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RUSSIAN TRADE IMPROVES, SAYS BRITISH VISITOR

Expenses Cut and Taxes Up, Says F. L. Baldwin After Inspection Tour

MAY HAVE TO CUT TAXES

But One Bad Harvest Might Upset Good Prospects, He Declares.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—"Russia is recovering," declared F. L. Baldwin, brother of the Prime Minister, who has recently returned from a trip of business investigation in Russia. "It is going to be a slow business, the recovery of Russia, but I am very hopeful," said Baldwin. "A single bad harvest might upset everything, of course, but there is a good sporting chance."

"The thing that strikes me is the extraordinary way in which the Russians are struggling with the financial situation. They are cutting down their expenditures very heavily and pushing up their taxes. In fact, they fear they have put their taxes up too high and that they may have to bring them down again."

"Income taxes range from 2 1/2 per cent to 20 per cent, and they have placed a tax of about 3 per cent on the turnover of the business community, which seems to be the equivalent of our corporation profit tax."

"The Russians are trying to establish their currency on a chervonets basis. A chervonets is the equivalent of our pound."

"In the promotion of Russian trade the Soviet government is subordinating everything else to the development of agriculture. They would like to import a lot of agricultural machinery, for their processes are still very primitive. We saw people cutting corn with hand-sickles during our journey from Moscow to Perograd. But even their imports of agricultural machinery would be held down by their policy of maintaining a favorable trade balance."

"If they had any money to spend abroad, which at the moment they have not, they would spend it first on agricultural machinery, then on the repair of rolling stock and railways, and then on such things as saw-milling plants and mining apparatus."

Baldwin said that very few of the Moscow population looked poverty stricken and everybody seemed to be working. The change from state to private control is now well advanced, he said.

COMMANDING LEGION IS NOT AN EASY JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The job of commanding the American Legion is no simple one, it would appear from the words of Alvin Owsley, who delivered his farewell speech to the Legion here yesterday.

In referring to the international scope of Legion activities, Owsley said:

"Not only has the force of the Legion been proclaimed throughout every State of the Union, but in the lands of Cuba and Panama and on foreign soil at London, Paris, Brussels and in Germany, in the Ruhr, wherever there was a listening ear, whenever time and a muchly overworked body and mind permitted, the presence of your National Commander was given."

Owsley expressed his appreciation of the relief from these multitudinous duties afforded by the national vice-commanders.

100 MILLIONS IN CONSTRUCTION IN MANHATTAN BOROUGH

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—If the amount of building construction now under way in the Boro of Manhattan alone is any criterion, wages and materials here are pretty well stabilized and there is small chance of any decline in either.

Exclusive of minor developments, such as private construction and small projects in general and small projects in general, and there is more than \$100,000,000 worth of building either under way or immediately contemplated.

Here are the major construction programmes:
Twenty-eight apartment houses representing an investment of more than \$50,000,000.

Twenty-five new hotels under construction, totaling \$30,000,000.

Various commercial structures involving an estimated investment of \$20,000,000.

GLEASON RESIGNS AS MANAGER WHITE SOCKS

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—William "Kid" Gleason, veteran manager of the Chicago White Sox, today confirmed the rumor that his resignation had been handed to Chas. Comiskey, to be effective immediately. Gleason coached the Chicago American League team to a world's championship in 1919, but the team has disintegrated entirely since the Black Sox scandal, following the 1919 series. He said conditions have become such he resigned in order "to save Mr. Comiskey the embarrassment of relieving me if he desired."

NEW OREGON SPIRIT

"The New Oregon Spirit", was the theme of Herbert Cuthbert's talk to the Chamber of Commerce forum at Hotel Ashland Tuesday noon. Mr. Cuthbert, for a number of years secretary of the Northwest Tourist and Information Bureau, is now head of the publicity department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cuthbert first emphasized the idea that the city of Portland has entered into a new idea of state-wide development and notwithstanding the fact that 3600 members of the Chamber pay a membership fee of \$50.00 each, Portland has raised and will expend on state-wide development \$300,000.00.

"Scenery and climate", said Mr. Cuthbert, "are among the greatest assets which Oregon has, and no part of the entire state of Oregon has greater possibilities than has Ashland. Your auto camp ground, situated in your wonderful park, has proven Ashland's ability to attract and hold the tourist. The amount received in fees from these tourists should be devoted, every cent of it to a continued development and improvement of your camp facilities. Because, every dollar thus expended means an ever-increasing return to your merchants and community."

"Advertise your opportunities and advantages in climate and scenery to this ever increasing number of visitors; but to obtain the best results Ashland should now start a movement for a real tourist hotel. In my opinion there is no other place in Oregon which has a greater opportunity than Ashland, I am confident that such a venture would prove a certain financial success. There is no better investment in Oregon today than in the hotel business."

Previous to Mr. Cuthbert's address W. J. Piepenbrink, secretary of state to the Royal Rosarians of Portland, addressed the gathering, particularly the Lithians, and invited participation in next year's Rose Festival, which the Rosarians make their special program of the year.

Mr. W. C. Brownell, legislative member from Portland, was also introduced and spoke briefly of his desire to meet the business men and discuss the income tax measure, which is to be voted on in November.

The following communication from Mr. H. G. Gilmore, was considered as a bid from this Ashland booster for membership in the Lithians. An intimation that his age might be considered twenty-four instead of eighty-four:

Proud Ashland "will never fail to allure. So long as its Lithia Park thrives and endures. And a single Booster, well primed in the fray, is sure to drive the mischief making knocker away. Boosting, (not boasting) judiciously sustained. Is Ashland's corrective against both grief and pain."

Secretary Fuller asked that all those willing to assist in giving the Parent-Teacher convention members, numbering about two hundred and fifty, a drive around Ashland next Tuesday afternoon, register their names at the Chamber of Commerce at the earliest possible moment.

LIVING COSTS AGAIN ON UPWARD TREND

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Living costs are on the advance again, according to reports by the department of labor. Wholesale prices have jumped nearly two and three-quarters per cent in September, as compared with August. This is in marked contrast with the downward trend since May. Clothing shows the greatest increase, amounting approximately to four and one half per cent.

Coolidge and Cabinet to See Masonic Washington Memorial Ceremonials

Alexandria, Va., Oct. 17.—President Coolidge and his Cabinet, it became known today, will attend the laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial here on November 1. They will be escorted to Alexandria by Leon M. Abbott, of Boston, sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, northern jurisdiction; Barton Smith of Toledo, Ohio, past sovereign grand commander, and Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon. Charles H. Callahan, deputy grand master of Virginia, will be in charge of the ceremony, assisted by Colonel Louis A. Watres, president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial; William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court; former Vice-President Marshall and others. Chief Justice Taft will be escorted by Judge H. S. Tompkins, grand master of New York; George M. Napier, Attorney-General of Georgia, and Captain John H. Cowles, sovereign grand commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern jurisdiction. High priests of surrounding chapters will escort Henry De Witt Clinton, who will represent Dr. William H. Kuhn, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States Royal Arch Masons.

Declared to be the greatest memorial ever erected to any man, built by the Masonic Orders of the United States to the memory of George Washington, their grandest master, the edifice will cost over \$4,000,000. The cornerstone will be laid in the presence of 70,000 Masons, who will come from every Blue Lodge in the Union, as well as from Alaska. Invitations have been extended to Masonic lodges all over the world. The ceremonies will be the most impressive ever held at the laying of a cornerstone.

Use General's Trowel
Deputy Grand Master Callahan will use the identical silver trowel used by George Washington during the Masonic ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol on September 18, 1783. Each Grand Master will be furnished with an exact replica of this trowel, and each will spread a small quantity of mortar on the huge cornerstone. Plans for amplifying and broadcasting the ceremonies are being made.

The huge memorial will be constructed of solid granite. It will be 260 feet in height, 180 feet wide and 260 feet long on the ground level, and it will be set upon the commanding summit of Shooter's Hill, a part of Arlington Ridge, overlooking the Potomac. The sides of Shooter's Hill will contain seven artistically planted terraces, with broad walks and low stone steps leading to the shrine of Washington. The memorial will be set in a park of 32 acres of land acquired by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The huge solid concrete foundation for the memorial already has been completed up to the level of the main Memorial Hall. It is 10 feet thick, 180 feet wide and 260 feet long. The movement for the greatest memorial was formally initiated by the organization of the George Washington National Memorial Association February 22, 1911. It grew from a desire to provide a shrine for the priceless collection of relics and intimate records of George Washington in possession of Washington's old Lodge, No. 39, of which he was Grand Master. These relics of Washington as a Mason will be faithfully reproduced to every detail, even to the paper on the wall.

Relics Priceless
This great memorial will not only house Washington's Masonic memorabilia, but also his personal possessions and relics associated with every stage of his career, of which a collection was begun shortly after the General's death.

A few moments after Washington died at Mount Vernon, Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, an old friend, who has held the post of honor during the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol, cut the pendulum of the clock which stood in Washington's bedroom. Its hands still point to the moment which ended that glorious career—20 minutes past 10 p. m. on Saturday, September 14, 1799. Mrs. Washington shortly after the General's death presented this clock to Dr. Dick for the lodge.

The collection was amplified by



George Washington National Masonic Memorial

gifts from Washington's relatives and friends. It now embraces a great number of relics associated with his life from ten years of age onward, as well as a number of old portraits, including an oil painting of Washington as Master of the Lodge and for which the Lodge has refused \$100,000.

These relics will be housed in the great museum on the second floor of the memorial building above the great Memorial Hall. In this great hall will be placed the memorial itself—a statue of George Washington.

Honors Washington
The George Washington Masonic Memorial is primarily a memorial to George Washington, the Man and Mason. Its form is inspired by the ancient towers built in the ancient days of Greece and Rome to mark the entrances to the harbors and from whose summits ever-burning flares that could be seen for miles at sea guided the mariner on his way.

The memorial will be one of the

most imposing memorial edifices ever constructed. The plans were drawn by the New York architects, Helmlé & Corbett, after many months of study. Olmstead Brothers & Parker, Brookline, Mass., have produced plans for the fine landscape to surround the memorial.

The memorial is located on the west branch of the Potomac River, six miles south of Washington, D. C., and can be seen from the capital city. It will be passed by all those going to and from Mount Vernon, Washington's home, to the Capital, Alexandria, Va., is a town that perhaps contains more of historic value related to Washington than any other city in the United States. The General surveyed the streets of Alexandria in the year that it was founded (1749) by Lord Fairfax. Washington was the first to establish a free school in Virginia. He once owned the very land upon which the memorial to him is being constructed. He was closely associated with the Masonic Lodge in Alexandria.

LLOYD GEORGE SICK ENGAGEMENTS STOP

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—All engagements today for Lloyd George, England's war premier, have been cancelled and Lloyd George ordered to be by physicians, because of a cold. The cold has been aggravated by fatigue, and the visitor failed to show improvement expected. Attending physicians emphasized Lloyd George's condition as not serious.

COYOTE WAS KILLED WHILE EATING ASHLAND CHICKEN

The nice fat appetizing chickens of Mrs. Barber, 153 Granite street, this morning appealed so strongly and lead a coyote to his death. This morning Marshall Barber, aroused by the cries of the chickens in his backyard, went to the window with a gun, and saw a coyote eating a fine pullet. Marshall took aim, pulled the trigger and one more marauding coyote went to the animal heaven. Whether the early raiding of city chicken pens by coyotes prophecies an early and hard winter, is yet to be determined, by those who have kept tab on the portents which tell the future.

MEDFORD ASKS ASHLAND FOR ROOMS FOR PARENT TEACHERS DELEGATION

Mrs. Louis Dodge, president of the Ashland Parent-Teachers Association received a trouble call from officials of the Medford circle of the association, asking for help in the way of providing lodging for part of the delegates to the state convention of the association which is to be held there Oct. 23-26. Medford has received word to prepare for three hundred delegates to the convention, and has not been able to anywhere near meet the demand for rooms. Consequently the call for help.

As one day of the convention is to be held in Ashland, on the day of October 25, the local circle would like to have a hearty response from Ashland residents to the appeal for lodging. Those who will offer this assistance, kindly phone Mrs. Dodge. The program for the session to be held in Ashland will be given later.

The Tidings office for all kinds of printing.

Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Day Celebrated By O. E. S.

One of the most successful fraternal events in the history of Ashland occurred last night, the occasion being the regular meeting of Alpha Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S. The Masonic temple, in which the communication was held, was filled almost to a point of overflowing with members and visitors. Of the latter there was an unusually large number.

After transacting the regular business initiation was conducted, two candidates receiving an exemplification of the beautiful and impressive degrees of the order.

At the close of the regular chapter session members and guests were requested to remain and listen to a special program. Only those directly connected with the evening's program were aware of what was in store, and it was not until the first number had been rendered that the rank and file of those present realized that a golden wedding was to be observed.

Golden Wedding Ceremony

The program proper was a fitting and impressive observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Day, both prominent in Masonic and Eastern Star circles of Ashland.

Mrs. W. M. Denton sang, "O, Promise Me" in a pleasing manner, after which the happy couple, accompanied by the conductress, associate conductress, and maids, were escorted to the front of the room and to a point beneath a golden wedding bell suspended from the ceiling. Then followed a vivid review of the wedding ceremony of half a century ago, delivered by Vicar P. K. Hammond. The Vicar likened the venerable couple to a double rainbow, which he said it was his pleasure to observe not long ago, and closed by invoking Divine blessing for the future happiness, health and prosperity of the husband and wife.

The honored guests were then given seats of honor and Mrs. Fred Neil sang, in her usual pleasing manner, "At Dawning."

Mrs. Frank Jordan read "Remarks from a Friend", in honor of the couple, which was followed by a song by Miss Ema Kelting. Dressed in appropriate costume, Miss Kelting sang "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" in a manner that elicited hearty applause.

Mrs. Karl Nims gave two excellent readings, "Candor" and "The Bald Headed Man."

The last number of the commemoration of the wedding performed so many years ago, was a duet rendered by S. A. Peters, Sr., and Mrs. Wm. Denton. They appeared in the costume of German folk and rendered in characteristic manner an interpretation of "An Early Courtship," portraying how "William proposed to Mary fifty years ago." The manner was exceptionally well rendered and called for hearty applause.

Mrs. S. H. Peters, Jr., presided at the piano.

Receive Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Day were the recipients of many hearty congratulations. That the observance of an event so important in their lives by the organization loved by both was pleasing to each was evidenced by the beams of pleasure radiating from their faces. Although they felt, perhaps, that the rounding of their fifty years of married life was only an ordinary instance, the many friends assembled realized it as a real accomplishment, calling for warm words of commendation and congratulation.

Refreshments Served

Delicious refreshments were served in the banquet room, entering which diners were marched around the table bearing the huge wedding cakes, prepared especially for the occasion. At the close of the banquet Dr. Blake, Patron of Alpha Chapter, with well chosen remarks, presented a beautiful picture of Crater Lake to the happy couple as a token of the deep respect in which they are held by the organization.

The dining room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with beautiful autumn leaves, and lighted candles and old fashioned candy hearts graced the tables.

The committee responsible for the tasty decorations and delightful lunch was composed of Mrs. C. H. Vaupel, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, and Mr. and Mrs. McRae.

Midnight marked the close of the enjoyable event and members of Alpha Chapter and their guests returned homeward with the pleasant knowledge of having attended an event of unusual interest in Ashland's fraternal circles.

SAN QUENTIN GARDENS BOON TO PRISONERS

Pathetic Pride of Inmates in Tiny Plots an Aid to Prison Discipline

"CROPS" ARE INVIOLOTE

Direct Punishment Is to Be Forbidden Permission to Visit Little Patch

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 17.—One of the first things that a visitor to San Quentin penitentiary is likely to notice as he is guided through the somber interior of the great state prison is the number of little gardens that are conspicuous on every hand.

They are "owned and cultivated" by prisoners for their own use and enjoyment, and it is almost pathetic to observe the pride that many of the convicts take in developing their tiny patches of flowers, vegetables, or lawn.

"One of the surprising things I have found in my many years within these walls," declared an old prison guard today, "is the fact that these gardens we have here are among the strongest incentives to good behavior among the inmates that we could possibly think of."

"It doesn't matter what a fellow grows, his small garden becomes his whole concern and interest in life while he is here. It needs constant care and attention, and there isn't a man in a hundred that will do anything that might deprive him of the opportunity to visit his little patch every day."

Officials of the great prison, which houses more than 2,700 men, declare that they intend to continue encouraging San Quentin prisoners to take an interest in gardening, because a man who is engrossed in the mystery of why plants grow doesn't have time to misbehave.

One of the small gardens belongs to Thomas J. Mooney, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the Preparedness Day bomb outrage in San Francisco, in 1916. Mooney's patch is outside the walls of the prison, near the little engine house in which he sits and pulls levers to unload cargoes onto a wharf a short distance away.

The only restriction prisoners who are interested in gardening must observe is that they cannot take their produce to their cells.

Never has there been a case of one prisoner appropriating the crop of another's patch, according to the old guard. A sort of unwritten law among the men makes it out of the question, he said.

The greatest praise that a prisoner can receive is to be commended on the pleasing appearance of his garden.

"Get 'em back to the soil, and nature will do the rest," said the guard as he waved good-bye.

MC CRAY ECHOES VOICE PINCHOT TO COOLIDGE

WEST BADEN, Ind., Oct. 17.—"Prohibition never can be enforced until there is a thorough house-cleaning of the national dry forces and federal units placed squarely under the direction of the President of the United States" was the charge made by Governor McCray, of Indiana, today in echo to the challenge flung last Sunday by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania. McCray's statement was made in an address of welcome to the fifteenth annual conference of state governors. Statements by other governors will be made at President Coolidge's "law and order" conference at the White House this coming Saturday.

PORTLAND AND EUREKA, CAL., BOTH HAVE BANDIT STORIES

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—Police in this city are working on the solution of the Siskiyou train robbery and murder mystery, after inspecting an old Hudson car, bearing a Washington license, found back of a garage, and belonging to Vancouver, Wash. It is said to answer the description of the car seen hurrying away from the scene of the crime.

While police are working from this angle, word has come from Eureka, Cal., that the arrest of the bandits is expected there today, by posse which have surrounded the suspected men in the wilds of the Klamath National Forest.