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San Francisco Monitor

A letter received from Mrs. Ellen Cantwell, mother of Right Rev. Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles, now on his way to Europe, which is dated Fethard, Tipperary, Ireland, March 29, informs another son here, the Rev. James P. Cantwell, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, that British soldiers raided the Cantwell home on the night of March 28 and carried off her son, Walter Cantwell, district chairman of the Sinn Fein party to imprisonment in a Belfast jail without any specific charges against him other than being a patriotic lover of his native land.

The aged mother appeals to her three sons who are pries's in this diocese, the Rev. James P. William and Arthur Cantwell, to aid her in her distress and to see if something cannot be done to undo this crime of British imperialism. The Rev. Chan-cellor has wirelessed Bishop Cantwell, now crossing the Atlantic, about the predicament of his brother, now in chains for freedom's sake.

PROTEST TO WASHINGTON

Telegrams have been sent to California Senators and Congressmen and to Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, lodging a protest against what was declared to be "the brutal and inhuman treatment of Walter Cantwell and other citizens of Ireland, arrested and imprisoned with. out warrant and without charge, in violation of human justice and international law." The United Irish Societies, through

George Harkins, their president, arranged last Wednesday night to address a similar protest to Presi-dent Wilson and Congress upon the information contained in the mother's letter.

MRS. CANTWELL'S PATHETIC LETTER Following is the letter received by

Father Cantwell : Fethard, Tipperary,

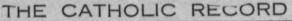
March 29, 1920.

My dear James :

My boy Walter was arrested yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock. As we slept the door to our home was battered in and the military and police over ran the house, destroy-ing everything before them. They asked for Walter. They dragged him from his bed. They offered no warrant or explanation. Your dear brother was taken away

from me under a heavy guard with fixed bayonets. They took him to Cork on an English gunboat. He is now in Belfast prison without any charge lodged against him. You well know that Walter is guilty of no crime unless it be a crime to love Ireland, his country. The success of Sinn Fein in the establishment of the Irish Republic, which Walter aided with all his Irish manhood, has, of course, enraged England and she has been wreaking vengeance on the men in Ireland, who refuse to enslave their country to England.

Cannot you men of America put a stop to this terrible treatment of our boys in Ireland? Neither prison nor death itself can crush the spirit of Walter and the brave men of Ire-land. They have established the Irish Republic and they will accept nothing from England but that she get out of their country. Must our boys die in prison because, like George Washington and the American patriots, they are determined to be free men? Please do what you





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I am glad my dear Walter was not shot. Many of Ireland's best men have been assassinated by England's military in a vain attempt to frighten our Sian Fein saviors from their opposition to English rule. You perhaps have learned of the assassina tion of the Lord Mayor of Cork. Thomas MacCurtain. It is a common story here these days. Please pray and work for the safe return of my boy, Walter. With love, your fond mother.

ELLEN CANTWELL,

#### MOTHER'S DAY, 1920

God set a light to guide my feet That by the land or sea, I walk unharmed. A steadfast beam, My mother's LOVE for me.

Lest I unarmed meet the thrust Of combat ; pityingly He forged for me an armour strong My Mother's FAITH in me.

And, lest the vision of His face Be sometimes lost to me, As charm around each maiden fair He wove her MEMORY.

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