

DE VALERA WILL SPEAK TONIGHT ON IRISH CAUSE

Distinguished Irishman Will Address Public Meeting in Creighton Gym—Unveils Monument Tuesday

Emonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," accompanied by several distinguished Irishmen, will arrive here tonight at 6 and will remain until Tuesday night.

In the party is Harry Boland, member of the Irish cabinet, credited with having accomplished some thrilling escapes from prisons where he was incarcerated for espousing the Irish cause. He is known as "The Fiery Gael." Sean Nunan, De Valera's private secretary, is another notable figure in present day Irish history.

At a mass meeting to be held this evening in the auditorium of the Creighton gymnasium the speakers will be De Valera, Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City and Mr. Boland. George Holmes will be temporary chairman and John P. Sutton will be permanent chairman of this meeting. The gymnasium has a seating capacity of 3,000.

John Rush will be toastmaster at the banquet, and the speakers will be: Col. Mat Tinley of Council Bluffs, Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City, Harold Boland and Eamonn De Valera.

De Valera and Boland are said to be interesting speakers. During their visit here they will present much first-hand information relating to the stormy scenes attending the birth of the Irish republic.

John Cowper Powys Sees Little Merit In Books About War

A more advanced type of novels and poetry characteristic of the broad-minded views of the people of the middle west will be forthcoming, thinks John Cowper Powys, who will lecture at 4 o'clock this afternoon before the Drama league at the Fontenelle. The subject of the Englishman's lecture will be "D'Annunzio, the Genius of Italy."

"Of the 25,000 books published about the world war, I find there are about a half dozen that are worthy of merit as far as plot and literature are concerned," Mr. Powys said.

"I like the west, and find that the people of the middle west are the real, characteristic Americans," he continued. "Their literature appears to be more characteristic of their nature."

Mr. Powys predicts a revival in the writing of poetry, together with more imaginative and philosophical works. The lecturer leaves tonight for St. Joseph, Mo., where he will speak before a literary society on Tuesday night.

"Miss Dakota" Selected for "Dakota Day" Parade

"Miss Dakota" is Miss Marie Leavitt of Sioux Falls. She is a brunette, about 21 years old, of striking appearance and very popular in college.

The living personification of the great state of South Dakota is chosen each year by popular vote among the students of the University of South Dakota. The chief honor accruing from the election is the privilege of riding alone on a state university parade on "Dakota day," which is October 25 this year. The competition is keen. This year there were four candidates.

Miss Leavitt is the daughter of L. Leavitt, an automobile dealer of Sioux Falls. She is a senior in the state university and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was born in Sioux Falls and attended Washington high school in that city. She spent one year at the University of Minnesota.

Jeering Crowds Surround German Opera Building

New York, Oct. 26.—For the fifth night this week New Yorkers attended German opera under police protection. Although jeering throngs surrounded the Lexington theater, where the performance was given, neither police nor guards were called into action to quell such disorders as occurred on previous evenings.

Harry B. Hertz, business manager of the State Opera company, announced that no performance would be given Sunday or Monday.

Mr. Hertz tonight resigned as business manager, making public a letter to the board of directors to the Star Opera company in which he said continuation of the project seemed "distinctly unprofitable" in the face of public opinion.

Hold Funeral Services for Veteran Omaha Pastor

Funeral services for Rev. Leonard Groh were held yesterday at 2:30 in St. Marks Lutheran church, of which he was a pastor for 21 years. The church was filled with friends of the veteran pastor.

Alcohol Smugglers Burned by Liquor They Were "Running"

Berlin, Oct. 26.—A majority of those killed as a result of the wreck near Kranoyitz, Silesia, when a passenger train collided with a freight train and took fire are reported to have been alcohol smugglers.

Fifty smugglers, a number of them women, are said to have been aboard the train with spirits concealed about their persons in specially constructed containers. Unable to extricate themselves from the wreck, it is said they became easy prey for the flames.

ROOSEVELT IS TOPIC IN MANY LOCAL CHURCHES

Children of Wheeler Memorial Church Join Memorial Association—Men Lead Service.

Several novel services were held in the Omaha churches last night. At the North Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. J. M. Wilson, conceived the idea of asking the male members of the congregation to aid with the evening services. The men led in the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid?"

A festival of song was given at the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church at the evening services. Solos and organ selections were given by members of the congregation.

Speaks on Roosevelt. Rev. R. L. Wheeler, pastor of the Wheeler Memorial church, South Side, chose Roosevelt for his evening topic. He called attention to the fact that today is the 61st anniversary of the birthday of the great ex-president. Mr. Roosevelt lives on as an example for American boys and girls to follow, he said. He called attention to Mr. Roosevelt's physical handicaps and the indomitable spirit which overcame them.

"Roosevelt was a man of clear vision, the clearest vision of any American," said Rev. Wheeler. "He was also a great prophet and a man of firm convictions."

Another feature of the day's services at the Wheeler Memorial church were a series of afternoon calls made by officers of the church on members of the congregation. More than 500 calls were made during the afternoon. During the morning services at the church 120 little boys and girls joined the Roosevelt Memorial association.

Morning services at all the churches of the city were marked by large attendances. Many pastors spoke on Americanization in honor of former President Roosevelt.

Medical Women Organize International Association

New York, Oct. 26.—The medical women's international association was formed at a meeting at which representatives of 15 nations were present. The purpose of the organization is to make possible the international exchange of ideas by women physicians. The next meeting will be held in two years, probably either in London or Paris.

Dr. Martha Wapton of San Diego, Cal., was elected corresponding secretary.

The countries represented are: England, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, China, Argentina, Hungary, Japan, Serbia, Canada and the United States.

Boarder Pays Half Bill After Cow Eats Trousers

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 26.—When a cow stole into Mrs. Mary Kirchaski's back yard and gobbled up two pairs of pants belonging to B. Bullett, that were hanging on a line, it started a mess of trouble. Bullett, a boarder, refused to pay a \$47 board bill. Mrs. Kirchaski called the law in. The law, after arguing pro and con, decided Bullett would be recompensed by paying half of the bill.

Navy and Marine Corps Members to Hold Reunion

All ex-member of the navy and marine corps are urged to participate in a big reunion under the auspices of the Nebraska Naval club the third week of November. Definite announcement will be given within the next few days as to the exact date and place.

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Cost of Building Material Has Advanced 100 Per Cent and Over in Last Five Years

AN investigation completed by the Building Age on the increase in building costs from 1914 to June, 1919, in various sections of the United States reveals some interesting facts. Costs have not advanced with any degree of uniformity in various sections of the country, but vary widely. Part of this is due to varying wage increases, part to other local conditions that affect costs.

The cities and names of contractors who have generously given us their increase in costs are as follows:

Sharon, Pa.—Wallis & Carley Co., Contractors and Builders, Builders' Supplies. According to our data on building costs, the present level of building costs in this vicinity is very close to 100 per cent higher than that of 1914. Our costs are not divided so as to make comparisons in the various types of construction, but the above figure applies to general construction such as we do. Needless to say, high wages and inefficient labor, in our opinion, are responsible for practically all of the increase we have experienced.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Name Withheld by Request. Our records show that the percentages of increase to the present are about as follows: Brick and concrete buildings, from 60 to 75 per cent; frame dwellings about 100 per cent. Labor has increased from 100 to 150 per cent, lumber about the same, lime and cement 50 to 75 per cent, sand 75 to 100 per cent.

Charlottesville, Va.—King Lumber Co., Contractors and Builders. According to our records the present costs of building construction over those of 1914 are approximately 80 per cent more for buildings of the type of steel construction; 100 per cent more for concrete construction, and 125 per cent more for wood construction.

Scranton, Pa.—Spruks Brothers, Wholesale and Retail Lumber Manufacturers and Dealers. As near as we can figure the lumber on house and factory building, it runs about 80 per cent higher than it did in 1914. labor about 90 per cent, plumbing 100 per cent, plastering and stone work about 75 per cent, and we do not see any change in the near future, as the building material is very much higher now than it was a month ago, except plumbing supplies, which seem to be a little cheaper.

Boston, Mass.—Leighton-Mitchell Co., Builders. We believe the increased cost of building is about as follows: Steel frame buildings 70 per cent; dwellings 40 per cent; miscellaneous types of buildings vary between 25 per cent, and we do not see any change more a year from today than they do now. The labor will be higher and we are not expecting any material decrease in material prices; in fact, we note a number of increases recently.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Armstrong & Latta Co., Engineers and Contractors. In our class of work the cost now ranges between 80 per cent and 100 per cent more than the 1914 cost. This refers to dock building, pile and concrete foundation work and harbor improvement work in general, except dredging, of which we know nothing.

Scranton, Pa.—Howe & Stender, Contractors and Builders, General Lumber Dealers. We find the cost of building today over 1914 is practically from 50 to 65 per cent greater. We must freely admit, however, that at the present time we are very busy, receiving during the week of June 9 from \$40,000 to \$60,000 worth of business, even at these high prices. Our construction consists principally of dwellings of all classes and silk mill construction. Our building business is principally wood-line.

Ithaca, N. Y.—Driscoll Brothers & Co., Heavy Masonry, Reinforced Concrete, Architectural and Engineering Service. All our estimates so far this year show an advance of from 50 to 60 per cent over 1914, depending somewhat on the nature of the work. It is also our firm conviction that 1920 will bring still further advances in labor and material. Our experience is based on frame residences, brick and steel boiler houses, brick and steel offices or bank buildings, farm buildings and reinforced concrete factory construction. We might add that labor in our vicinity has not advanced to the extent that it has in other localities.

Hanover, Pa.—J. F. Rohrbach. Average cost at present 65 per cent higher than pre war prices. I base this figure on brick and frame house, also on wood and brick factories; this is changing a little at present.

Paterson, N. J.—Name Withheld by Request. We figure our present costs are approximately 100 per cent greater than in 1914. The approximate increase in cost of 100 per cent over 1914 costs applies both to fireproof and slow-burning construction.

Building Age New York Office. We estimate the cost in frame construction as between 80 and 40 per cent over pre war costs. We know of a large firm in New York City operating all over the country which confidentially states their costs as about 40 per cent over 1914, reinforced concrete construction. Frame buildings, well constructed, are being erected in this locality at from 80 to 85 cents per cubic foot, or less in the case of speculative building. Stocks are in fair shape, although some dealers find it impossible to supply some materials at present.

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