

THE WORLD ENTERING UPON THE GREATEST ROAD BUILDING ERA EVER KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY

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The world is entering the greatest road-building era in its history. It has several reasons. Nations everywhere have learned to put a new and higher valuation on what good roads mean in national progress, and building now means the employment of hundreds of thousands of men and billions in money at a time when the projects will be the greatest help in restoring the normal conditions of peacetime. The need is as great in countries which took no active part in the world war as in countries which were wholly belligerent.

Many great highways are planned as memorials to those who fell in the war. A good road, causing better living conditions and increased contentment among all the people it affects, is a noble memorial. Its practical benefits pay constant honor to the dead.

In the United States a great chain of Victory Highways is proposed. Every state is preparing to lay out great sums of money in improving old roads and constructing new ones. A road called the Lincoln Highway and stretching across the continent from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific ocean is already under way as a memorial forever to Abraham Lincoln.

France is starting the Sacred Way, a road reaching from Alsace to the North Sea, to commemorate the deeds of her sons in the great war.

The famous Appian Way of ancient Rome, which is still a model, is an example of how a highway can perpetuate a memorial. Its name does honor today to its builder, Appian Claudius, though he has been dead more than two thousand years. The name of the Chemin des Dames, in English the Road of the Ladies, still tells why it was built hundreds of years ago. The Chemin des Dames was constructed by a king of France for the use of certain ladies of his court. It is now famous as the scene of some of the most furious battles of the world war. But the need of good roads solely as essentials in national progress is receiving the close attention of governments in all parts of the world, and every continent will soon have many highways either completed or under way.

China is preparing to remedy the neglect of the Great Western Highway, which, built 2,000 years ago, is a monument to the foresight and industry of ancient China. Repairs which will renew this road and make it useful for modern travel, will mean a great step forward in the progress of 400,000,000 people residing in the northwestern provinces of China.

Another Chinese project is the construction of a model highway from Peking to Tientsin for which the American Red Cross is giving \$100,000 and the Chinese government a like sum. In the beginning, the road will connect Peking and Tientsin, fifteen miles distant, which is an educational and missionary centre. This work gives a means of rescuing from starvation many hundreds of people left destitute by recent floods.

In the Philippine Islands work is under way on a great number of highways and bridges in the interior.

Throughout South and Central America great efforts are being made to improve the highway systems so the people who have been more or less isolated because of bad roads or no roads, can receive their fair share of modern advantages.

Salvador, by placing a tax on rum, is securing funds for automobile roads connecting several important cities and ports.

In the Sao Paulo region in Brazil the capital of the state is the hub of 100 miles of the most improved roadway which is being built to connect the capital with several of the other principal cities.

A vast and fertile agricultural district in Peru which has been cut off from the neighboring territory because of poor roads, will be opened up by the completion of a 138-mile highway from Iquitos to the Peruvian coast. Another project here is a broad avenue linking up a half dozen Peruvian cities. The avenue will be lined with trees and divided into separate sections for automobiles and trucks, horse traffic, and pedestrians. The work was urged by the owners of estates along the route of the avenue to beautify their property and increase its value.

The Peruvian national congress has passed a law to encourage road construction throughout the country. In Venezuela two large projects have been planned. One of these will be the Great Western Highway which will connect Caracas with the western border state of Tachira, and the other will be the Great Eastern Highway, reaching from Caracas to the mining region in the interior of La Guayana. These highways will link up important cities and tap rich regions.

An entire new plan for the city of Mats, involving a wholly new laying out of streets, in one of the improvements undertaken by Panama.

With the neighboring countries of Venezuela and Peru, Colombia has laid out a plan providing for a network of roads covering the entire nation. The work has been divided into these three groups: 1. Roads connecting Bogotá with strategic points, with frontiers, or with sea and river ports; 2. Those connecting colonization territories with the interior, and 3. Other roads of vital military or commercial value.

Sturdy earthen work and bridges of native lumber will make up a 68-mile road in Costa Rica and Port Limon to Toto Anarita, giving access to a rich agricultural district. This road also will reach to the beach at Porletto, one of the finest in South America, and provide recreation for many thousands of people every year.

Local rock and sand with the addition of asphalt will be the materials used in improving the streets of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The immediate repair of all city pavement in the capital, Mexico City, is one of Mexico's plans for advancing

CONGRESS BEHIND THE TIMES, SAYS MR. ROOSEVELT

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26.—If the party leaders would talk less of George Washington and devote more attention to the problems of efficient governmental administration they would be of more service to their country, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt said tonight in an address at the Harvard Union.

"The United States government as a whole is the least efficient administrative body that we have in this country," Mr. Roosevelt said. "I mean the legislative and executive branches. As an example, I mean Congress. It is 100 years behind the times in the way things are done. I wonder how many of you read the Congressional Record? I read it in the same spirit as I read Life or London Punch. It gives me keen joy."

Mr. Roosevelt did not blame either party for the conditions against which he complained, although he accused them of cowardice in "ducking issues."

There is no life so humble that, if it be true and genuinely human and obedient to God, it may not hope to shed some of his light," Phillips Brooks.

The world-wide activity only marks a mile-stone in the progress of the good roads idea whose rapid growth in a couple of decades has amazed even its creators. With every forward stride, it feeds a nation, and it has won a place among history's greatest movements.

Will Make Home In The Far West

George Kirkpatrick With His Family Will Reside at Sexsmith, Alberta, Where He Has Recently Purchased a Farm.

On Wednesday of next week George Kirkpatrick, who returned last year after a lengthy service overseas with his family, take up his residence at Sexsmith, Alberta, where he has recently purchased a farm. Mr. Kirkpatrick and an Ontario friend have taken up adjoining properties and will devote themselves to agriculture and stock raising. His household goods were shipped a day or two ago and he leaves St. John with his family in a few days. Sexsmith is situated about four hundred miles west of Edmonton in the Peace River County and about one hundred and fifty miles west of Peace River Crossing. While in the West recently completing arrangements respecting his property, Mr. Kirkpatrick ran across a Mr. Stewart of Richbudo, who was also an officer overseas and who has taken up land at Girouard, also in the Peace River district.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is very enthusiastic about this country where there is to be found the finest agricultural land in all Canada and to which a very fine class of settlers are now devoting their attention.

HEAVY WINDS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—Following a dull day with rain, the wind shifted to the southwest this evening and at eleven o'clock tonight was blowing fifty miles an hour. There was a decided decrease in the temperature and the barometer recorded the lowest mark of the season.

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OBITUARY

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Feb. 27.—Joseph Gregory, an aged and highly esteemed citizen, died very suddenly this evening. He was coming down Union street at about nine o'clock, as was his daily custom to await the arrival of the evening papers, and when opposite Trinity church was seen to fall to the sidewalk. Assistance reached him immediately, but life was practically extinct when he fell ill. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Roy and Harvey, and one daughter, Mrs. Wilford Alexander, who have the sympathy of all in their sudden bereavement.

Raymond Francis Reicker. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Reicker, of 111 Metcalf street, will sympathize with them in the loss of their infant son, Raymond Francis, aged ten months. Mr. Reicker is now confined to his home with pneumonia.

Herbert Lees. T. J. Cunningham, superintendent of the Elder Dempster Steamship Lines, yesterday morning received word of the death of Herbert Lees, chief engineer of the S. S. Akabo. Mr. Lees was well known in this port, having been here on several of Elder Dempster liners.

Many Authorities Are Agreed That Influenza

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INFLUENZA HAS LATER DANGERS

Particular Care Needed When Patient is Convalescent, Says Expert.

The influenza convalescent who has apparently recovered from the disease and is yet in a strangely weak and depressed condition should be the object of particular care, according to Dr. Louis J. Harris, director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases of the New York Health Department. In the opinion of Dr. Harris the after care of the influenza patient is a most important. The co-operation of the patient, coupled with the willingness to see that the weakness and depression are a part of the illness, though coming after the disease itself, and of by its force, is a big factor in effecting a complete return to full health. On the other hand, the determination to ignore this debilitated condition and to fight against it with the usual remedies, frequently bring serious consequences upon the patient.

After Effects Bad. The subject of the after effects of influenza," said Dr. Harris, "is one of particular interest to the scientist at the present time. First, and perhaps the most momentous condition to be considered is the striking depression, mental, nervous, and physical, complained of by most patients. Those attacked by influenza with moderate severity are almost always afflicted with this depression, which should be recognized and dealt with. Those who have had mild cases of the epidemic are little affected by depression, and their quick return to health and strength gives rise to the belief that influenza is trivial. On the contrary, influenza, its after effects is anything but trivial, and calls for the application of rules of common sense and sanitation which are the fruit of years of experience.

"Tonic treatment, well chosen diet, and great care in not becoming over-tired or allowing the body to be chilled are necessary. Eggs may be eaten, but not more than two a day, for the average adult. Of course, it must be remembered that in many cases this disease tends to direct its force against the kidneys, and therefore we instruct patients to avoid eating a great amount of meat, eggs, or beef extracts. Eggs, soft boiled, poached, or beaten, raw, are advisable in limited number. The raw eggs should always be well agitated before taking.

When Good Food Is Bad. "With milk and eggs as a foundation the patient should eat good nourishing food, including meat, fish and vegetables, simply prepared. Frying, for instance, is out of the question. Good food prepared in an unassimilable manner becomes bad food; especially is this to be noted in cases of convalescence from influenza, for the disease often manifests itself in vomiting, and in intestinal and gastric disturbances, and it is important not to weaken the digestive function by the eating of poorly prepared food, or even the best of food in ill-advised quantities. The quantitative distribution of foodstuffs should be so adjusted as not to overload the stomach, but the patient should eat generously and frequently.

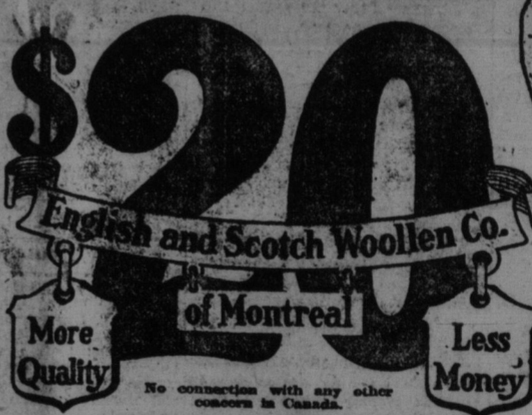
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FUNERALS
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