

BEGIN 1926 EXPOSITION PLANS NOW, IT IS URGED

Six Years for Start on Sesquicentennial Short Enough Period for Preparation—Laying Out Part of Grounds as Map of U. S. One Suggestion

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

It is a foregone conclusion that Philadelphia will have a sesquicentennial celebration to mark the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the American colonies.

The paramount question, even before that of finance, is what form shall the celebration take?

Will it be a vast exposition of the world's progress?

Shall it take the form of a series of magnificent fetes and national and international celebrations, with historical pageants and tableaux?

Will it, in some vast structure, the proposed memorial convention hall or coliseum, constitute a gathering, at the expense of the country, of the leading artists, sculptors, scientists, theologians, statesmen, writers, publicists and even crowned heads and presidents of republics, to discuss the world's progress and the future of the human race?

It is a great question that must be decided, and decided very quickly. If it is not decided by the middle of the year, the work must begin at once. Six years is a short enough period for preparation.

No Project Will Brook Delay

Any project or plan that contemplates buildings, one or many, substantial or temporary, will brook no delay. The experience of Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco of incomplete structures, and unfinished decorations, on the opening day should not be the light of our recent achievements, be deplored six years hence.

If a vast program of historical fetes, replete with magnificent pageantry and extending over a period of two years, the plans and scope should be well in hand by the middle of the coming year.

Should a Congress of the world's greatest men and women be the decision, ample time should be given to the guests who will come at this nation's bidding to prepare for presentation the summary or the story of their work, researches and conclusions.

It would be the greatest conclave of its kind ever held in the history of the world, for the fifty years that have intervened since the Centennial of 1876 have been the most marvelous in human advancement in the history of the world.

There is a wide diversity of views I find among public men as to the character that the sesquicentennial should take. There is a divergence of ideas as to the site.

One plan, the most ambitious ever broached upon the subject, contemplates the use of Fairmount Park on both sides of the Schuylkill. The latter is to be transformed into a water highway.

Instead of flimsy buildings beautiful in design, but unsubstantial, as structures of staff and plaster usually are in this climate, the scheme contemplates the erection of permanent buildings surpassingly beautiful both as to architecture and location.

Ideas in Past Expositions

The great expositions of the past have typified some great idea; have been designed by some distinctive title. They were the concrete expression in monumental beauty of a unique conception.

Thus the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876 was known as the "Centennial." It celebrated the centennial anniversary of the birth of the nation.

The World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 was known as "The White City." San Francisco, known as "The Panama Exposition," was a gorgeous presentation of the arts and sciences. It was color everywhere—a mighty blaze of primitive beauty distinct from all its predecessors.

The sesquicentennial should embody some idea. Education and Industrial Advancement have been suggested as the dominant thought to control in the exhibition of 1926.

The industrial advancement of the civilized nations of the last ten years is worthy of a world exposition in itself.

It was educational advancement, for education means resourcefulness, even in war.

The city owns 1100 acres of land near the mouth of the Schuylkill. It has the advantage of water frontage and can be made easily accessible for the transportation of a vast attendance.

It is on the west bank of the Schuylkill at the mouth of the Delaware. A portion of the ground is elevated sufficiently to afford an admirable site for the erection of exhibition and recreation buildings. They would command a general outlook over the entire area of the grounds.

A former official identified with the city's improvement has suggested the most original idea that perhaps has ever been conceived, for the topographical arrangement of a vast exhibition of national character.

Grounds Shaped Like U. S.

The exhibition grounds, laid out to scale, would be shaped like the United States. An intake from the Delaware river to the western limit of the grounds could represent the Pacific ocean with the great lakes and large inland water ways of the country.

The Schuylkill could represent the Atlantic.

Each state could be represented accurately in proportion with boundary lines of bridges and with bridges and contour walls to indicate great transcontinental railroad trunk lines, or famous transcontinental trails.

The topography of each state, as for instance the flat lands of the Middle West, the gently undulating prairie lands beyond the Mississippi, and the mountain states with the towering Sierras adjacent to the Pacific coast, could be accurately represented with the aid of the landscape gardener's art.

Eight hundred acres or so could be devoted to this vast geographical scheme. Nor would it necessarily follow that state buildings should be erected within the green bordered boundary lines of this mimic republic. In fact, it might be well to get away from the old state building idea.

The Fairmount scheme includes the Parkway entire as one of the entrances to the exposition grounds; decorated and illuminated from the City Hall to the park entrance. It is contemplated as an avenue of light and beauty.

Opportunities for Water Sports

The banks of the Schuylkill permanently beautified with water gates and quays would afford opportunities for water sports and recreation unsurpassed anywhere in any city.

An alternative to the great exposition idea is that of the series of national fetes. It is a rather indefinite suggestion and difficult to contemplate or analyze in its entirety.

The original proposition for a sesquicentennial dates back to 1914, the year of the beginning of the great war. It was then deferred to 1919, and again to 1920, to hold a series of great and impressive gatherings in Philadelphia.

administration. This plan would not be directed against President Wilson. The new appropriations will not become available until July 1 of next year, four months after President Wilson goes out of office. All that an amendment to the army supply bill forbidding the use of funds for an army in Europe would do would be to embarrass President Wilson. The most amendment may not be ready in four months after he takes office to have all the American forces out of Europe.

Harding Faces Task

President Harding will have a difficult task on his hands in negotiating a new agreement with the foreign powers. The general expectation is that he will not accept the Versailles treaty, even with amendments and reservations.

But if it should be deemed better for an ex-Senator Root suggested in a dispatch from Europe, to make the treaty the basis of the association of nations, a forced recall of the American troops would be a violation of the treaty. A failure to appropriate for an army in Europe would tie the new President's hands in a situation that is full of difficulties and complexities whose outcome no one can foresee.

To leave the initiative for the withdrawal of American troops in the new President's hands is to leave the President free to work his way out of a delicate situation as best he can. Moreover, unforeseen troubles may arise in Europe which may require the presence of American troops there.

The new administration has not worked out its European policy. It will not work out that policy until after conferences with the leading Republicans and with the Democratic senators, with the best minds in the country, according to Mr. Harding's pledge. Then negotiations abroad will be necessary. In effect to order the return of American troops from Europe by July 1, is to tie the new President's hands in advance, instead of leaving him free and trusting him to carry out his pledge for return of the troops as soon as he can.

Hearing Ordered on Fruit Rates

Washington, Nov. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a hearing November 23 on the proposed suspension of contemplated increased tariffs and restrictions in the importation of fruit and vegetables throughout the country.

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part of the Coblenz bridgehead. And with the passage of the peace resolution the American troops can and should be called home.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS PICKS PHILA. GIRL FOR JOB

Miss Florence Wilson is Selected to Be Chief Librarian

Miss Florence Wilson, a Philadelphia girl, has been given the appointment of chief librarian for the League of Nations. The appointment was announced yesterday. Miss Wilson's home in this city is at 8959 Frankford avenue.

The selection can be considered distinctive, as well as a recognition of efficiency of library methods. It is understood that Miss Wilson's work in cataloging and filing with the American Peace Commission two years ago, and later in doing preliminary organization work for the league, resulted in her permanent selection when the league convened at Geneva.

The outstanding feature of her work will be the development of a complete library, a work which will require research in every country in the world, and in which she will have control of many skilled librarians in Europe.

Miss Wilson's father was the late Colonel William B. Wilson, of Frankford. She studied in Philadelphia schools, later graduated from Drexel Institute, and followed with library work at Columbia University. In this city she lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Ulrich, and an aunt, Mrs. E. C. Soverby, at the Frankford avenue address. Mrs. Harrington Pease, of Germantown, is a sister.

Miss Wilson will have among her assistants two former Columbia Library associates—Miss H. B. Keller and Miss Alice Hartlett.

PLAN NEWSBOYS' WELFARE

Civic Club Committee Takes Up Their Interests

The child welfare committee of the Civic Club, at a meeting today, discussed plans to promote the interests of the newsboys, and appointed a sub-committee to take this matter in charge. A member of the sub-committee is Mrs. Ernest L. Tustin, wife of the director of Public Welfare.

Co-operation with the White-Williams Foundation in taking public school children to and from free clinics, will also be undertaken.

ENGLISH MANAGERS START RAID FOR U. S. CHORUS GIRLS

Offer Bonuses and Free Hotels for American Beauties Needed for Holiday Pantomimes

An English invasion is on, and Philadelphia girls—at least some of them—have been appealed to to come to the aid of a well-known American industry.

And incidentally, besides doing a patriotic act, these same girls may garner for themselves a nice little jaunt to Europe.

And it's all because there is a shortage of chorus girls in England and one in America as well. J. J. Shubert brought this word to Philadelphia today.

"England is practically bereft of good-looking chorus girls," he said, "and the usual Christmas pantomimes, long the greatest holiday feature of the London holiday season, may have to be cancelled. British girls who went into the factories and business during the war from the stage are not returning to the footlights and the newcomers lack training."

"America, for years, has led the world with its chorus girls, both in looks and training, and now that England wants girls, the foreign managers are using all possible inducements to get our girls over, even if only for the holiday shows."

Bonuses, stagrooms to and from Europe and low expenses while abroad are among the inducements offered, according to Mr. Shubert.

The shortage is almost as acute in America as in England, he added, and then he gave his message to Philadelphia girls.

"We producers cannot get enough girls of the proper type and training for all our large shows," he said. "The greatest shortage is in pretty girls who can dance. One would think dancers would be the easiest to find, with the dancing craze continuing, but it is not so. I am willing to do all I can to help my English theatrical brothers out of their predicament, but not to the extent of damaging my own productions."

"Philadelphia long has been noted for the high average of its pretty girls. Some of the most famous corymbes have come from Philadelphia, but recently there have been few applications. Just now it's a great opportunity for good-looking girls who want to go on the stage and are willing to undergo the hard course of training."

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