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WASHINGTON, WORKER

"General Washington is known to us, and President Washington," an American historian has said. "But George Washington is an unknown man."

General Washington was, first of all, a workman. It must not be thought that it was only as a brain worker that he toiled; he labored with his hands. Few Virginians were better skilled in the use of the woodman's ax, the saw, and the plow. Few men started earlier in life earning their living, and few continued the habit of work so long.

When George was 14 he was put in the "way of getting a living." First it was proposed that he learn the seaman's trade, and arrangements were made to send him out on a tobacco-carrying ship.

This Washington habit of work clung to the young man throughout middle age. The only time he left it was to fight, first the Indians for the protection of the white settlers, and later, the British, for the independence of the colonies.

"It kept Washington young and strong, both mentally and physically," points out Lodge. "As with his body so with his mind. He never rusted. A practical carpenter and smith, he brought the same quiet intelligence and firm will to the forging of iron or the felling and sawing of trees that he displayed in fighting."

Public affairs took up much of Washington's time and attention. But even in army camp, legislative hall, or executive mansion, Washington's brain and brawn co-operated in the service of his country, just as they did later on, when, having left the presidency, he again became the private citizen, the farmer of Mt. Vernon.

His last years of life witnessed the continuation of his habit of toil, mentally and physically. Just a few days before his death he mounted his horse and rode off for his usual round of duties. The next morning snow was still falling so that he did not ride, and he complained of a slight sore throat, but, nevertheless, went out in the afternoon to mark some trees that were to be cut.

That was his last workday. It was the end of a workingman's life, a life which recognized the fact that there are but few sources of real happiness, and that one of the greatest of these is work, mental or physical, or both.

CANADA'S RAILROADS

Canada too, has a "railroad problem." The Dominion long has had her strong roads, and her weak roads. Also, she has dabbled in the government-owned railways (Intercolonial) for years. During the war she added to her stock of government-owned and operated roads by taking over the non-paying branches of the Grand Trunk. More recently the whole of the Grand Trunk has been taken over by the government, and now there are two lines, the strong and paying Canadian Pacific, and the National, or government-owned line. The latter includes all the Grand Trunk, Intercolonial and smaller lines, 23,375 miles of track, of which 1,800 is in the United States, representing an investment of more than \$1,200,000,000.

The Canadian government has invented a government corporation scheme to handle the National system; the government owns the stock and elects the board of directors; parliament has nothing to do with the operation.

Canada expects to face an annual railroad deficit for some years to come, and this is to be paid out of the public treasury. "Eventually, with strict railroad management and economy," predicts Graham Bell, deputy minister of railways, "government roads will develop into a paying proposition."

"Eventually" is a very comprehensive term.

THE GLADSOME SPRING

Spring is, take it from Tennyson, "the boyhood of the year."

Mrs. Barblaud, being a woman, naturally enough recognizes the season as the "sweet daughter of the rough and stormy sire, hoar winter's blooming child, delightful spring."

But be it the boyhood, or the girlhood, of the year, spring is spring, and there is nothing else in all the calendar to equal it, for spring is promise, and hope, and the threshold to bright days, happy days. It is, as Leigh Hunt so finely put it, "the golden line drawn between winter and summer. Behind all is blackness and darkness and dissolution. Before is hope and soft airs, and the flowers, the sweet season of hay."

"It is good to be alive in the springtime of the year!"

TOMORROW'S POWER

A few years ago the hardy sons of New England sailed the summer and the winter seas in search of the whale and a few vats of whale oil supplied the world's need.

Today oil comes from the heart of mother earth, in great black gushers, boiling out in rivers, trickling out in greasy streams, sometimes only oozing through the soil, but these rivers and lakes and little streams, however fast they flow, are ever an ebb tide when the surge of the world's demand is considered.

How long will the "gas age" last, and what is next? Engineers who are looking ahead for generations, say electricity will be the coming force.

Rivers are being located on for power projects that may not be developed for twenty years, but capital sees ahead and is getting ready.

The west has water power by the hundreds of thousands of horsepower yet untouched. High-power transmission lines will take this hundreds of miles; new improvements in storage batteries will make electricity available for truck, tram, railroad train and maybe aeroplane.

MORE JAPANESE

An increased marriage rate, a lower death rate, a decrease in divorces, more births than anywhere else in the world. Where did it happen? Japan.

During 1917 the population of Japan, including the colonial possessions, registered a net increase from births of 612,774. The total recorded births for that year is 8,843,023, and the deaths 1,230,279. This was a higher birth rate than anywhere else except Roumania and Hungary in 1914. War conditions obviously reduced the birth rates in both those countries below that of Japan.

Divorce in Japan is very simple, involving mainly the decision of one or the other party to the marriage to cancel it, with the sanction of the family council. In this respect it resembles the marriage laws of Soviet Russia. In spite of this simple proceeding, there was a decrease of 1,452 in the year's divorces.

With Japan growing normally at this tremendous rate, with its density of population as great as in overcrowded Great Britain, where are the coming generations of the Flowery Kingdom to find domicile?

The Japanese sphere of influence in Siberia now extends as far west as the Japan sea.

It may be that the young Turks will start another war. But the old birds have learned a thing or two.

If a decision is reached to drive foreigners out of Fiume, d'Annunzio will interpret the word "foreigners."

This will be a tame presidential campaign if the press agents organize and strike for higher standards.

It is well enough to remember Austria's sins, but remembrance shouldn't make us forget her starving children.

Senator Thomas of Colorado appeals eloquently for bi-metalism as a means of helping Europe and Colorado silver miners.

Bavarian mobs that howl "Down with France" should remember that they couldn't keep her down when they had her there.

When private owners get back the railroads they will know how the old man felt when the prodigal son came home dead broke.

City folks shall know a thing or two about rising prices of food when the farmer quits the habit of rising at 4 a. m.

It is reported that a Los Angeles judge says jazz music isn't a nuisance. More likely he said that jazz nuisance isn't music.

A prominent Chicago banker charged with violation of the prohibition laws was released because the authorities didn't consider the smell in his empty flask sufficient evidence to overcome the fact that he was a prominent banker.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST



ENGINEERS ENJOY BANQUET AND HEAR INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BRIDGE TO BE BUILT OVER MISSOURI RIVER SOON

"Get-Together" Meeting Proves Big Success — "Roadmaster" Kaulfuss Presents Some Rare Bits of Humor at Speakers' Expense

Members of the engineering and architectural professions in this city enjoyed a get-together banquet Thursday night at the Grand Pacific hotel at which several interesting speeches were made including one by W. H. Robinson, chief engineer of the state highway commission, in which he gave statistical information concerning the proposed \$1,000,000 vehicle bridge over the Missouri river between Bismarck and Mandan.

E. Kaulfuss of the state highway department acted as toastmaster, because as Earl Robinson said when he introduced Mr. Kaulfuss, the latter was the "most suitable goat" the engineers could find. Mr. Kaulfuss immediately qualified as an excellent "toastmaster" by flattering his audience, illustrating his remarks with the story about the engineer and the "hannuman."

SPIRITS NOT LIQUID

The more than 35 men present enjoyed the "toastmasters" method of leading up to the introduction of Mr. Robinson's subject "The Million Dollar Bridge," as he humorously referred to the gathering "as a scene of great suffering since prohibition went into effect" although he hoped that the "proper spirits were not lacking." In the sense of enthusiasm there was plenty of spirit, but in the sense of gone but not forgotten beverages the spirit was absent.

Mr. Robinson surprised the one or two laymen present when he said the Bismarck-Mandan bridge would cost nearer \$1,500,000 he believed before it was completed than \$1,000,000. This increase, he said, would be due to the cost of the approach on each side. There was some doubt about the state availing itself of complete federal aid on this project, Mr. Robinson said, because the highway commission did not have sufficient engineers to meet the needs of the government on this work, due to insufficient appropriations.

BRIDGE STATISTICS

Some of the statistics offered by Mr. Robinson during his talk were as follows: There will be three main spans, each 481 feet long, resting on four piers with concrete approaches on each side. The roadway across the bridge will be 26.5 feet wide and will be flanked by two sidewalks. The roadway proper will be approximately 60 feet above the level of the low water mark.

The four main piers, the construction of which will be the most difficult work on the entire structure, will be of reinforced concrete and will be of immense size. The depth to which the piers must be sunk before reaching suitable foundation ranges from 30 feet on the east side to 90 and perhaps 100 feet on the west side. The piers will be sunk in a strata of blue clay and designated from the east side of the river will be sunk as follows:

- No. 1, sunk 45 feet below low water.
No. 2, sunk 55 feet below low water.
No. 3, sunk 70 feet below low water.
No. 4, sunk 90 feet below low water.

The present plans provide for the

to the present time there had been no definite plan for the construction of a universal type of highway in the state, but that one would probably be adopted soon. At the present time, he said, the commission is building roads in different parts of the state more as a means of educating the farmers in the advantages of good roads so that a state-wide demand will be made for a universal program for one type of standard road.

Major Baker said that there is a conference under way at the present time between local representatives and government officials on certain changes in the plans for the bridge. C. A. P. Turner, who is responsible for the present plans, is representing the highway commission and Capt. E. W. Baker is spokesman for the Budgeigh county commissioners. The results of the conference will probably be made public tomorrow, Major Baker said.

W. C. Schroeder of the highway commission, who designed the menus and place cards, made a very brief speech. The menus were made on blue prints and each guest's name was made in the same manner. Those who were present at the banquet were B. H. Tong, M. H. Atkinson, William McArtney Ross, Thora Dickinson, J. W. Roberts, J. H. Stratton, L. O. Marden, E. W. Robinson, E. P. Crain, W. C. McCready, T. B. Wells, A. K. Humphries, A. S. Miller, L. T. Powers, F. H. Braiser, H. Pike, G. F. Ludvigsen, R. N. Carrall, George E. Hanson, N. B. Nickerson, E. W. Miller, L. W. Whitlow, Wm. Parneck, T. J. Lough, J. E. Kaulfuss, W. H. Robinson, Frayne Baker, H. K. Craig, O. Knutson, Ed. White, E. C. Crowell, I. C. Frensdberg, F. H. Peters, L. H. Belk, A. P. Coons, W. C. Schroeder and C. F. Convert.

BIDS OPENED SOON

Bids will be received for 2,500 feet on the construction of the four piers and the work will be started this spring or summer. Thora Dickinson of the city engineer's office was the next speaker called upon by "Roadmaster" Kaulfuss who introduced him as The Penn Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson spoke of the ethics and standards of the engineering profession and showed how the members of that profession should always consider his work in relation with its ultimate usefulness.

COMMISSION'S POLICY

Major Frayne Baker, member of the highway commission, said that up

AT THE THEATRES

THE REX Respectability is a good thing to possess. Respectability is something the value of which even the unrespectable realize and with which they try to camouflage themselves. That's what the heroines of "Respectable by Proxy," the Blackton Pathe feature announced for showing next Monday and Tuesday at the Rex theatre, attempts to do.

BISMARCK

Not even the rough garments of a factory working girl and the squalid atmosphere of the tenements can disguise Vivian Martin in her latest Paramount-Arterart photograph, "The Third Kiss," which delighted a large



Once in a century the times are ripe. For some men who shall serve and yet command, Some men of such a clear and trenchant type That brave men rally where his banners stand And die together for their native land. Even such a one Was Washington. The hero our history well begun! Once in a century there comes a man Whose day of birth we dare not disallow. Without whose presence we had scarce known how To comprehend our country and its plan; Whose finger writes in the Eternal Now. Even such a one Was Washington. And such remains till history be done! (Copyright, 1920, N. E. A.)

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audience at the Bismarck theatre last night. The leading role is somewhat different from those usually portrayed by the talented little star and gives her an opportunity to show that she is an emotional actress of considerable power as well as a top-notch in light comedy parts.

Vivian Martin does some of her best work in "The Third Kiss," and it will add considerably to her prestige as a versatile and charming young actress. It is a thoroughly interesting picture throughout, with a breath-taking surprise concealed in it. Harrison Ford heads a competent supporting cast. "The Third Kiss" will be shown for the last time tonight.

THE BELTING

Billie Burke, the famous stage and screen star, delighted a large audience at the Eltinge theatre last night, where she appeared in her last Paramount-Arterart picture, "The Misleading Widow." She is the charming heroine of one of the brightest love stories that has been presented in recent years. The plot is in keeping with the personality of the beautiful star and is just the sort of a story with which the one and only Billie Burke can charm an audience. It is strictly up to date as well, the leading men being two returned army officers. F. Tennyson Jesse wrote the original script, and it was adopted for the screen by Frances Marion. J. S. Robertson was the director. "The Misleading Widow" appears for the last time tonight.

Sing a Song of Whiskey

BY GEORGE C. MEYERS. Inmate Sing a song of whiskey, as pocket without pence; A purse but always empty; a head that has no sense.

Four-and-twenty jail-birds undr lock and key. Curse the drink that cost them the birthright of he free.

And when their cells are opened, and they go drinking more and more; A drunkard's life behind him; a drunkard's life before.

The brewer in his counting-house is counting out his money. The bar-man in his parlor, is eating others' honey.

While starving little children and women, lean and poor. In rags and broken-hearted, beg from door to door.

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