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FORD WOULD LIKE TO BUILD BIG CITY

Would Make Muscle Shoals Region Great Center of Industry At Once

Detroit, Jan. 11.—The Muscle Shoals plan of Henry Ford contemplates one of the greatest undertakings in the history of industrial America and if the Detroit manufacturer obtains possession of the project in Alabama he will take immediate steps to make that part of the south one of the industrial centers of the country, the Associated Press learned today. His plan, it became known, includes development of the property as a model to be extended eventually to many other parts of the country.

Mr. Ford's proposal includes the building of a city 75 miles long in the Muscle Shoals region. It would be made of a number of large towns or small cities. This is in line with the manufacturer's view that men and their families should live in small communities where benefits of rural or near-rural life would not be entirely lost.

His proposal to the government includes leasing of the property for 100 years. But before the expiration of half that time he proposes to turn the completed project over to the people of the district or to the government in such a way that no one in the future will be able to make a personal profit from the undertaking. He will arrange that neither he nor any of his heirs may realize any monetary benefits from the Muscle Shoals plants or the power developed, it became known.

Mr. Ford proposes to make the project, if the government gives its consent, the outstanding achievement of his career.

The Muscle Shoals project is, however, only the start of a greater program, it became known. This includes the development of waterpower facilities in many parts of the country by which persons in those communities would derive power to run manufacturing plants, light their homes and run machinery on their farms. One detail of the plan is the harnessing by farmers of every creek and brook that crosses their property.

Mr. Ford expects to leave here about noon tomorrow for Washington to confer with Secretary Weeks regarding his proposal of leasing the Alabama plant.

If the government accepts Mr. Ford's bid, work at Muscle Shoals will be started at once. The nitrate and other plants would be run by steam power, pending the time the great dam that will require about two years to build has harnessed the water at this point. Then would follow development in the opinion of Mr. Ford until within a comparatively few years an industrial center greater than Detroit would have been built up.

Mr. Ford believes the Muscle Shoals plan, if consummated, will be the start toward development of the Mississippi river valley. The manufacturer believes this valley "could run the United States" if the water now going to waste could be utilized.

Eventually, in Mr. Ford's opinion, the government could derive enough revenue from these power projects to support itself, thereby revolutionizing the financial system of the country.

Mr. Ford has bent the greater part of his energies during the last few weeks to whipping into shape his plans to develop the Alabama district in the event he obtains the lease from the government. He has held a large number of conferences on this matter and his program is known to be ready. This program includes definite steps toward development of waterpower in every part of the country. The manufacturer does not believe it practicable to carry power for long distances, and therefore has evolved a plan to provide each district with its own project.—Associated Press.

Coffee on Geraniums.

Pour hot coffee into the saucers of your geranium pots every morning, having it boiling if possible. It will be sufficiently cool before it reaches the roots of your plants and you will be astonished at the wealth of blossoms your plans will put forth.—Harnett County News.

GRIFFITH PRESIDENT OF DAIL EIREANN

Dail Eireann Also Selects A New Cabinet; Griffith States His Position

Dublin, aJn. 10.—When the dail eireann adjourned tonight by consent of all sides to February 14, the situation which last was dangerous and obscure has been to a great extent clarified. The new president, Arthur Griffith, and a new cabinet had been elected and the way had been smoothed to putting into effect the terms of the treaty.

The following cabinet officers were named:

Minister of Finance—Michael Collins.

Foreign affairs—George Gavan Duffy.

Home affairs—Eamon J. Duggan.

Local government—William T. Cosgrave.

Economic affairs—Bryan O'Higgins.

Defense—Richard Mulcahy.

Immense relief is felt in Dublin at the turn events have taken, and this will undoubtedly be experienced through Ireland.

The temporary withdrawal of Eamon De Valera, and his supporters from the dail, which rumor had forecast, proved not to involve a permanent split. Mr. De Valera confined his protest to the election of a new president, declaring his unwillingness to recognize the suitability to that post of a man who, as chairman of the London delegation, was bound to give effect to the treaty, which, according to De Valera subverts the republic.

During the luncheon hour, Mr. De Valera and his associates who left the hall, held a private meeting. Some of the more ardent spirits advocated refusal to return, but moderate counsel prevailed and the dail reassembled as a united body. The De Valera party is meeting again tonight to formulate plans for the future, but it was made evident by the numerous speeches from Mr. De Valera what those plans are likely to be.

He holds that the decision of the dail in favor of the treaty binds him and his adherents not to obstruct the new government in carrying out the treaty, but he reserves the right of free criticism, should Mr. Griffith in the capacity of chairman of the provisional government do anything inconsistent with the rights of the Irish people or the existence of the Irish republic.

At the same time he expressed the conviction that English hostility may have to be faced. There is still intense suspicion existent on both sides of the dail of the good faith of the British ministry. De Valera was clear in his assurances of the full support of his party in resisting an attack from an outside enemy.

Mr. Griffith was repeatedly pressed by Mr. De Valera to define his position, which De Valera described as a new case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Griffith was challenged to define his attitude toward the republic and it evidently was supposed that he would have difficulty in reconciling his position as president with the position of chairman of the provisional government.

Mr. Griffith, however, frankly recognized during the transition period the existence of the republic, which he undertook to maintain, but he said when the Free State was framed and ready to come into operation there must be a general election, so that the people could choose between the free state and the continuance of the republic.

Mr. De Valera's attitude toward Mr. Griffith was considerate and respectful, and Mr. Griffith expressed his cordial appreciation of this.—Associated Press.

New Bank Will Open Next Monday

Another meeting of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company has been held and Mr. R. L. Fitzgerald was elected cashier. They will open their doors for business Monday morning, January 16th. The new bank will occupy the building recently used by the Citizens National Bank next door to W. L. Woodall's Sons. Mr. R. C. Gillett is president of the new bank.

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

By REV. NEILL McINNIS

One of the outstanding needs facing us today is a deeper spirituality on the part of the Christian people. This need can be met to a great extent by each of us living more fully the Christian life. To this end it is my purpose to direct you to some selected passages of Scripture that will be of help.

To begin with, before there can be a very appreciable strengthening of the Christian life it will be well for us to see what God's Word has to say with reference to the prayer life. In I. Thessalonians 5:7 the Christian is urged to pray without ceasing. Then in Matthew 6:6, "But when thou prayest enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which seeth in secret and *** he shall reward thee openly." Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds thru Christ Jesus."

A Christian also will be found studying the Word of God. I. Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Also Jn. 5:39, "Search the Scriptures for in them thou wilt find life and they are they that testify of me." Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein. Then shalt thou find thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success."

There is also a doing side to the Christian life, for it is only by the expression of our strong prayer life and study life that we grow very much. I. Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, do all to the glory of God." James 2:26, "*** So faith without works is dead also." Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might ***" Eph. 6:6, "Not with eye service as men pleasers, but as servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart." Col. 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not unto men."

There is another phase to the Christian life that we may well heed and that is our giving back to God a portion of the material things with which he has blessed us. I. Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him ***". Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that ye are unable to receive." II. Cor. 9:7, "Every man as he purposeth in his heart so let him give not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

We should also make use of all the means of grace which God has appointed unto us and especially the meeting together for worship. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Matt. 22:37-39.

These few passages of Scripture are selected from a great body of God's truth and if you find others that touch along the lines, place them under the different phases of the Christian Life and let's apply them in our lives.

CIGARETTE COSTS SMOKER LIFE

—WRECKS FIREWORKS PLANT

Alfred d'Andrea Walks Into Building Containing Fulminate of Mercury And Is Blown to Atoms.

Chester, Pa. Jan. 10.—An inveterate smoker this afternoon was blown to atoms and caused considerable property damage at Morton when he walked into a building containing hundreds of pounds of fulminate of mercury while contently puffing on a cigarette. The building was on the property of the Universal Fireworks and Specialty Company. The detonation was heard in Media, Chester and other points, within an 8-mile radius, and caused a panic at Morton. Windows were shattered in various homes near the fireworks plant.

The dead man is Alfred d'Andrea, of No. 1335 Reed street, Philadelphia. With two others he was engaged in mixing chemicals and was obliged to go into a nearby shack, one story in height, which houses the deadly explosive. He failed to remove the cigarette from his mouth upon entering it, and a second later a terrific explosion occurred. The shack was lifted from its foundations and fell to earth many feet away. Horrified workmen, after recovering from the shock, discovered the badly mangled form of d'Andrea in a tree fifty yards from the scene of the explosion. One arm was torn away, and his body was ripped open.

Four girl employes in the main building 75 feet away from the explosion, fainted and were carried from the place. Scores of residents of Morton rushed from their homes in total bewilderment. Every window in the home of Amandas Ackerman on Yale avenue, 150 yards away from the plant, was broken. A storehouse near the plant lost every window and some of the wall supports were weakened. The site where the shack stood was no more than a hole in the ground covered with crushed stones. Coroner Drowes, of Darby, took charge of the corpse and removed it to his morgue.

In July, 1920, the same company suffered a bad explosion at the Morton plant, but no lives were lost. It is situated upon the Hipple estate, and is owned by Italians. For years it has supplied wholesalers with high grade fireworks.—Philadelphia Record.

The first matches that would produce a flame by friction were made in 1827.

DOUBLE KILLING TAKES PLACE NEAR ASHEVILLE

Young Man Believed To Have Killed Girl and Then Himself Account of Marriage Refusal

Asheville, Jan. 11.—Miss Dorothy Parker, 24, prominent society girl of this city, and J. Turner Sharp, 30 of Waycross, Ga., are dead as the result of bullets said to have been fired by Sharp this morning, supposedly, the authorities say, because Miss Parker would not marry him.

The dual tragedy occurred as the two were walking in the city's most fashionable residential section. Both died within a few minutes. Miss Parker, a French instructor in the Grove Park school, was en route to her work when the shooting occurred. Sharp had been visiting the girl for about two years.

The girl, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker, and a graduate of the Saint Genevieve Covenant here. Last evening her parents entertained Sharp at dinner and this morning he called to walk with her to school. The pair were laughing and talking when, seemingly without warning, Sharp is said to have drawn an army revolver from his coat and fired two shots into the girl's right temple and then sent a bullet into his own head.

The couple were not identified until Mrs. Parker, brought to the scene by the police on the belief that she knew the girl, was prostrated upon recognizing her own daughter. Sharp came here in a search of health, it was said by his friends. He was formerly connected with an automobile agency in Waycross, Ga.

A Little Girl Buried Near Hopewell.

About a year ago Mr. Uriah Thompson moved from the Hopewell church neighborhood near Smithfield to the Boswell plantation near Wilson. Their little 8-months-old daughter died last Monday and was brought to the Hopewell cemetery Tuesday for burial. The burial took place at 1 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Boyett, Mr. Albert Boswell, Mr. D. A. Thompson and others accompanied them here for the burial.

Cotton Ginned In Johnston.

There were 47,789 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county prior to Jan. 1st, 1922 as compared with 47,463 bales ginned to Jan. 1, 1921. D. J. Yelvington, Reporter.

WEDDING POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE

Miss Maggie Brown, Selma, Becomes Bride of R. P. Holding of This City

The Methodist church of Selma was the scene of an unusually pretty marriage Wednesday at one o'clock when Miss Maggie Brown of that city, became the bride of Mr. R. P. Holding.

The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and potted plants, a quiet simplicity characterizing the entire arrangement. Mrs. P. V. Suiter, of Rocky Mount, cousin of the bride, presided at the organ. She was attired in a costume of black velvet with hat to match and wore a corsage of pink roses and fern. Prior to the ceremony, Miss Bessie Holding, of Wake Forest, sister of the groom, sang "Until" and "Sweetest Story Ever Told." Miss Holding wore black satin with hat to match, her corsage also being pink roses and fern.

As the notes of the wedding march pealed forth the following ushers took their places: Messrs C. P. Harper, of Selma, P. E. Whitehead, Ryal Woodall and W. R. Sanders.

The only other attendants were the maid of honor, Miss Mollie Brown, sister of the bride, who wore a blue lace gown and carried American Beauty roses, and Mr. R. R. Holt, the best man.

The bride never looked more lovely than on this occasion. She was attired in a becoming going away suit of blue Poiret twill with grey trimmings, with hat and other accessories to match. She carried a handsome bouquet of bride's roses and orchids.

The impressive ring ceremony was pronounced by Rev. G. B. Perry, pastor of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Holding boarded the north bound train for a wedding trip to New York and other points.

Mrs. Holding is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Brown of Selma. For sometime she has lived in this city holding a position with the Sanders Motor Co.

Mr. Holding is the popular cashier of the First and Citizens National Bank, of Smithfield, having held this position for a number of years. His original home was Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Holding have a host of friends here and over the state who wish them all success and happiness.

WOMEN TO CAMPAIGN IN THE VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY

Want to Make Old Dominion First to Pass Blanket "Bill of Rights."

Washington, Jan. 11.—A campaign to make Virginia "the first Southern State to place its women upon an equality before the law with men" was begun, it was announced here today, by the National Woman's Party with the convening of the state legislature at Richmond. Similar campaigns, it was added, will be conducted in Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi and South Carolina.

The blanket "bill of rights" prepared by the Woman's Party will be introduced early in the session of the Virginia legislature, it was said, and an intensive campaign will be waged in its support. Mrs. Gertrude Robey, of Pyrrcelleville, Va., party chairman for the Eighth Congressional district of that state, left tonight for Richmond after a conference with Alice Paul, vice president of the organization. Mrs. Robey is to cooperate with Mrs. Sophie Meredith, of Richmond, state chairman of the party, in conducting the campaign.

Rum in Cocoanuts

Minneapolis, Jan. 9.—Two hundred cocoanuts, which contained, not their own natural milk, but a pint each of strong Jamaica rum, were seized by Federal agents today at a Minneapolis railroad station.

A cork plug coming out of one of the cocoanuts led to the discovery of the rum by an agent who was at the station. An eye of each coconut had been bored out, the nut filled, and a burnt cork stopper placed in the hole.—Philadelphia Record.

NEW YORK'S WORST STORM OF SEASON

Several Hundred Men, Women and Children Beg For Food and Clothing

New York, Jan. 11.—This section of the country was lashed today by the worst gale of the winter—a gale that at 2 p. m. reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour off Sandy Hook.

Ushered in with snow and that later turned to hail and rain the storm buffeted New Yorkers without mercy, carrying many across slippery sidewalks and plunging them face downward in slushy streets. Umbrellas were torn out of many a hand, window glass fell tinkling into the street, mail package boxes were blown down and traffic generally hampered. Many pedestrians were injured.

Several tall stacks fell before the wind. One, 80 feet high, toppled in Trenton, N. J., falling on feed wires that supplied traction lines and tying up service for nearly two hours. A chimney 125 feet tall crashed in Brooklyn.

Harbor traffic was hard hit. A number of small boats were blown from their moorings and incoming liners were held at quarantine by high winds which made it impossible for health officers to board them. With the weather bureau sending out the first full gale warning in many years there was a tension noticeable in shipping circles.

Some concern was felt for the disabled army transport Crook, with nearly 1,000 persons aboard, despite radio messages that repairs had been made and all was well.

Outside the city the full strength of the storm was felt. New Jersey and Long Island, especially along the coast, were hard swept and at several points a tangle of telephone and telegraph wires was reported.

Several hundred men, women and children, storm struck, appealed to the municipal lodging houses for succor. Preparations were made to supply food and clothing to the needy.

Many freak incidents marked the storm.

At Garden City, Long Island, Pilot C. B. D. Colver, flying a mail plane from Cleveland and Chicago, reported he had been unable to land even though he gave his plane the gas and nosed her down almost perpendicularly. Encountering freak wind that swirled up from the earth, the machine nosed down, seemed to hang for several moments dead still in the air. Then the pilot flew over Hazelhurst field and anchored his sleet-covered ship by lashing it to a motor truck.

Trial of a divorce case in Supreme court was delayed when one of the jurors, out for lunch, was run down by an automobile in the blinding storm. He went home in a taxi cab leaving the case to be concluded, by agreement with only 11 jurors.

Tom Breen, 23, despite his best efforts, was blown into a taxi cab that stood nearby with its door open. The machine took him to a hospital where he was treated for severe contusions.

Wind borne missiles of various kinds knocked several pedestrians down. One, Anna La Cart, was killed by a blow from a limb of a tree which had been wrenched off by the gale.

Several persons were hurt when portions of roofs and buildings corners were blown into the street.—Associated Press.

Blackstone College Destroyed.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—Blackstone Female institute, at Blackstone, Va., was totally destroyed by fire early this evening, entailing a loss of \$175,000, according to information reaching Richmond tonight. Members of the faculty, board of trustees and student body lost virtually all their clothing and other personal property. There was no loss of life.—Greensboro News.

An Observation.

Man has conquered the air. The young lady at the piano next door hasn't.—Detroit News.

Long before Christ was born the people of India, Egypt, the Holy Land and other Eastern countries used lamps.