

Enjoin Letting Contract for New High School

Des Moines Officials Charged With Fraud in Connection With Proposed Million Dollar Structure.

Des Moines, Ia., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—An injunction was granted here restraining the independent school board of Des Moines from letting a contract for the building of the new Theodore Roosevelt high school, a proposed \$1,000,000 structure. The action was taken following sensational fraud charges preferred against George W. Garrison, secretary of the board, and other members of the school board.

It is claimed in the petition for injunction, that Garrison and other members of the board in conspiracy opened the bids for the new high school prior to the meeting of the board and prepared the successful bid after comparison with others.

The low bid, which was attacked, was \$875,000. A higher bid in which a bid of \$865,000 was rejected also is cited in support of the fraud charges.

May Plan Dry Fight.

Iowa club women, the directory board of which is in session here, may make a patriotic publicity campaign to offset the influence of the national campaign for light wine and beer. Although making no direct attack on George T. Reddick, manager of the campaign, the federated club women may adopt a resolution endorsing the campaign of the W. C. T. U. to educate the public in the laws affecting an election on the light wine and beer question in Iowa. The club women are also considering the endorsement of a law establishing a state movie censorship.

Swan Banker Is Killed.

Frank Ridgeway, 65, of Swan, Ia., a wealthy retired farmer and president of the Swan Savings bank, was fatally injured Friday when the auto in which he was driving struck a car driven by Frank Berry of Carlisle. Mr. Ridgeway died after he had been removed to Carlisle. The accident occurred south of Des Moines on the paved Indianola road.

Radio Threatens to Oust Song Writers

Chicago, March 11.—Unless the Westinghouse Electric company and the Song Writers' association get together in a meeting now in progress in New Jersey, the latter claim are likely to lose their means of livelihood.

"It looks as if the radio phone is going to put the song writers out of business," said Will Rossiter, song publisher. "Who is going to buy a song when they can hear it on the radio? And for that matter, who's going to buy a phonograph? At present the song writers enjoy a royalty for all songs which are used in theaters or phonograph records. Their idea is that they certainly should get one from the radio people. The Westinghouse people certainly won't pay the bill, so I suppose it will have to be passed along to the consumer. But how are we going to collect?"

Brother's Blood Fails to Revive Bluffs Man

Condition of Carl Eckert, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eckert, 54 Charles street, remains unimproved at the Mercy hospital in Council Bluffs, despite the fact that his young brother, Harry, 17, sacrificed a pint of blood in a transfusion operation two weeks ago. Carl lost a large amount of blood in a hemorrhage of the stomach and his brother's sacrifice undoubtedly saved his life, according to doctors, but his condition has remained practically unchanged.

Revolution in Tripoli

Rome, March 11.—(By A. P.)—A revolution on a large scale has broken out in Tripoli, says a dispatch to the newspaper. The dispatch from its correspondent in the capital. The rebels have cut the railway in many places and attacked the Italian garrison.

Nuptial Embarrassment Relieved in Novel Manner

Logan, Ia., March 11.—(Special.)—An embarrassing problem for Gilbert Graybill of Persia and Miss Vida Henderson of Logan, who went to the parsonage of Rev. Otto D. Lee to be married without witnesses, was solved in a novel manner. While the minister was seeking neighbors to act as witnesses, Harry Basch and Miss Margaret Wisecup of Missouri Valley arrived to be married. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wisecup, parents of the bride, and they volunteered to witness both ceremonies.

Exports of Bituminous Coal Decrease 40 Per Cent

Washington, March 11.—A decline of 40 per cent in exports of domestic bituminous coal for 1921, as compared with 1920, was reported yesterday by the Department of Commerce. Bunker coal was not included.

Man Lives With Hundreds of Shots in Body and Head

Cairo, Ill., March 11.—With several hundred shots in his body and 100 in his head, John Gray, a farmer of Benton, Mo., is still alive. According to the police, Gray was shot by John Merrick, a neighbor, who emptied an automatic shotgun at him five times.

Building the Irish Free State

By Frederick Palmer

It is youth—and youth just out of jail—which is being served in Ireland today. The older members of the Dail Eireann would be mere boys in our house of representatives; and in the United States some of the seniors might rise to ask if they had brought their nursing bottles with them and insist that the child labor law also apply to statesmen.

Whenever I meet one of these busy young rulers I ask him at once if he were in jail during the rebellion, and if so, how long? If he were, he is a member of the Dail. It is no dishonor, however, if he were not. To have escaped from jail and gone on fighting for the cause of Irish freedom only to have been incarcerated a second time insures a certain distinction among veterans when they exchange experiences.

Graybeard of 40.
Yesterday I had for luncheon one of the graybeards of Sinn Fein—he is nearly 40—whom I served one sentence of 15 months and a second of three months after his escape; between the two he had an interval of sensational activity. He is a soft spoken, highly educated man, with a delightful sense of humor and of gallantry, which led him to leave his card, with his compliments, on the warden of the prison when duty called him to other service. This shows that though he is so venerable, he is really young in heart.

The second time that he was taken it was because the police made a mistake. It was his friend, Michael Collins, who the police sought. The police had Collins' address as No. 4 and my guest was in hiding at No. 44 on the same street. One of the two enamelled doors over the transom of No. 44 had fallen off, so this house was taken for No. 4 by the police, who took my guest to the police station, where he was identified as the prisoner, who had left his card with the warden without waiting to say "goodbye" in person. My guest was Barton, who was one of the five Irish signers of the treaty.

He and Collins often joke about the effect of an enamelled letter 4 having become unstuck upon their fortunes. Barton is sure that that letter was a good servant of Sinn Fein, as Collins could do more service than his by being out of jail.

Advantages of Jail.
Barton is a landholder, with a good income and assured position. He risked all for his convictions. "Jail has its advantages," he said. "One has time to think. One's habits are regular."

So there was no bitterness about the jail term itself. That was what he bargained for. Gentle as he is of speech and manner, when he spoke of the cause, a faraway look and a fighting glitter came into his eyes. I have seen it in the eyes of the other young rulers. It comes only into the eyes of men who believe in something so strongly that they are ready to die for it; and it is in the motive spirit of the new Ireland.

At an adjoining table in the dining room was a military looking man who was a pleasant spoken as Barton. You could imagine the two as feeling perfectly at home together stretching their legs before the same grate fire. It is very surprising to think that either of the two would be put in the other in jail. But a few months ago if the military looking man, a British colonel, had identified Barton—a proscribed man—he would not have finished his meal before a policeman had tapped him on the shoulder.

British Authority.
The colonel stood for the authority of Dublin castle. If you go to the castle today, a British sentry passes you on to the guardroom where a matter of fact corporal sees that you write your name and address in a book. All in an easy, efficient British manner. Then escorted by a soldier you are out into the courtyard with its gray walls, which stand for the fountain head of alien rule to the Irish, and then into a doorway and upstairs and through passages which resemble those of the war office and foreign office in London, and you meet the same agreeable gentlemen whom you meet in other precincts of the British government.

None of them has been in jail. None has a glitter in his eye. All like their British comfort. They do not like to put educated landholders like Barton, or poor peasants' sons in jail; but if one preaches sedition and the other shoots your soldiers from ambush, what are you to do if your business is to preserve order? They are not putting anybody in jail these days; and the men whom they did put in jail are now exercising the authority which was once Dublin Castle's. That is the amazing transformation which accounts for all the contrasts in this city of many emotions where you have to keep a close up of Dublin Castle always in mind as the background for

all the other pictures which reveal young Ireland at grips with its problems.

Triumphant Sentry.
The next picture on our reel is at the old city hall. On the steps is a sentry in the green uniform of the I. R. A. He stands very stiff, triumphantly, perhaps retributively stiff. There is something in his manner which says: "The Irish have been famous soldiers fighting other nations' battles for centuries. Now Ireland has her own army. I am a member of that army."

He is a living statue of heroic size to passersby. They pause to enjoy the sight of him.

"You're good for sore eyes," said an old woman. "To think I should see you standing there, so proud and grand, and British soldiers rolling up their barbed wire."

The I. R. A. is the Irish Republican army. The Irish never speak of it as the Free State army. We think of the Free State as having self government in the same measure as Canada; but if we are to follow the parallel Canada would call her army the army of the Canadian republic.

That green uniform which was prescribed a few months ago is now as honored in Ireland as the khaki of the returned veterans of our fighting division was at home when they returned from France. Other revolutionary armies which I have seen come into power had organizations in the open; this army had to be mobilized from all the volunteers accustomed to foregathering under the cover of darkness for ambushes and raids, and sniping at troops and transport from cover.

Respect for Age.
Inside the city hall are the offices of the provisional government. Here you will find Arthur Griffith, the mentor of Sinn Feinism, who, among the young rulers, commands respect for his age. He will not see 45 again. He looks like a man of affairs, this master strategist who gets things done if he has not Collins' forensic gift of arousing an audience. The affection and team work of father and son seem to exist between him and Collins with his relentless energy, his readiness of phrase and all the attractive Irish qualities. Griffith is the power in the background, that pushes Collins forward, as his understanding and brilliant disciple.

Around them are young men usually in the twenties—young men who guarded the methods of the old nationalists and who had the endurance and the energy of youth to endure the kind of fight that they made. Out of jails, out of their secret places, up and down Ireland, they came suddenly into responsibility, the mandate of the Irish people behind them.

They faced all the problems of a new administration as incident to greater ones. They must form a police force to maintain order in place of the royal Irish constabulary. Members who had resigned rather than serve against their own people or had joined the Sinn Fein volunteers must be returned to the ranks. Irishmen who had fought for Ireland, though they had never been in the police, would replace Irishmen who had remained on the force. The postoffice department and all the other departments must be kept up to their former state of efficiency; a railroad strike must be settled; delegations and individuals who came in from the country to present their ideas of what should be done, or relating tales of distress on the part of loyal volunteers, must receive attention. That old city hall is a very busy place; and it is under fire from the old mansion house, though not from Dublin Castle.

The mansion house is also a busy place. It is the headquarters of De Valera; of the "outs" of the opposition, if you will. There in the lobby in sight of the full length portrait of Queen Victoria in her youth, painted in commemoration of her visit to Ireland in 1849, the supporters of De Valera wait their turns to see him; there you hear the talk that there must be no negotiations with the British except on the basis of complete independence and that slender majority in support of the treaty in the dail did not represent the people, who are 75 per cent against the treaty, while at the city hall you learn that 75 per cent are for it, just as you hear the rival claims of political managers in our own campaigns. De Valera, thin, ascetic, wholly different type from Griffith or Collins, holds men to him by his relentless logic.

Parson Goes on Strike in Fight to Fill Church Pews
London, March 11.—The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Alexandra Road Congregational church, Blackpool, has threatened to go on strike. He is dissatisfied with the attendance at the church and says that unless the congregation increases his preaching will stop.

Fifteen Cities Break Even on Cost of Living

Washington, March 11.—Fifteen cities broke even on the upward and downward cost of food from January 15 to February 15, the Department of Labor announced yesterday. The housewife in Kansas City got

the best of the fluctuation, for the drop there was 4 per cent, compared with the preceding 30-day period. Declines in some of the other cities ranged as low as one-half of 1 per cent, which is just the amount of alcoholic content in beer under the Volstead law.

On the other side of the ledger St. Paul and Minneapolis kept down any possibility of rivalry by showing a food cost increase of 2 per cent each.

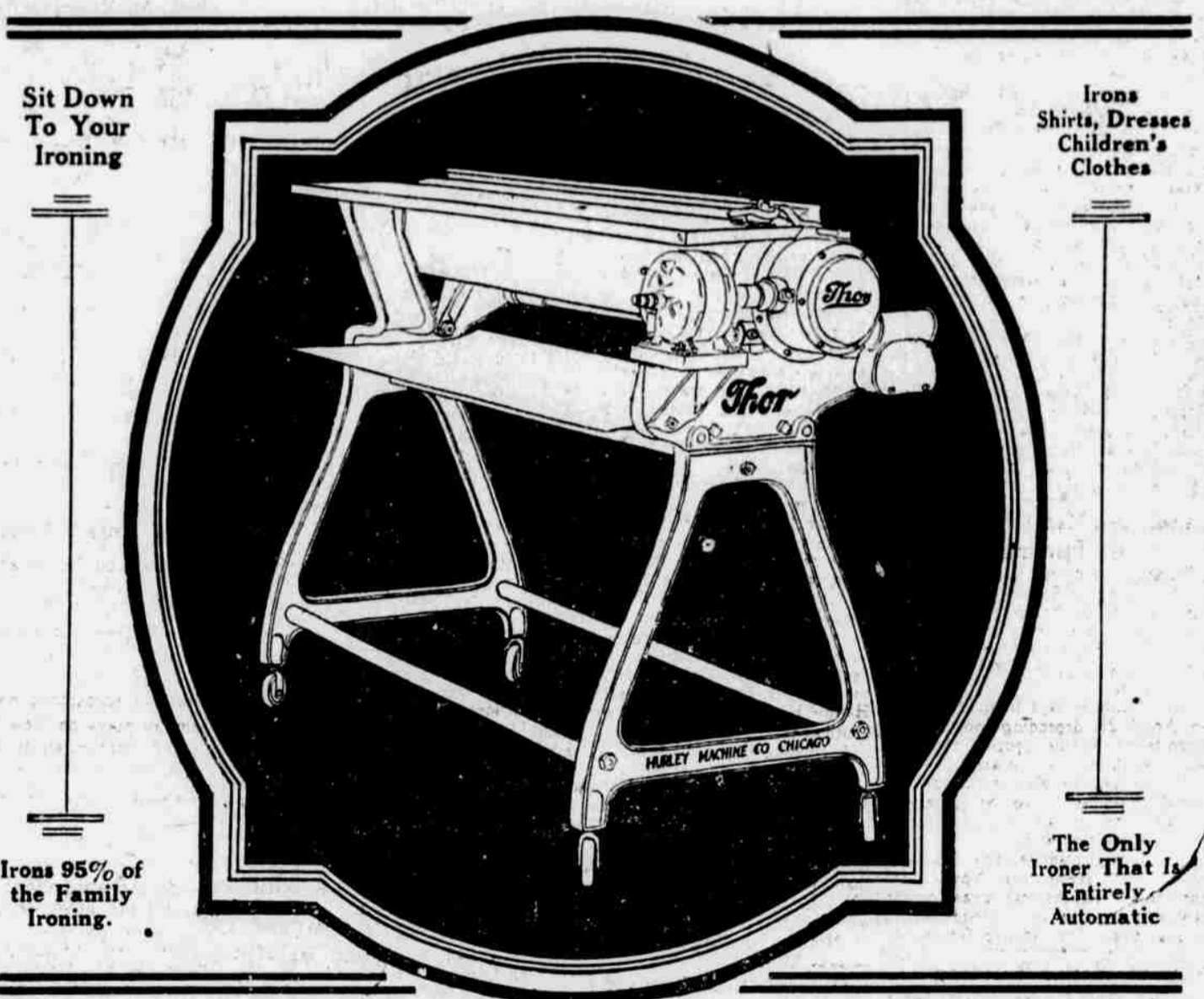
Ford Motor Official Dies
Montreal, March 11.—Gordon McGregor, vice president and general manager of the Ford Motor company of Canada, died in a Royal Victoria hospital today following an operation.

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