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Irish Jails Are Opened To Republican Prisoners Who Opposed Free State

First Act of DeValera as President is to Order Release of Men Jailed by Cosgrave Government—Mammoth Parade Greets the Men Freed.

Dublin, Mar. 18.—The gates of three Irish prisons opened wide on March 10 for 20 Irishmen who were serving long jail sentences for political offenses and who became free men thanks to the change in government with the election of Eamon De Valera as President of the Council.

A crowd of many thousands outside Arthur Hill Prison, where Mr. De Valera himself once was incarcerated, cheered wildly as 17 men appeared at the portals. The released prisoners were hoisted to shoulders and carried to waiting automobiles.

The cars, adorned with large tricolors, carried signs reading: "Welcome home, Republican prisoners." There was a great parade through the streets of Dublin between rows of cheering throngs and the prisoners taken to a hotel for a public reception.

George Gilmore, one of the men released, was sentenced to five years several months ago in connection with the discovery of a dump of guns. Gilmore bore obvious traces of his ordeal. Throughout his term he refused to wear prison clothes, making it necessary that he remain in bed, and he was very weak.

"Yes, it was tough," he said, "but it was worth it. The Republic is not dead yet."

The crowd cut short his words. Friends, cheering loudly, lifted him to their shoulders and bore him away.

Another of the men released was Frank Ryan, editor of "The Republic," who was under sentence for three months for contempt of court. Two prisoners were released from Maryboro prison and one from Mountjoy. It was expected that others would be released within a few days and that the public safety act, which authorized the military tribunal by which many political offenders were sentenced, would be repealed by an order in council before the adjournment of the Dail for Holy Week.

The release of the prisoners took place before Mr. de Valera had been in office twenty-four hours and apparently it was his first act. At midnight, Frank Aiken, Defense Minister, visited Arthur Hill, where he obtained a list of names and gave orders that preferential treatment be accorded to political offenders.

Arthur Hill has been used for political prisoners for more than ten years. Mr. de Valera was there in 1923, when an American commission visited him to take evidence. He refused to see the commission as a prisoner and his sentence was not obtained.

Anna Case-Mackay Will Sing Sunday During Catholic Hour Broadcast

Washington, Mar. 18.—A program that will appeal to music lovers all over the Continent has been arranged for the Catholic Hour broadcast next Sunday, Mar. 20. Anna Case-Mackay, for many years a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing in fulfillment of Cardinal Hayes of New York City, who confirmed her last year. She will be heard over the National Broadcasting system from 6 to 8:30 Sunday evening, Eastern Standard time. The Rev. Dr. Fulton Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, will be the speaker.

Miss Case-Mackay, American singer, was trained entirely in this country. Her first contact with music was as an organist and choir singer. For many years she sang at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, making her debut in Gluck's "Orfeo." Her singing, charming personality and stage ability combined to make her musical career from the very beginning a success. She became widely known in the concert field, having sung in every state of the Union, Canada, Hawaii, England, Germany and Holland, and has established herself as one of the foremost of American soprano.

Miss Case became a Catholic in the Spring of 1931 and was confirmed by Cardinal Hayes. On July 18 she was married to Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph companies, at St. Mary's, Roslyn, Long Island. Shortly afterward she made an announcement through the newspapers that she would not continue to sing professionally, but if she sang again for the public it would be only for charitable, religious or civic interests.

Her program on the "Catholic Hour" Palm Sunday will be appropriate, including the well known arias "These are They" from the Holy City, by Gail; "Jerusalem Thou That Killst the Prophets," from the "St. Paul" Oratorio by Mendelssohn; "Angels, Error, Bright and Fair," by Handel; and the soprano lead in the Jerusalem Chorus from "Gallia" by Gounod, with Father Finn's Paulist Chorists.

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Anna Case-Mackay will sing again on the evening of Mar. 29, over the National Broadcasting system, on the program celebrating the golden jubilee of the Knights of Columbus. This program will be on a nationwide hook-up, and it will begin at 11:30 o'clock.

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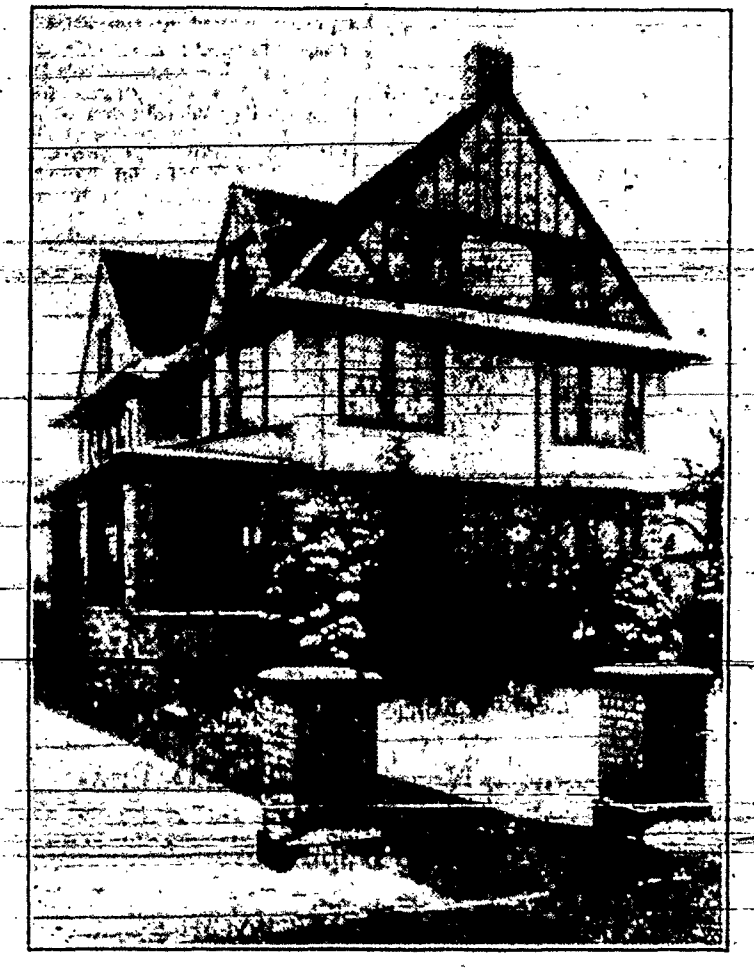
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Louvain Library Case Decided Against American Architect, Who Wanted To Use "Fury Inscription"

Highest Belgian Court Puts End to Long Wrangle, Caused by Inspiration Blaming Destruction on "German Fury"—Case Caused Two Riots.

Brussels, Mar. 18.—The highest Belgian court has rejected the appeal of Whitney Warren, the American architect, against a decision of a lower court prohibiting the erection of a balustrade on the new library of the University of Louvain bearing the inscription, "Furore Teutonico diruta, dono Americano restituta." Destroyed by German fury; restored by American generosity.

This has been the subject of lengthy court action, as well as of many other unpleasant incidents. The lower court first gave a judgment in favor of Mr. Warren, which was later reversed by the Brussels Court of Appeals. Mr. Warren appealed this verdict, and the final case was heard quietly at Ghent a few weeks ago. Since the architect has lost, it is now intended to put up a plain balustrade at once, as the facade of the library has been marred by the presence of scaffolding in wood supporting the stone coping.

After the World War an appeal to the people of the United States to contribute funds to rebuild the famous Louvain Library, which was destroyed by the Germans when they first invaded Belgium, met with enthusiastic response.

The Academy of Fine Arts and the Institute of France chose Mr. Warren as the designer. Cardinal Mercier is said to have told Mr. Warren that he wished an inscription on the building that would constitute a safeguard against the recurrence of a similar destruction and, in a few words, would embody history and teach a lesson.

A balustrade without an inscription was erected June 27, 1928, and was torn down by a mob. It was put up again and dedicated on July 4 of that year, but on July 17 it was destroyed again. Felix Morren, head workman of the construction personnel, was arrested and imprisoned in connection with this riot.

An Education Without Religion Hardly Merits the Name Education, Presbyterian Minister Declares

Blghampton, Mar. 18.—"We have today no national system of education in America, for a system which deletes religion from its program is so defective as to hardly merit the term of education," stated Dr. Walter A. Squires of Philadelphia, director of Week-Day and Vacation Church Schools for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, when he presented vigorous arguments justifying the week-day church school at the inaugural dinner of the 14th Annual Conference on Vacation and Week-Day School held under the auspices of the New York State Council of Religious Education at the First Presbyterian Church here last Friday.

"Our public schools are not godless, but the specifically religious content is small and is diminishing steadily. The week-day church school asks for recognition of the church as an educational agency," he said.

"In your state of New York free-thinkers and atheists, seeing the vast possibilities of the Week-Day Church School plan, have done their best to destroy it," continued Dr. Squires.

Marty Brill Will Join Tom Conley, LaSalle College

Philadelphia, Mar. 18.—Marty Brill, called by Knute Rockne "the greatest blockback he ever saw," will be the backfield coach of LaSalle College football squad next season.

Brill, the All-American back of the undefeated 1930 Notre Dame team Friday signed a contract to assist his pal, Tom Conley, head coach at this college, and captain of Notre Dame's great 1930 eleven. Conley signed a contract some time ago to coach the LaSalle football team. It is expected that he and Brill will whip a first-class team into shape before the new season opens.

Catholics In Japan 96,323 End of 1931

Growth of Church is Not Rapid, But it is Considered Healthy—One Native Bishop There.

Tokyo, March 18.—Statistics compiled during 1931 show that the Catholics in Japan now number 96,323. This represents an increase of about 3,000 for the last year.

The 14 Japanese missionaries in Japan there are 62 native Japanese priests, 224 seminarians and 230 Japanese Sisters. Bishop Hayasaka, Bishop of Nagasaki, is the only native Japanese bishop. It is his diocese that has the largest number of Catholics, 51,842, this being more than half the total number of Catholics in Japan proper.

The number of baptisms, though not very great, is encouraging inasmuch as it shows a steady increase. The total number of Catholics in Japan proper on June 6 was 96,323, in a total population of 64,700,557. The number of Catholics had grown during the preceding year (June 30, 1930-June 30, 1931) by 2,868, and the following year (June 1930-June 1931) by 2,724.

The yearly increase of population is about 900,000, or 1.4 per cent. The yearly increase of Catholics (1930-31) is 2,724, or 2.95 per cent. The yearly increase of Catholics (1930-31) is 1.08 per cent.

Thus it appears that the natural increase of Catholics is smaller than that of the population in general, which means that Catholics have fewer children or that a good many fall away from the Church. It is well known that many Catholics are moving from the country to the cities and that not all of them get in touch with the priest in their new places of residence. Moreover a number of Catholics are emigrating every year to Brazil, which also would explain the comparatively low rate of baptisms.

The baptisms for the year June 1, 1931, are: Adults, 1,722; children of Catholics, 3,111; baptisms at point of death, 2,465. The number of deaths of Catholics during the year is 2,112.

Method in Jimmy's Idea of Adopting Elephant

Among the thousands of bills who attended the first circus which played Los Angeles was little Jimmy. And the thing that impressed him most was a huge elephant who was mistaking the effects of the hot spell by spraying himself with water.

"Mamma," pleaded the little fellow, "let's buy the elephant and take it home with us."

"My graxions," replied the mother, "what in the world would we do with a great big animal like that? In the first place, it would eat too much and in the second place, we really have no use for an elephant."

"Oh, yes we have," cried Jimmy. "We'd have our own waterworks. If he can squirt water all over himself whenever he feels like it, he could water the lawn and things just as easy, couldn't he?"—Los Angeles Times.

Former St. Louis Hospital Opened As Lodging House for Jobless Men

Known As Ozanam Shelter for Men, Edifice Will Accommodate Two Hundred and Fifty of City's Destitute.

St. Louis, Mar. 18.—A lodging house for 250 destitute unemployed men was opened recently in the old Mulanphy Hospital here under the sponsorship of the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities.

This utilization of the unused hospital was decided upon as a means of emergency relief for the overcrowded shelters for the needy throughout the city. The home is known as the Ozanam Shelter for Men.

Although the present accommodations are for 250 men, an increase in the numbers of those applying for shelter may necessitate an expansion of the facilities.

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home declared that "it did not seem to be in harmony with the spirit of the great saint after whom our city is named to suffer so many gentlemen out of employment through no fault of their own, to be forced to sleep outdoors on winter nights." In the Ozanam Shelter, the Archbishop said, "we shall provide our weary, but stout-hearted guests with wholesome meals and comfortable lodgings and we know God will bless our efforts."

It is pointed out by the Rev. John J. Butler, president of the Catholic Charities, that the old Mulanphy Hospital had been a dispensary of charity for more than a century, when the nuns conducting the institution gave baskets of food daily to the deserving poor.

"So we'll be carrying on the good work of the Sisters at the same location," Father Butler said.

Advice

Be careful, dear, of what you say. Live not your whole life blindly. Too many wounds we feel each day For you to speak unkindly.

Each heart a thousand cares must know. A single pain may be hiding. Each day brings trials enough, and so Let not your words be chiding.

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