

Washington—a Vision Plotted With Compasses and Never Fully Realized

By CLINTON W. GILBERT, in Current History.

YET I think of Washington always as something apart from the rest of America, something factitious as it was in the beginning, a vision plotted out with a pair of compasses and never fully realized. The taste for life here will always be caviar to the general. Those who love it are men like Senator Borah, who could hardly exist elsewhere than in the United States senate; or to go over to the other sex, women like Mrs. Alice Longworth and Mrs. Borden Harriman, to whom it is breath in the nostrils. Sometimes the spirit of Washington is vulgar, as it was in the worst days before the investigations cleared the atmosphere. Sometimes it is brilliant, as in the great days of Roosevelt. Sometimes it is lofty, as in the days of Wilson. It takes its tone from the administration. But beneath is something fine and exuberant, the consciousness of a great destiny.

Washington has never been, even for a moment, the literary capital of America. It bows to Chicago, to Indiana, to New York, or where you will. There is too much fiction about Washington itself for fiction to thrive here.

The most solid part of the intellectual life of Washington is scientific. The experts of the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Reserve board, the Department of Commerce, the Smithsonian institution and of the hospitals for the insane—in these last the best work in psychoanalysis in America is done—number among their members some of the great scientists in the land. Of them I speak with diffidence, being no scientist myself. And they are rather submerged, as experts usually are. In that sometimes brilliant circle which we call Washington they cut little figure, for the government is not a generous employer.

Agency That Promises Most for Alaska Is the Public Highway System

By GEORGE A. PARKS, Governor of Alaska.

The agency that promises most for Alaska is the public highway. Nearly \$9,000,000 has been spent in roads there to date. Every extension vastly widens the area of possible settlement and development. The great Alaskan problem is primarily one of transportation. The government railroad has helped wonderfully, but it must be supplemented by wagon roads and trails.

A first-class road to Mount McKinley is now being built. Hotels are to be set up in the national park there. The great mountain is now accessible only by traveling afoot or by pack train through difficult country. When tourists are able to reach the mountain by automobile in a day and can get comfortable living quarters in the park, Alaska's most picturesque attraction will draw many people.

The tourist business already is quite important. Passenger trains on the government railroad are operated with a view to giving the best possible service to visitors. That is why trains running from the coast to Fairbanks stop overnight midway of the journey which could be made in a single twenty-four-hour period.

Mechanical Devices Are Fast Doing Away With the Need for Muscles

By PROF. CONRAD THORALDSEN, Northwestern University.

We are going towards that place we will never arrive at—Utopia. What we are doing is gradually fitting the individual to the environment, and we are progressing under evolution.

Meantime man's brain is growing and the constant growth will demand a much larger skull, with a bulging brow. The man of the future will probably have to wear glasses. Some of the physical assets will be lost with the increase in brain power. We are getting near-sighted and losing our sense of smell.

Society consequently will be different in the generations to come. What the future man, like may depend somewhat on the fads and fancies of the present. There is no doubt the children of coming generations will be healthier, because the girls of today are free from corsets.

Mechanical devices are fast doing away with the need for muscles and the lack of use will cause the muscles to degenerate. Except for hardness and the power to withstand disease, physical bulk means nothing nowadays.

Some Little Idea of the Inefficiency of Man's Ear, Eye and Nose

By PROF. FRITZ HABER, German Chemist.

We are too accustomed to relying upon our senses. We are apt to think that the ear is most delicate. It is nothing of the kind; it cannot even hear notes that delight the heart of a dog, and if one pictures life with the brain of a man, the ear of an antelope, and microscopic eyes, together with the nose of a dog, some little idea of the inefficiency of those few senses which we slightly understand can be obtained.

To live in any town would be impossible; the smells of Bond Street instead of pleasing the dog would tell us of rotting animal matter and alarm us to distraction. We could never sit down upon a beautiful piece of grass without listening to the worms and imagining ourselves with them. We could not bear to drink water for the peculiar bodies we should see in it. The wind in the trees, the people walking down our street or into our rabbit-warrens of flats would sound like a battle from afar.

We should realize every time we undress that we are little removed from the animal, and that before many centuries have passed we shall be held in almost universal contempt.

Railroads to Operate Buses on Roads Parallel to Their Steam Lines

By F. J. LISMAN, New York Transportation Expert.

Ninety per cent of the stock of western roads is owned in the East, and the active directors live mostly in the East. They are out of touch with changing conditions in the territory adjacent to their railroads. The railroad situation in the Northwest is particularly acute.

The remedies are: A slightly higher rate structure; the abandonment of possibly as much as a quarter of the branch line mileage, which has become nonproductive, owing to the loss of passenger and short haul freight business; the infusion of young and more progressive blood into the management of a number of lines.

There is not only the matter of consolidation, but also the adjustment to motor transport of passengers and freight. It is my own belief that we are likely to see store door delivery of freight all over the United States within the next ten years and that many of the branch lines will handle their passenger business in motor cars and that railroads will operate buses on the highways parallel to their rails, on regular schedules, to supplement their own train service.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Greensboro.—Helen Talman, little girl, was carried to a hospital here to be treated for injuries received when struck by an automobile here, after she had saved a smaller child from being hit by the car.

Winston-Salem.—Monroe King, white employe of the Winston Steam laundry was shot through the head by an unknown negro at Winston-Salem when the negro broke into and held up King in the office of the company, escaping with \$30 from the office funds. Local police were informed, by Winston-Salem officers on long distance telephone.

Asheville.—Sam L. Rogers, director of the United States census under the Wilson administration and widely known politician, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home at Franklin, in Macon county, according to information received here.

Edenton.—The town council met and accepted the bid of Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, O., as buyers of town bonds valued at \$63,000. The bonds were sold at 5 per cent and a small premium.

Mount Holly.—While swimming in the Catawba river here, Tracey Helms, young white man, was drowned. Young Helms and a crowd of Mt. Holly boys had gone to the river early in the afternoon for a swim. Helms had swum across the river several times, and on coming back to the Mt. Holly side was seen to sink.

Wilson.—Between Farmville and Greenville, Frank Davis and Will Murphy, said to be from Farmville, were thrown from their car when it ran into a ditch. Davis' neck was broken, and Murphy was rushed to a hospital, according to information brought here by Wilson people who spent the day in Greenville.

Gastonia.—Three Gastonia policemen, Chief O. F. Aderholt, Sgt. Meek Parish and Speed Officer Charles L. Hord, along with Ben Harrison, bus driver, and a fifth party, will share in a \$500 reward offered by Spartanburg S. C. authorities for the arrest of one Oliver Harrison, wanted in South Carolina for the murder of Rural Policeman Snoddy last week.

Lexington.—County officers, led by Sheriff R. B. Talbert, have determined that in so far as is within their power they will eliminate the fish dynamiter from the streams of Davidson. A Lexington man is now finishing up a 30 days sentence after paying a fine of \$100 for employing this "easy" method of taking fish, and during the past week he was joined by a High Point man who was found guilty of "fishing" the same way.

High Point.—Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore International League club, will send a representative to High Point to investigate conditions with the view of possibly taking over the local franchise of the Piedmont League, according to a message received from Dunn by M. C. Collier, president of the club.

Hayesville.—Farm values in Clay county decreased from \$2,155,168 to \$1,369,195 between January 1, 1920, and the corresponding date in 1925. It is shown by federal reports recently made public. Farm land alone in 1920 was worth \$1,812,577. On January 1, this year, it was listed at \$1,069,255, while buildings were valued at \$342,591 at the beginning of 1920 and \$299,940 the first of 1925.

Greensboro.—Nannie Michael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Michael, of Pleasant Garden, Guilford county, is being treated for dog bite, the animal running up on the porch of her father's home and biting her on the cheek. The head of the animal was sent to Raleigh for examination as to hydrophobia.

Southport.—At the June meeting of the board of aldermen, the contract was awarded the Western Electric company, of Charlotte, for the materials for a practically new electric wiring of this city. This award was made after competitive bids were advertised. The city had already purchased new poles.

Winston-Salem.—Henry Roan, aged 69, at one time secretary and treasurer of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, died at his home here after several months' illness. He was an honored citizen and is survived by his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters.

Lexington.—Members of the Junior Order in North Carolina will be interested in plans for a big celebration at the branch National Junior Order Orphans home here, to be held August 19. At this time the cornerstone of the administration building will be laid and the American flag will be raised to the top of a tall flagstaff on the grounds.

Chadbourne.—A wire received from Dr. C. A. Shore threw consternation into many Chadbourne families as it bore the news that a colic dog, the property of Dr. W. F. Yates, was afflicted with rabies. The dog had bitten five white persons and one negro boy before it was killed and its head sent off for examination.

Charlotte.—Mrs. Clorine Teague filed suit against H. S. Dowling and the Dowling Motor company, alleging negligence on their part causing the death of her husband, W. C. Teague, in the explosion of a German hand grenade in Charlotte May 15.

Lumbermen.—Settlement 32 1/2 years after the death of insured of an insurance policy taken out 23 years before his death and about which no member of his family knew anything, is the unusual case that has just come to light here, members of the Roberson county family being the beneficiaries. Interest on the policy amounts to more than the principal. Beneficiaries are children of the late William J. Brown.

Kinston.—Local interests are expected to help finance the new National Bank of Snow Hill, to have a capital of \$50,000. The town is the county seat of Greene county, and an important market center. A state bank there was closed last month. Kinston bankers who are backing a new financial institution at LAGRANGE are reported to be interested in the new venture at Snow Hill.

Fayetteville.—Warrant officer W. A. Cross, 44, and Sergeant Harry J. Weideman, 37, of the Seventeenth Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, were killed instantly in an automobile accident while on their way to Hamlet with their regimental baseball team.

Newton.—Ray Hedrick, the man who got his skull crushed in a fight about 1:30 Sunday morning in the home of Myrtle Spencer in Catfish, the northern part of Catawba county, died from his wounds in the Richard Baker hospital in Hickory.

Spencer.—Seized with what was supposed to be an epileptic spasm to which he was subject Edward Carter, aged about 25 years, of High Point, was drowned in the Yadkin river at Grubbs Ferry two miles from Spencer.

Chapel Hill.—The Chapel Hill High School commencement exercises were brought to a close with the presentation of diplomas and certificates to the largest class in the history of the school. The graduating class numbered 54.

Newton.—Fielding Drum, a farmer, near Ball's Creek campground, aged about 65 years, dropped dead while helping his son stack a load of wheat. He leaves a wife and a large number of children, 11 of whom are grown and married.

Greensboro.—Contract for placing 10,000 chairs in the auditoriums of 21 Guilford county schools was let by the board of education to the Southern Desk company, of Hickory, at \$3.25 per chair. The installation must be made before October 1, 1925.

Reidsville.—J. T. Pendley, a plumber, of Gainesville, Ga., and a local negro helper named Willis, lost their lives while doing plumbing work on Jefferson Penn's new home two miles west of Reidsville.

Greenville.—The Scoville Memorial Home which was erected by friends as a memorial to the late Rev. Virgil S. Scoville and given to Mrs. Scoville and her children, was opened Monday night with appropriate exercises and an "old fashion" house warming.

Ahaskie.—The annual Masonic picnic of Northeastern Carolina will be held this year on Thursday, July 30. The committee on time and place recently met in Colerain and made tentative arrangements for the great day. A speaker for the occasion will be secured by the Windsor Lodge and the Colerain Masons will arrange for the refreshments and other arrangements.

Scotland Neck.—District Engineer Pace announces that he has succeeded in securing from the State Farm at Caledonia forty prisoners to work on the Edward's Ferry Bridge through the co-operation of prison officials with the State Highway Commission. This is in line with the policy of the State authorities to use the surplus labor in the State prison on highway construction work.

Dunn.—A daring hold-up and robbery was committed when an unmasked white man held a large automatic pistol in the face of Floyd Lucas, keeper of the Midway filling station, between Dunn and Duke, while he rifled the cash register of between \$50 and \$75 in cash. The only thing left in the register by the robber was a post-dated check.

High Point.—Police Officer C. J. Reeves of the High Point department, died in a hospital here of wounds sustained in a gun battle between police and negroes here. Arthur Harrell, negro, was killed instantly and Officer F. G. Claywell and two negroes, James Staley and John White, were seriously wounded in the battle.

Kinston.—The eight specially trained boll weevil experts who have been secured by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to turn their guns loose on the bug in Eastern Carolina for ten weeks beginning June 15, will report for duty in their respective towns and communities next Monday bright and early.

Asheville.—Wilmington was selected as the 1926 convention city at the district meeting of Lions clubs here. Establishment of junior colleges in the larger centers throughout the State as an addition to the public school system and to relieve the congestion in the higher institutions of the State, was favored in a report unanimously adopted by the convention.

Burgaw.—Rocky Point township is the sixth township in Pender county to vote a bond issue within the past year to build and equip a modern consolidated school. Last Saturday this township, by a vote of 132 to 17, voted a bond issue of \$30,000 for this purpose.

New Bern.—Although the movement of Irish potatoes from Craven Pamlico and Carteret counties has been considerably less this year than last, the price has been so much better this season that the farmers are left in much better condition, according to statements by potato men.

Jap Festival Marked by Display of Flags

Japan's boys' festival is marked throughout the country by the display of fish flags from every house blessed with sons—for every son a flag Households vie with one another according to their resources, and the show is more or less colorful and brave. The fish flag is in the form of a carp, each flag indicating a particular age. For instance, from one pole seven carp, belled out in the sun by a strong breeze, conveyed the intended suggestion of the fish fighting their way bravely and strongly against the current, as boys must fight their way upstream through life. The flags are gayly colored, and along the countryside one sees them near and far against the new spring greens in hundreds and thousands, representing the new generation of Japan, heirs to a new manhood suffrage.

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Chinese See Disaster

As though the atmosphere of Peking were not thick enough with rumors and omens of impending national catastrophe, a message has been brought in from Talyuanfu, capital of Shansi province, to the effect that three "white rainbows" have been seen there, writes a Chinese correspondent. Instances dating back to the Wu dynasty are cited to bolster up the indication that both internecine and extraneous troubles are in store for China in the near future.

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