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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Earlier this month we completed celebration of Armistice Day, a day set aside, but not fully understood by many, especially the younger generation, because its objective has not been fully realized. We must be conscious of the fact that world events move slowly. Many years and even generations pass before the ideas of an armistice can be achieved. May future ages look back upon November 11 as the beginning of the overthrow of tyrants in government, that liberty, safety, and welfare of the common people shall henceforth be the only purpose for the existence of a government, and not the conceited, arrogant whims of a ruler who has become obsessed with the idea that he is a special instrument created by God, thus appointing himself to crush everything and everybody not yielding to his ideas of despotism. When these conditions confront us, it means submission to tyranny or fight for liberty.

War then is the only alterntaive.

Such was the situation in 1917 before the first World War. Diplomatic efforts had failed. Every agreement made with the Dictator was violated by him. One exasperating event followed another. Finally the President called Congress to meet that he might place before it the situation confronting the nation.

Strange as it may seem, under this serious situation the National Capital took on the appearance of a gala day. The President was to address the joint session on the evening of the day it assembled, by mid-afternoon all seats for visitors were taken, even those having tickets from their senators or congressmen must go early and stay. Held in the House of Representatives, with the speaker presiding, the House members gathered first, their faces serious, showing they were under tremendous strain. Soon the senators marched silently down the aisles two by two. There was no demonstration as they entered. A solemn stillness seemed to hover over the vast assembly.

A committee appointed by the Speaker soon appeared with the Chief Executive, a tremendous ovation greeted him. The members and the visitors in the galleries arose, each apparently trying to outdo the other in a mighty vociferous demonstration. He was entering upon his second term of office. Four years prior to this at his White House office he had the appearance of a man in the prime of life, his eyes keen, mentally alert and physically in perfect condition. However, as he entered the chamber that night, after four years burdened with the cares of state, he looked twenty years older. What a strain must be the problems of a ruler.

One paper, speaking of our latest election said, "The defeated candidate has one consolation. He has a much longer life expectancy than his successful rival."

The appearance of the President confirmed this statement.

His message, delivered that night, was a masterpiece, one that will rank with any of the state papers of the world's leaders. Another demonstration was given him as he closed his message and left the chamber.

Leaving the Capitol building a company of cavalry from a nearby fort, escorted him from the Capitol grounds, down Pennsylvania avenue to the White House. The scene at the Capitol had been impressive, and the midnight march down the national parad ground as Pennsylvania is called, with its glare of lights and military display was a scene never to be forgotten by those permitted to witness it.

Congress soon declared war, and American manhood and resources were marshalled for war against dictatorship and disregard for human rights. This war was intended to be a war to end wars. Cities, towns were destroyed, thousands of human lives lost, wounded men and homeless women and children starving. A condition brought to all invaded countries. Thousands of American boys were killed and wounded, but our nation was not invaded. Finally, the enemy asked for peace, an Armistice was signed, hostilities ceased and delegations met to consider the terms. When they were accepted, the President asked for a League of Nations where questions of dispute between nations

might be settled in the "Forums of Reason instead of the Arena of Force." This proposition was apparently acceptable. However our politicians seeing an opportunity for political advantage turned against the President and prevented the plans from being accepted by Congress. The result was that 25 years later another World War, greater than the first, occurred. A recurrence of the horrors, bloodshed, misery and poverty followed. Thousands of Americans perished on the battlefield and more thousands of the opposing armies, more horrors, more miseries, again an armistice, another peace. The ideals of a League of Nations were in part incorporated in an organization known as United Nations, where all nations may talk over disputes and try to settle them without war. Armistice Day means adopting peace among nations instead of war.

The Bible tells us "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." God's spirit alone can make the people of the world live in peace, happiness and prosperity with one another. E. C. H.

Visits Petrified Redwood in Utah

Many of us here live in redwood houses. Redwood endures, even as the giant trees it comes from, have endured.

A great redwood stump, petrified, still stands where it once lived and grew, was just discovered by Kurt Knee on his most recent jeep trip in southern Utah.

The stump once grew in what is now the Chin formation, laid down in the Trassic period of the Mesozoic era. This was a long time ago.

It still stands eight feet high and is ten feet across the base. A hitherto unexplained portion of the Circle cliffs, just named Pyramid canyon, was the location of this outstanding discovery

In their trip through Circle cliffs, Lurt and his guests discovered and explored three petrified forests of gigantic size. Many of the fallen giants in this colorful area exceeded 150 feet in length. The three forests were named by the party, Fallen Grant Forest, Pyramid Forest and Toadstool Forest. The latter was named from a strange toadstool formation of different colored sandstone.

The area, according to Lurt, is "Rugged and hard to get into," but he expects to have trails built by next spring so he can guide parties to various points of interest in this valley. He is bringing a petrified burl to Harbor from the Circle cliffs which may be seen later on by those interested.

On a previous trip adjacent to his ranch, Lurt discovered a huge dinosaur bone. According to Charles Kelly, superintendent of Capital Reef National Monument, it is the largest dinosaur bone ever found in that locality.

With Lurt Knee on the trip to the Circle cliffs were: Josef and Joyce Meunch of Santa Barbara, Calif., whose magnificent photography and travel articles appear in many periodicals. Also Gwen Walter and family. The Walters recently opened a medical mission for the Navajo Indians at Monument Valley, Utah. The mission belongs to the Seventh-Day Adventist church.

The Circle cliffs lie between the Henry mountains and the Kapirowith plateau, west of the Colorado river. The area may be entered by the uley Twist, between the Capital Reef National Monument and Hankville. It is possible with a jeep, and driver who knows the country, to make a circle tour, returning by way of Boulder, Utah, and the Powell plateau. The Powell plateau is named for the early Colorado river explorer, and is topped by the highest forest in the world, full of fish and game. This is near Knee's Pleasant Creek ranch, which borders on the Capital Reef



Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Costello a son, Richard Allen, 6 lbs., 11 ozs., Monday, Nov. 10, at Seaside hospital, rescent ity.

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National Monument. It is a "Last Frontier" which is rapidly coming to the attention of those who want to get completely away and see something really different.

Meunch considered the scenery on this trip of such merit that he stated on his return that he would rather lose his thousand dollar camera than to have anything happen to the pictures taken on the trip.—By Maggie Kerr.

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