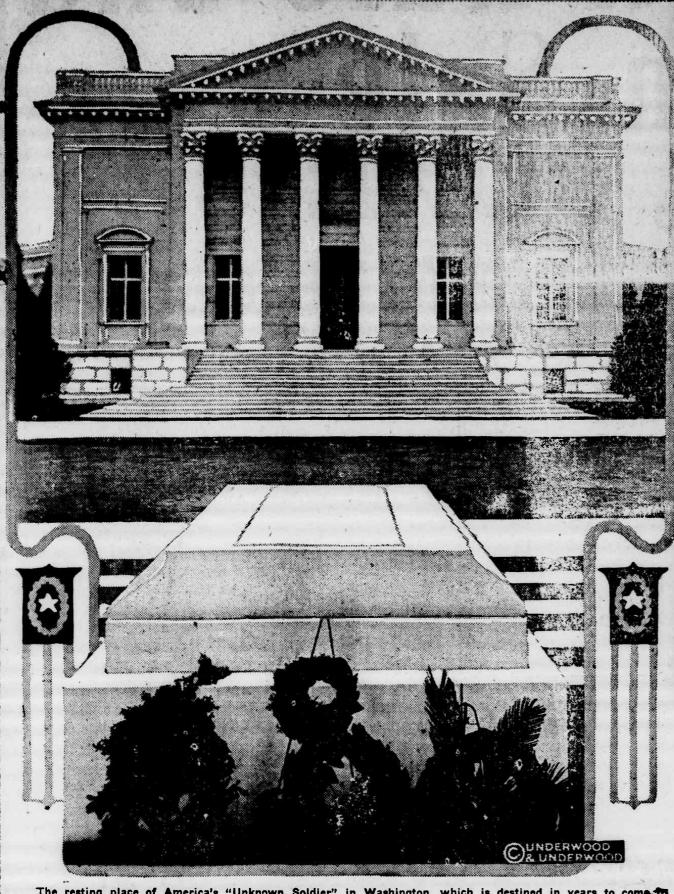
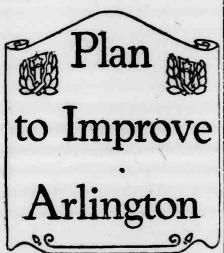
Nation's Unknown Hero



The resting place of America's "Unknown Soldier" in Washington, which is destined in years to come to be one of the most famous spots in the United States.



Plans for the improvement of Arlington National cemetery have been submitted to Quartermaster General Rogers by the commission of fine arts. The quartermaster general approved them and transmitted them to the secretary of war, who referred them to the War Memorials council. This body also approved the plans, whereupon the secretary also gave his approval, and they are now to be made the basis for the development of that cemetery.

Arlington is a national shrine, sacred to the memory of the thousands of soldier dead, named and unnamed, who lie buried under the shade of its trees. This sacred character should be protected and fostered. Monument or treatment of a self-assertive or grotesque character should be rigidly excluded. Quiet, simplicity, reverence should prevail.

Arlington is also a historic place. Its builder, George Washington Parke Custis, was the adopted son of George Washington. His father gave his life for his country during the Revolution; and he himself was reared at Mount Vernon, where he lived until he completed Arlington house in 1804. At his death Arlington passed into the possession of his daughter, the wife

pleted Arlington house in 1804. At his death Arlington passed into the possession of his daughter, the wife of Rebert E. Lee, and was occupied by Cheral and Mrs. Lee until it came into possession of the government. Its historical importance should be considered in methods of treatment.

Arlington prospectively is a portion

of the great central composition of Washington, extending from the capitol through the mall to the monument and on to the Lincoln memorial, whence the memorial bridge, already authorized by congress, will cross the Potomac to the newly created park area adjoining the Arlington estate.

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Arlington has certain dominating features to be considered in the plan of development. Among them are:

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The following verses to the "Unknown Soldier," written by Angela Morgan, were read at the services in Arlington cemetery by Ada Anne Du Puy, president of the League of American Pen Women:

He is known to the sun-white Majesties Who stand at the gates of dawn;

He is known to the cloud-borne company
Whose souls but late have gone.

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Like wind-flung stars through lattice
bars,

They throng to greet their own,

They throng to greet their own,
With voice of flame they sound his
name

Who died to us unknown.

He is hailed by the time-crowned brotherhood,
By the Dauntless of Marathon,
By Raymond, Godfrey and Lion
Heart,

Whose dreams he carried on.

His name they call through the heavenly hall,

Unheard by earthly ear.

He is claimed by the famed in Ar-

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He is claimed by the famed in Arcady

Who knew no title here.

Oh, faint was the lamp of Sirius,
And dim was the Milky Way.
Oh, far was the floor of Paradise
From the soil where the soldier lay.
Oh, chill and stark was the crimson
dark

Where huddled men lay deep;
His comrades all denied his call—
Long had they lain asleep.

Oh, strange how the lamp of Sirius Drops low to the dazzled eyes; Oh, strange how the steel-red battle fields

Are floors of Paradise.

Oh, strange how the ground with never a sound

Swings open, tier on tier,

And standing there in the shining air

Are the friends he cherished here.

They are known to the sun-shod sen-

They are led by a cloud-bright company
Through paths unseen before.
Like blossoms blown their souls have

Who circle the morning's door.

flown
Past war and recking sod.
In the book unbound their names are
found—

They are known in the courts of God!

—Angela Morgan.

wooded slopes in front of the mansion are among the most beautiful landscapes in Washington, and they should be kept free from disturbance of any kind. The plans for the mansion house aim to restore its original character as a distinctive house of its historic period. These plans, made in the dept quartermaster's

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in regular formation and completely shaded by trees is the one that should prevail throughout the entire cemetery. It is these very tree-shaded areas that give Arlington its fine and characteristic quality. Today these shaded areas predominate; but with the burials of World-war soldiers in open fields Arlington is fast losing its present distinction. No effort should be spared to continue the planting over the present bare and shadeless

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More Trees Are Needed.

Both the World war and the Spanish war sections should be planted with trees that will produce shade to cover the entire area. In the World war section a planting scheme should be adopted in advance of the scheme for graves, or at least the two plans should be simultaneous.

This means the immediate selection and planting of thousands of trees in the now vacant spaces of Arlington. Today these treeless portions, so out of harmony with the general appearrance of the cemetery, give one the idea that the graves of our latest heroes are being placed rather in a potter's field than in an honored location.

The rules made several years ago to regulate the character of monuments marking the graves of officers have had a quieting effect; but in the newer area set apart for officers there is need of trees. The regulations against mausoleums, portraits, and unusual designs should be enforced for the protection of the many against the self-assertion of the few. The officers whose careers need eulogy on a tombstone should not be accorded in Arlington the credit that history denies.

Roadway Should Be Improved.

The road in front of Arlington cemetery should be improved and developed along the entire frontage. The space should be leveled, the car tracks raised to the surface and relocated, and a boulevard treatment should replace the present neglected and uncared for conditions. The right way to deal with the situation is to have a comprehensive plan made for the entire development of Arlington.

Arlington roads need renewing. The mansion house needs new floors, woodwork and paint, and, especially, the present barn-like appearance of the rooms devoted to the public should be changed for the better. Extensive planting of trees, preferably oaks, should begin at once, so that a quarter of a century hence the entire cemetery may come into the fine condition that the less portions now display. The design to the cemetery should be safe and ade-

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ALL OWNERS OF WATER POWER SITES TAKE NOTICE.

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