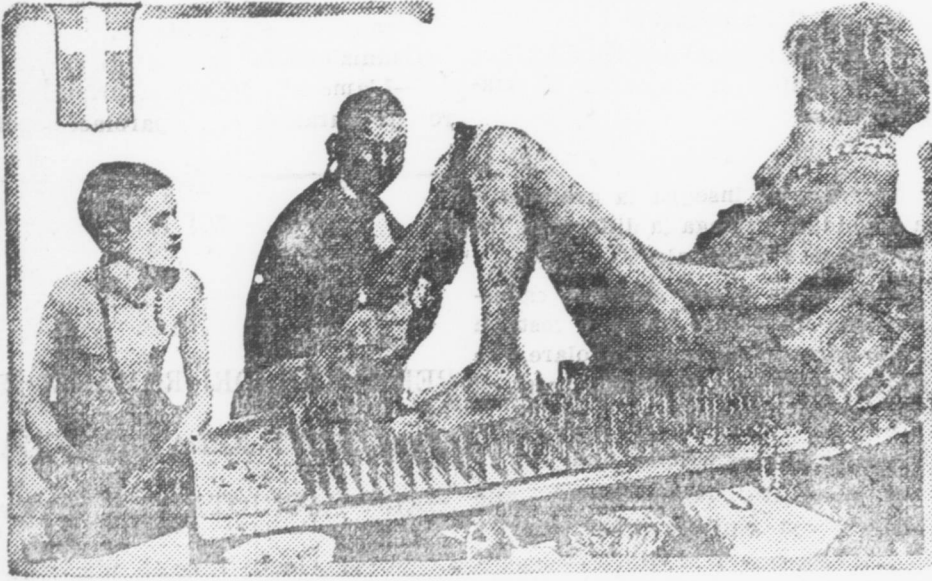


One of the Interesting Exhibits Shown at the Methodist Centenary Celebration



To prove that his son is above worldly troubles and physical pain, this Hindu fakir nonchalantly reclines on a bed of spikes, much to the amazement of less spiritual observers. The bed of spikes will be one of the interesting exhibits shown at the Methodist Centenary Celebration, in Columbus, O., June 20 to July 13. Whether a fakir, Hindu or otherwise, can be found to demonstrate his power of endurance on it is still an unsettled question with celebration officials.

To Play Great Organ at the Methodist Centenary



MRS. MONTGOMERY LYNCH of Seattle will play the great \$50,000 organ in the presentation of "The Wayfarer," the magnificent pageant of the Methodist Centenary Celebration, in Columbus, O., June 20 to July 13. Montgomery Lynch, her husband, will direct the chorus of 1,000 voices, which is a part of the pageant.

REDUCED FARE ADDS INTEREST

Visitors to Methodist Centenary to Be Well Cared For.

REGISTRATIONS ON INCREASE

Housing Committee of the Celebration Have More Than Forty Thousand Rooms in Private Homes at Their Disposal, Where Those Who Attend Can Be Lodged as Conveniently as at a Hotel.

Announcement by the government that a special low rate of one and a third fares for the round trip has been authorized for the celebration, Columbus, O., June 20 to July 13, has tremendously increased the interest in that event and advanced manifold the inquiries and registrations coming from all parts of the United States. At headquarters the other day a single mail brought cash registrations from 14 separate states and South America.

The low rate has increased work for the special committees, which are responsible for housing the large influx of visitors now seen to be certain. Accommodations fall into three classes:

First, the hotels, which have an average daily capacity of 5,000 visitors. The second field of accommodation will be in public buildings, which have been specially fitted up for this sort of service for the celebration. These include the State School for the Blind, the State School for the Deaf, the large barracks which were provided at Ohio State university for the student army training corps, and other buildings of a similar nature held in reserve should the through exceed even present generous expectations.

The third line of convenience for the hospitality of Columbus is in the homes of the citizens themselves. More than 40,000 rooms have been listed with the housing committee, and these are card indexed by location, telephone number and best means of access. Visitors to the Celebration can be lodged as conveniently as a clerk at a hotel assigns a visitor to his room. In order that there might be no misunderstanding, the committee in charge has a uniform rate for accommodations in private dwellings. The charge will be

\$1 per day for a single person in a room and \$1.50 per day for two persons in a room.

Always generously provided with restaurants, Columbus at the present time is having its number largely reinforced by reason of many places being turned into restaurants which were occupied as cafes before May 24, when the state became dry. In addition to these, extraordinary facilities for feeding large numbers quickly are being installed in the exposition grounds.

MONSTER SCREEN AT METHODIST CENTENARY

Special Lantern Devised For Throwing Pictures.

Finishing details are being placed on the arrangements for the erection of the largest screen for the projection of pictures ever built in the world. This is to be one of the features of the Methodist Centenary Celebration, to be held in Columbus, June 20 to July 13.

This monster screen will have a surface for pictures 115x115 feet. The actual structure will be several feet larger in each direction. A special lantern has been successfully devised for throwing these tremendous pictures the necessary distance. The screen will be 250 feet from the nearest spectator and will be built to withstand 40 pounds pressure to the square foot. The lantern which will project these pictures has already successfully thrown pictures on a screen in New York City across a distance of four and a half city blocks. According to Architect Harry C. Holbrook, the screen will be, in effect, three sides of a house. It is necessary to give it the foundations equivalent to a four-story building. In order that there may be as much salvage as possible after the screen has served its purpose, the picture face will be of fitted lumber, which later will be treated with a white surface preparation.

The estimated cost of this screen will be \$8,000. The screen and the lantern will be used in showing the tens of thousands of views, made all over the world by the Methodist Missionary Survey, which has the finest collection of pictorial reviews anywhere in the world.

Columbia Professor in Charge of Exhibits at Methodist Centenary



PROFESSOR LA MONT A. WARNER of Columbia university is director of fine arts and designer of exhibits and scenery for the Methodist Centenary Celebration, in Columbus, O., June 20 to July 13. On plans which he laid down, the multitude of exhibits, domestic and foreign, have been arranged in the buildings in scenic effects, making them at once appropriate and effective. Professor Warner had charge of world exhibits held in Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and Providence in past years, and has studied and worked abroad.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

AREA OF DETAILED MAPPING

Notwithstanding Interruptions by War, Larger Amount Was Covered in Year of 1918.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Notwithstanding a certain amount of interruption due to war conditions in the work of the soil survey carried on by the bureau of soils of the United States department of agriculture, a larger area of detailed mapping was done during the fiscal year 1918 than during the preceding year, the area covered amounting to 38,136 square



Planetable Used in Soil Survey for Constructing Base Map.

miles. Prior to 1918 a total of 445,825 square miles had been mapped, so that the total area covered by the detailed work of the survey at the close of June 30, 1918, was 488,961 square miles. That part of the United States lying within regions where the rainfall is sufficient for crop production or where water is available for irrigation covers approximately 1,750,000 square miles. The area mapped in detail during 1918 was equivalent to 2.2 per cent of this area, the total mapped in detail to date 27.6 per cent, and the total, both detailed and reconnaissance work, much of the latter area calling for no further work, amounted to 54.3 per cent of it.

TREES FOR ROAD PROTECTION

Active Steps Taken by New York Organizations for Development of Planting Scheme.

(By PROF. R. B. FAXON, State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y.)

Believing that the problem of roadside planting should not be entirely set aside during the movement for a greater mileage of improved highways, active steps are now being taken by the New York State Motor federation and the State College of Forestry at Syracuse for the development of a planting scheme for the section of the highway running from Syracuse to Utica, a distance of about 60 miles.

It has been demonstrated by those in charge of the work that aside from the purely ornamental value of trees along the highway, many practical benefits would result from their proper use. It is not generally realized that trees, by means of their shade during the summer months, prolong the life of the roadway for many years, and road experts in general are heartily in favor of this means for road protection.

IMPROVEMENT IN WISCONSIN

Ten Million Dollars to Be Spent on Developing Highways in Badger State in 1919.

Ten million dollars will be spent on developing, improving and patrolling the highways of Wisconsin during 1919.

This announcement was made by A. R. Hirst, state highway engineer, who explained that the increase, an amount almost double that spent in former years, was because \$2,500,000 was left over from last year and also to furnish an opportunity for employment of returned soldiers and sailors.

"Approximately \$7,000,000 will be spent in developing new roads, and about \$3,000,000 will be used to patrol the state trunk highways. The money will come from federal, state and county sources.

The senate committee on highways is considering a bill to allow counties to institute trunk lines and to raise the present limit of 5,000 miles of federal aid roads in the state.

GOOD ROADS AID TO SCHOOLS

Higher Attendance of Children Shown by Government Survey After Improvement Made.

A survey made by the government of the effect of good road building on school attendance in eight counties shows that before the roads were improved the average school attendance was 66 pupils to each 100 enrolled, as compared with 76 after the roads were improved.

MISS LESLIE

By MILDRED WHITE.

Down the long snowy road came the doctor's cutter. The impatient young man lying upon a rudely-constructed bed, lifted his head to watch its coming. It seemed hours since he had crawled painfully to the door of this shabby cottage, begging shelter.

The old woman who admitted him ungraciously granted his request.

"Your leg is broken," she announced coldly, as she prepared a couch for his use. "Where did ye do it an' how could ye get here?"

Tom Arnold explained about his fall down a slippery trail, but the latter part of her question remained unanswered.

"Doctor's coming," she said laconically.

When the doctor had come and the broken leg was resting more comfortably, the kindly old mountain doctor looked down into his patient's face.

"That was a queer spot for you to be traveling about in alone," he said. "Had to look the place over," Tom explained. "I'm a civil engineer. We are going to start some pretty big work here after the thaws come. I'm trying to make myself proficient, hoping for promotion."

"I have heard of the contract," the doctor said, "and I have met the chief engineer. He is staying down at a hotel in the village." Tom nodded.

"That's why I was scouting round, going back to him with information. "But now—" he frowned suddenly. "How long will I be laid up in this hole?" he asked.

The doctor's eyes met those of the young man frankly. "You should have had medical attention earlier," he said. "However, with good nursing—"

"Nursing!" Tom exclaimed, "who can take care of me here? A glass of water seems too great a favor to ask. Couldn't you get me down to the hotel?"

The doctor shook his head. "Dangerous work," he replied. "We will have to get a nurse from the city," he went on. "I will telephone tonight and see what I can do. She could arrive sometime tomorrow. I will meet her at the station and drive her myself."

Therewith, Tom Arnold was obliged to be content.

After the troubled painful night, the long and wearisome morning, his eyes spied gratefully at last the doctor's approaching cutter. He could discern a girlish figure on the seat at the doctor's side, and with a sigh of relief he turned his head, to watch the cottage door as it opened.

The doctor was smiling triumphantly, and Tom stared and drew a long breath and stared again.

The girl who followed quickly into the room was very pretty.

"I caught your nurse," the doctor exclaimed, "just as she was stepping from the train."

"I am glad you have come," Tom said.

"I'm glad, too," the girl replied. "Doctor has been telling me about you, and I want to do for you all that I can."

Before the doctor had started upon his return trip, Miss Leslie had charmed the surly old woman into cheerfulness and had borrowed from her an enveloping apron.

"I came so quickly," she explained, "that I could not bring a proper costume."

But as a nurse, she proved to be all and more than could be reasonably desired.

"If it were not for fear of losing this big job," he confided one morning. "I'd be joyfully resigned to my fate. But I've worked so for this thing, planned for it—dreamed of just this one chance through years of study. And now to have it fall to some other fellow because, well because my foot happened to slip on an icy trail—"

The nurse nodded. "Such little happenings come," she replied, "all through life. But we must not let them—for one moment weaken our courage. Who knows?" she smiled, "this very incident may be but a short cut to your goal."

"I can't see it," said Tom, but his smile answered hers.

And then one evening, looking into the sweet face opposite his own, he said, "I love you. Oh! how I love you! I—can never get along without you, dear. Even if I must fall in this commission, there will be others. Would you be willing to be a poor man's wife helping him on in his struggle toward the goal?"

"Quite willing," the little nurse answered simply.

Then after a blissful silence, Tom raised his radiant face. "Why," he said, "I don't know your name. Miss Leslie won't do any more."

"Leslie then," suggested the girl. Seriously, she faced him. "It's my real name, Tom," she said. "I'm Leslie Bainbridge, daughter of your chief, the one who can give your promotion, if he wishes, and, he's going to do it."

"I was on my way to visit him at the hotel that day when your old doctor drove up and told me to step into his cutter. He seemed so sure of me that I supposed he was father's agent. And on the way he told me about you—your great need—and I, was it impulse Tom? or was it fate leading? I decided to come to you and to do what I could."

"But oh! my dear, murmured Tom, "you are now so far above me."

"I'll come nearer then," cheerfully answered Miss Leslie, and sank down beside the couch, her curly head close to his shoulder.

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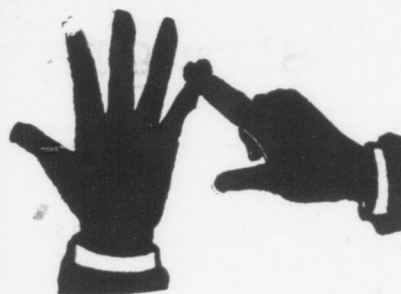
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Taxes.

If folks had to pay taxes or grouchies this would be a smilier world than it is.

Pope's Poetry.

His poetry is not a mountain-tarn like that of Wordsworth; it is not in sympathy with the higher moods of the mind; yet it continues entertaining in spite of all changes of mode. It was a mirror in a drawing-room, but it gave back a faithful image of society, powdered and rouged, to be sure, and intent on trifles, yet still as human in its way as the heroes of Homer in theirs.—Lowell.

Burning Truth.

Said the facetious feller: "These golf fanatics get a lot of satisfaction out of reducin' their strokes from last season, but the real joy of life comes from bein' able to reduce the number of tons of coal from the winter before."

Salute to the Flag.

The salute to the flag is given by raising the right hand, palm outward, until the index finger is even with the lower edge of the forehead, and standing at attention.

Production Wins.

Wealth does not come by the most diligent saving, but by the most diligent producing. Men and nations who pinch the pennies hardest are never the richest.

Beef Suet Not Indispensable.

Norway has discovered that beef suet is not absolutely necessary to the manufacture of margarine. Cod liver oil, herring oil and other fish oils are said to be excellent substitutes.