broadcast from the Vatican."

An Episcopal Minister The Rev. Dr. Robert Norwood, rector of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, Park Avenue and 151st Street, said:

"Your preacher does not know how you felt when you listened upon his Holiness, but he is frank to confess to you that he was overwhelmed with a high excitement because it seemed to him unusual, apart from the scientific victory over the forces of nature, that a splendid and cultured old gentleman sitting in a seat of dignity and power, should be talking to the human race about Jesus and about God for whom Jesus lived and for whom Jesus died."

"Who cares a whit for the superficial distinctions that separate the papacy from Protestantism? A successor of St. Peter himself, in the historic chair of the papacy, was speaking to the world."

The Soviets Hostile The Papal Radio broadcast was barred from all Soviet radio stations by order of the Soviet postal-radio-telegraph agency. The Soviet papers declined to comment on the success of the event because the Soviet Government insists that religion is "opium for the masses." Naturally the Pontiff's peace plea would not fit there.

Del us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Lincoln.

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