

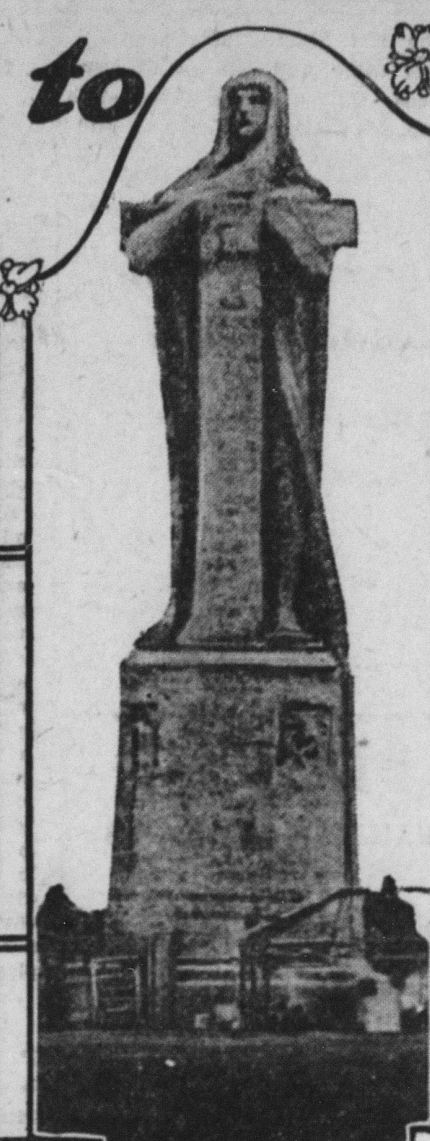
Memorials to Columbus



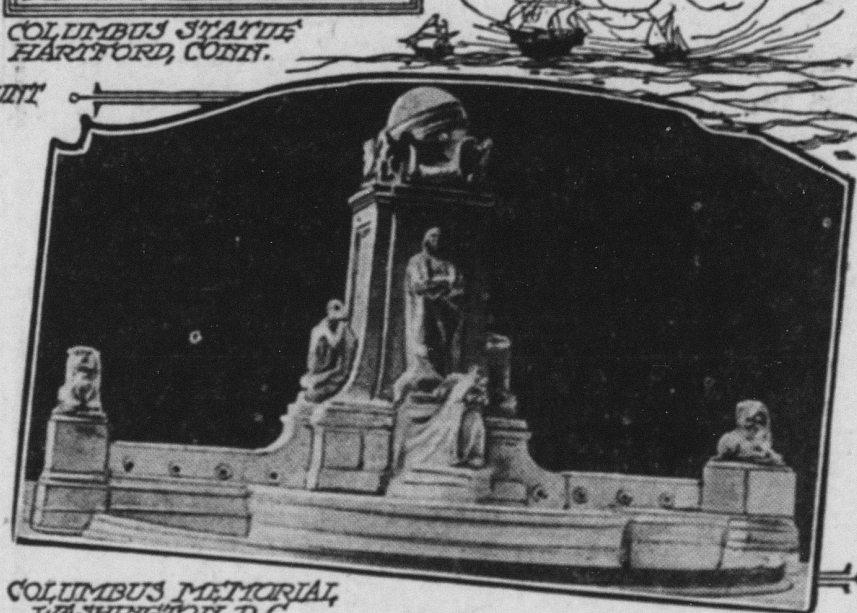
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COLUMBUS STATUE, HARTFORD, CONN.



COLUMBUS STATUE, BALOS, SPAIN



COLUMBUS MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON, D. C. Photo by Harris & Evans

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COLUMBUS day this year, 1920, finds the fame of the great explorer perpetuated in a new and perhaps the greatest of all memorials ever erected to him. For many American visitors to Spain, drawn there by the two expositions, one in Seville and the other in Barcelona, during the past summer, also made a pilgrimage to Palos and there saw the colossal figure of the navigator, standing with arms resting on the traverse of a great cross, his eyes directed westward, looking out over blue waters of the Atlantic upon which he set sail from Palos in 1492 to discover a new world.

The statue, the work of an American sculptress, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, was unveiled last April with appropriate ceremonies in which representatives of both Spain and the United States took part. The placing of this monument, America's gift in appreciation of Spain's backing of the Columbus expedition, is another example of a memorial which not only honors a great personage in history but which also makes more binding the ties of friendship between two nations. The plan to erect this memorial grew from a suggestion made in 1926 at a dinner given to the Spanish ambassador in Philadelphia. The money necessary for its erection was secured through contributions from American individuals and institutions. The total cost of it was \$250,000.

The statue consists of a 70-foot figure of Columbus surmounting a 44-foot base surrounded by a park and garden. The figure as made by Mrs. Whitney follows the authentic reproduction of Columbus made by Paulus Jovius and still in possession of the Orchi at Como. On the four corners of the pedestal are carved reliefs representing the hemispheres and within the base is a 20-foot chamber in which figures of Ferdinand and Isabella sit in royal garb. The walls of the chamber are covered with reliefs, including the arms of Castile, Leon and Aragon, and also a map of the world as it was known before Columbus's discovery of America. There is also an appropriate memorial to the crews of the Santa Maria, the Nina, and the Pinta. The statue is of granite from the famous Hiba quarries.

Just as this memorial is the greatest among those erected to his memory in Europe, so is the national monument to Columbus in Washington, D. C., the greatest in America. This memorial, which stands on the plaza in front of the Union station in the National Capital, was designed by Daniel H. Burnham, architect of the Union station and member of the National Commission of Fine Arts, and Lorado Taft, the famous Chicago sculptor. It was erected under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. It consists of a semicircular fountain 70 feet wide and 65 feet

deep, adorned with a great statue of Columbus and other appropriate figures. At the rear of the fountain rises a stone shaft more than forty feet high surmounted by a globe of the world. Against this background appears the statue of Columbus who is represented as standing on the prow of a vessel with arms folded, looking out over the waters through which his little ship is sailing. The figurehead of the ship is a female figure, typifying the spirit of discovery, and immediately below it is the great basin of the fountain.

On either side of the shaft are massive figures portraying the New and Old world—the New, by the figure of an American Indian, reaching over his shoulder for an arrow from his quiver, and the Old, by the figure of a patriarchal Caucasian, heroic in physique and thoughtful in mien. The globe at the top of the shaft represents the influence of Columbus on the growth of man's knowledge of the shape of the earth. Supporting it are four American eagles standing at the corners at the top of the shaft with wings partially extended.

An even greater memorial to Columbus than any which has yet been erected will some day be a landmark in a land intimately connected with the history of the great explorer. For the nations of the two Americas are planning to co-operate in honoring him with the erection of a four-million-dollar lighthouse as a beacon for navigators of both the sea and air, in the capital of Santo Domingo, the land which Columbus called Hispaniola. A tract of 2,500 acres of waterfront land has been set aside by the Dominican republic for a pan-American park in which the lighthouse is to be built; and money has been appropriated for this republic's share of the cost of the memorial. Appropriation bills for that purpose have already been introduced in the United States, Cuba and other Latin-American countries. Financing of the project, which is being carried forward under the auspices of the Pan-American Union, is reported to be in an advanced stage with its success assured and the next step will be an architectural contest in which the leading architects of the world will be invited to submit designs.

The Discovery of America

O God that led me to this lonely place
Amidst the hostile murmuring
of men,
I am frightened at the immensity
of space,
I am sick of Spain and Italy
again.
I have in me a fury of desire
To find and conquer worlds;
yet life is brief,
And the mingling voices of my
foes conspire
To drive me back and forth
like a giddy leaf.
"We are summoned again," they
said, "to hear again
The ravings of the mariner
gone mad
Reading the fables from Marco
Polo's pen,
Haughty is he for one so
meanly clad.
"What if the earth were round
and we could sail
Down to the coasts of Mangi
and Cathay?
Think you we would return to
tell the tale,
Ascending the waters as they
swept away?"

O Isabella, be with me tonight,
When the golden lands of Sol-
omon indeed
Seem but a madman's dream, and
men recite
Tales of the poor map-maker's
senseless greed.
"Sail ho! Yo ho! Land! Is it land
ahead,
Or a cloud or a fancy of delir-
ium?
Admiral, Admiral, lift your
drowsy head!
It is India; we have reached
Elizium!"
Down on your knees and pray as
I will pray!
O God that led me to this land
of gold
That I find and take possession
of today,
You have made me great be-
fore You made me old.
You have lifted me and raised me
over men,
You have proved me sane, to
prove the earth is round.
The glory of the East is found
again,
O India; O holy, holy ground!
—Helene Mullins in the New York
World.

Trees Get Their Food

After tests by the New York College of Agriculture it appears that trees are not fed with the necessary salts and sugars by the water which is found in the woody part of the trunk. Instead there are tubes extending through the bark tissues through which the food is carried from the ground and from the leaves by millions of microscopic organisms. These tubes are filled with a living

substance, which circulates up and down the tree in an endless stream. Moving downward they carry sugars manufactured by the leaves, and on the return trip they bring up from the earth the nourishment absorbed by the roots.

Getting Crepe Effects
One method of producing crepe effects in silk materials is by alternating a right and left hand highly twisted thread in the warp and filling the fabric with a highly twisted tram

When the material is boiled off and dyed, the effect of the alternating twisted threads is a puckering of the fabric.

Indian Nomenclature
"Slous" as applied to a large group of Indian tribes is a shortened form of "adowesslous," which in turn is a corruption of "Nadowe-is-lw," the name given to these Indians by the Chipewags. It signifies snake or adder, and by metaphor, enemy.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Community Building

City's Wisdom Shown in Looking to the Future

Millions of dollars will be saved to American cities through the planning of city improvements early. This is evidenced by the experience of Akron, Ohio, which, through carefully contemplated and progressive street widening, has already saved nearly \$2,000,000 according to E. E. Duffy, head of one of the largest associations dealing in building and road construction materials.

"Ten years ago Akron adopted a street-widening plan calling for the eventual widening of nearly twenty miles of streets," he said. "To have widened these thoroughfares outright would have been impossible, for the total cost would have been some \$20,000,000. The plan was adopted of establishing new setback building lines so that as buildings became obsolete and were replaced, the new structures were erected ten feet or more back from the former building line.

"The \$2,000,000 saving made by Akron includes money saved through the avoidance of condemnation charges. Having saved this amount in ten years, the city is now going to spend roughly that amount in widening four and a half miles of an important artery."

Essential Factors in Creating Land Demand

We are in the habit of judging values of real estate by the general activity in the real estate market, building operations, building permits issued, acreage bought and sold, general business conditions and similar indicia. But there are other important ways of gauging rising values.

The growth in population, transportation, utilities, industry, public improvements, etc., are some other factors which add to permanent real estate values because they indicate demand, accessibility, comfort, buying power, progress, desirability and the like, to the prospective buyer.

We have only to imagine the sales resistance in marketing a piece of urban real estate without improved streets, without utilities like gas, electricity, water, sewers and telephones; without factories or business nearby to create pay rolls; without rapid transportation to and from regular places of employment or business, and the importance of these factors in creating and increasing values in real estate becomes self-evident.

Fire Prevention

Each year the number of communities actively participating in the observance of "fire prevention week" increases and better results are obtained. Many individuals and organizations are in a position to be of service during the campaign, which should be planned in advance.

Because of the authority vested in their positions, public officials, such as mayors, village presidents and fire marshals, can aid fire prevention campaigns materially by taking part in the program and issuing proclamations calling upon citizens to participate. Usually they realize the danger of fire and gladly co-operate.

Building Cost Lowered

Although industrial building has been at high levels this year, the cost of a new factory structure is 6 per cent below the average for the last ten years, according to a survey of building costs throughout the country just made by a Chicago firm of engineers and builders.

The cost of industrial construction is now 40 per cent under the peak reached in 1920 and it is at the lowest point since late in 1922. The computation is based on a standard building 100 by 200 feet, and it includes prices of material and wages of labor.

Shrubs in Shady Spots

There are many shrubs which will grow well or perhaps better in shady situations than in the sun. Such plants include: Japanese barberry, red bud, red osier, dogwood, hazelnut, deutzia, forsythia, hills-of-snow, various species of privet, Indian currant, Van Houttei spirea, Japanese maple and numerous viburnums. In planting shrubs around the home many situations such as north exposures and trees shaded areas will be found where some shrubs will not grow. If the proper species are selected and cared for a vigorous and healthy growth will result in any situation.

Beauty in Building

Communities built to look like "peas in a pod" have aroused the American Institute of Architects into developing a plan for a union of effort in the arts of designing. C. Herrick Hammond, president of the Institute, announced. The movement would bring about collaboration among architects, sculptors, mural painters, landscape designers and craftsmen in creating a new mode of architectural expression.

Modernize With Windows

The dark, dismal house with its dismal walls has gone. Bright, healthy rooms and friendly exteriors have come to stay. More and larger windows is the verdict of the architect and owner alike. Thousands of old homes are being modernized in this way.

High Praise Conveyed in Three Short Words

Dr. William A. Muhlenberg, who founded the Church of the Holy Communion in New York, is claimed by a correspondent of the Churchman to be the author of the world's shortest sermon.

The occasion was the burial service for one of his trustees. He gave out his text, Micah 6:8, which reads "He hath shewed thee, Oh man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" His sermon was, "He did this."

Recently the Churchman expressed the belief that a sermon by a Catholic priest in Toronto during the hot weather this summer was the record holder for brevity. That sermon, however, ran to 100 words.

Army of Hunters

Pity the poor, wild game of this country! Based on last year's figures, an army almost three times the size of the A. E. F. in the World War is about to move on the rabbits and deer, ducks, partridges and other game fowls and animals. Hunting licenses for the 1928 season were issued to 6,450,000 people, who paid in excess of \$9,000,000 for the privileges of hunting. New York state led with 675,780 licenses and Pennsylvania was second with 517,720.

Had Reasons

Dauber—My picture was turned down by the exhibition hanging committee. I don't believe they even looked at it.

Fried—Nonsense. They must have seen it or they wouldn't have done such a thing.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Equal Obligations

He who bids us leave the gift on the altar and be reconciled to our brother would have us go back and be reconciled to any duty with which we may have quarreled.—Mark Guy Pearce.

Completing the Job

Mrs. Jello—Doctor, is there no hope for my husband?

Doctor Killum—No, I don't think your husband will recover, but to make sure I'll call in another physician.

Old Sentinel Passes

An old oak tree, called "Madame de Sevigne" in honor of the French writer, has been cut down at Forges-les-Eaux, France. She mentioned the tree in letters written 240 years ago!

Ugh! But It's Pretty Good!

Correspondent desires a title for a poem on his first ocean voyage. How would "Sick Transit" do?—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Court Paid Attention

Sally—So you were arrested for speeding? What did the judge give you?

Irene—Only an invitation so far.

No Use

"Pa says there will be a coal shortage by 1940." "What's the use of looking for trouble that far ahead?"

Young man, beware of the peach who is the apple of your eye. She may prove to be a lemon.

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