

OLD FESTIVALS NOT ABANDONED

Crisis Weathered by Bayreuth Wagner Festival Plays

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BAYREUTH, Germany (AP)—That the Bayreuth Wagner Festival Plays have definitely weathered the crisis caused by the depletion of the Wagner fortune in the German post-war inflation, and that their continuance is assured for years to come, is the coincident view of Siegfried Wagner, himself a composer and director, but, above all, guardian of the Richard Wagner tradition.

"The devotion of Wagnerians the world over has been most touching," he told the Associated Press. "They have made it possible for us to start again from the bottom and place the Bayreuth festival plays on a safe footing."

"Take your own country, for instance: the same group of devoted friends comes over from America season after season, and brings new enthusiasts."

"The one thing that worried me was where to find the money for the setting for Tannhauser, which requires costly scenery. But for this special purpose a group of Wagnerians has collected a fund from which I can defray the high expenses."

Wagner looks to the eight renditions of Tannhauser, and of Tristan under Arturo Toscanini as high-spots of the 1936 season.

"We are devoted friends," he said, "and long ago I wanted Toscanini as one of our conductors. But immediately after the war it seemed unwise to ask anybody but a German to wield the baton."

"That period of national passions is over, fortunately and not only is Toscanini to come to Bayreuth, but he has invited me to conduct my father's works at the Scala in Milan this spring. I am looking forward to this with much pleasure."

"As in other years, Dr. Carl Muck will conduct Parsifal at Bayreuth. That fact in itself assures the success of the Parsifal renditions. Muck is one of the greatest exponents of the Wagner tradition."

Asked whether he intended to conduct any of the performances himself, Siegfried Wagner pointed out how the general management and direction of the Festival plays keeps him more than busy.

"I shall, however, conduct the second Nibelungen Ring series," he added.

"Rehearsals," he said, "begin June 15 and last until July 20. It is a time of intensive work, but at the same time a most enjoyable one for all concerned. The performers have nothing to distract them from their work, except that nature offers every conceivable charm. We are all like one big family, and the proverbially jolly artist folk see to it that no moment is dull."

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THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

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WASHINGTON—(A P)—Big, genial John Tilson, majority leader in the house, takes himself and his job rather seriously. Even so, he seems to get a deal of fun out of the game of politics as he goes along. He's a Connecticut Yankee with a sense of humor. He can laugh as heartily at a joke on himself as he can at the demagogues who, under shafts of a republican wit, hide, it seems. And one of the ways of doing it is to wisecrack about that long standing notion that congressmen do all their postal franks.

Colonel John doesn't like a good many of the things he reads in the papers which seem to reflect on the honest, integrity and ability of congressmen and senators generally.

He rarely breaks out about it, however. Two-score years of congressional life have not tarnished his respect for the legislative branch government of the men, by and large, who do the legislating. Yet he has also learned that bickering with captious editorial critics doesn't get a member anywhere in particular.

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George M. Cornwell, editor of the Timberman, is an authority on Pacific Coast woods and the origin of their names.

"It may interest you," he says, "to know that Port Orford cedar is the most valuable wood grown in America and also that it is not a cedar but a cypress."

Sitka spruce, he says, got its name from the Russians who founded Sitka, Alaska, in 1780. Sugar pine is so called because of the brown blotches on its bole that denote saccharine. The redwoods became Sequoia after Stephen Endlicher, German botanist, gave to them the name of Chief Sequoyah, a kindly Oklahoma Indian who had helped him on his journey overland to the Pacific coast early in the 19th century.

Oregon's best known tree, Cornwell says, got its name from early day figures. It is sometimes called Douglas fir after David Douglas, a young botanist who came to this coast from the United Kingdom in 1825, and sometimes Oregon pine because that was the name given it by Dr. John Me-

Loughlin when asked by a friend what name should be set down on a manifest for \$0,000 board feet of fir lumber manufactured here and destined for China.

CHAMP KEEPS TITLE LOS ANGELES, April 11—(AP)—In a hard uphill struggle which saw her trailing at the end of the first 18 holes two down, Mrs. Leona Pressler, San Gabriel, defending state champion, today defeated Miss Helen Lawson, Los Angeles, 4 and 3 to retain the California women's golf title.

TOKYO MARKET OPENS TOKYO, April 12—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Tokyo stock exchange reopened today after a one-day suspension. Trading was orderly and prices steady.

BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR FIRST QUARTER

DAYTON, Ohio, April 12—All first quarter production records were broken by Frigidaire corporation during the first three months of 1936, according to E. G. Blechler, president and general manager. More men are being employed than ever before at this time of the year, he stated.

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