

GOVERNORS TELL PLANS TO HONOR DEAD HEROES

Most Of Them For Memorial Which Will Be Both Beautiful And Useful.

TWO STATES DISCUSS BRIDGE

Span Across Delaware Considered By Pennsylvania And New Jersey—North Dakota Thinking Of A Tree For Every Soldier—Utah To Treasure Their Pictures In A Magnificent Hall.

[By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun.] Annapolis, Dec. 16.—Every state in the Union has one mind and one heart when it comes to planning for the homecoming of the soldier boys and the honors to be heaped upon them.

That was proved at the meeting of the Governors here today. One not familiar with the intense loyalty of Americans to their own particular bit of country would have been bewildered by the claims put forth by each Governor as to the pre-eminent valor of the soldiers from his home state. However, they were unanimous that the Army of the U. S. A. is the best in history. They cheered when Secretary of War Baker said it in his speech in the State House this afternoon.

There was yet one other thing in which there was practical unanimity. That was that the memorials to be erected by the states to their gallant sons should be practical, something that will be useful and beautiful, something that will commemorate the deeds of America's heroes in a way that the ordinary monument or triumphal arch can never commemorate them.

In talks with a score of these governors all of the executives with one exception felt that the memorials should be in the form of halls or museums, art galleries or some important public work that would be of lasting benefit.

Edge Tells Of Bridge.

Governor Walter E. Edge, of New Jersey, thinks the memorials should be in the form of public works. He said his state and Pennsylvania were considering a joint project of building a bridge across the Delaware. If it is done, this bridge will be dedicated to those who died for liberty. The Governor thinks that the tablets commemorating the deeds of the regiments of his state and containing the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice can be placed on this bridge.

Governor Edge said the counties can plan memorials to the heroes from their community, can unveil monuments if they desire, or can centralize their love in some library, memorial hall, museum or similar building.

He will wait until the New Jersey men of the Twenty-ninth Division and the Seventy-ninth Division get home. Then he will declare a legal holiday for a celebration in which every town and village will take part, in which there will be fireworks and dances and speech-making.

Iowa For Chain Of Parks.

Gov. W. L. Harding, of Iowa, said his State is thinking of a chain of parks which will be named after its heroes of the battle fields of France.

"Our States is made up in great part of prairie land," said the Governor. "We have not the beautiful scenery of other sections, but we are trying to make the land as appealing to the eye and the heart as is possible. I know of no more graceful tribute to the martyrs of Iowa than the work of beautifying that State for which they died and which in their eyes had an incomparable grandeur. We can erect monuments in these parks and memorial halls and on these monuments and in these halls we can record the deeds of those who went forth to victory and to sacrifice."

The Governor said one of the new bridges in his State had been named after Merrill Hay, an Iowa, one of the first three American soldiers killed in France.

North Dakota For Tree.

Gov. Lynn J. Frazier, of North Dakota, said reforestation was an important question in his State and that he knew of nothing more sensible of the sacrifices of Dakotan soldiers than the planting of trees and the naming of them after State regiments and State heroes.

Governor Frazier said he had not given much thought to a subject of a memorial hall, but all the other Governors who were talked to on the subject were heartily in favor of such a plan or one similar to it. He said that such was the sentiment of the people of their states.

Utah To Build Fine Hall.

Governor Simon Bamberger has hit upon an idea that will appeal to the wives and mothers and other relatives of heroes. His State of Utah will erect an immense memorial hall, in which will be stored the battle flags of Utah regiments and other relics from the fields of battle. Greatest of all the treasures will be a gallery in which will be hung the picture of every soldier of Utah who died for his country. Beneath each picture will be a history of the soldier.

"I want Utah to ever cherish the memory of these men," said the Governor. "I want the mothers and the wives and the other relatives of these heroes to know that the thousands of visitors who go to that hall will look upon the pictures of brave men and read the histories of brave men and that generations to come will look upon these photographs and read these histories. We will have on tablets in this hall the name of every Utah man who served his country."

Utah some time ago made an appropriation of \$200,000 for a great shaft to be erected to heroes of the Indian wars. While on a visit to Topeka, Kan., Governor Bamberger saw the magnificent memorial hall in that city and asked his Legislature to make an amendment to the appropriation calling for the building of the shaft. At his suggestion the Legislature laid set the money aside for the building of a memorial hall. Now it is planned to put up an edifice costing at least a million dollars. Governor Bamberger believes that fine bits of sculpture commemorative of the glory of Utah's sons could be placed in this hall as well as paintings of important epochs of America's history in the world war.

The State of Utah will present a diploma, made of parchment, to every soldier who entered the service. The Governor himself has written a personal letter to the nearest relative of every man in his State who died in service, whether on the field of battle, on ship or in the cantonments in this country.

Washington For Art Halls.

Gov. Ernest Lister, of Washington, believes it time for America to begin building art galleries and memorial halls or museums which will give America a standing.

"We are old enough to realize that we should have some of those institutions which mean so much in the life of Europe and of which we are such great admirers," said the Governor. "They have been singularly lacking in the United States. The world has stood aghast at the vandalism of the Huns in destroying the guild halls of Belgium and the architectural treasures of France. We may never hope, perhaps, to duplicate such treasures, but we not take a step forward? Why not begin now when we are planning our memorials to build them as things of permanency, of educational and architectural and artistic value—something that will perpetuate the ideals of civilization and the highest thoughts that urged our men on into the fray. I feel that the people of this country are beginning to think the erection of shafts and triumphal arches are more or less extravagant, and are looking to things that will help life better for everyone. That, after all, is the thing for which our soldiers died."

Arizona For Hall.

Gov. George W. Hunt, of Arizona, thinks that his State needs a big memorial hall and that now is the time to build it. He has given serious thought also to the erection of a Miners' Building, in which disabled miners of his State could be taken care of, this building to be in memory of Arizona's soldier sons.

For Useful Memorials.

Gov. Thomas W. Bickett, of North Carolina, favors the erection of a memorial hall, a museum, a hospital or a building of similar character in which either suffering humanity will be helped or health, breathing, ambitious humanity will have a chance to look upon bits

of sculpture, great paintings, relics of heroism of North Carolinians—something that will help the State to advance in the artistic world or the world of education.

Gov. James P. Goodrich, of Indiana, where they have erected some wonderful monuments in the past; Gov. John G. Townsend, Jr., of Delaware; Gov. Moses Alexander, of Idaho; Gov. Hugh M. Dorsey of Georgia, and others all favor memorial halls instead of the old familiar shaft.

IS COMMANDER OF LEVIATHAN

Brings 9,000 Troops Across.

Capt. William Woodward Phelps, U. S. N., a Baltimorean, is in command of the troop transport *Leviathan*, formerly the *Vaterland*, which brought 9,000 soldiers from France yesterday, and is now docked in the New York harbor. Captain Phelps is a son of the late Judge Charles E. Phelps and a brother of Charles E. Phelps, Jr., who recently resigned from the Public Service Commission.

He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1889, and at the outbreak of the war was in command of the *Great Northern*, a transport that held the top record for carrying troops, and made a trip from New York to France and return in 14 days and 4 hours. The *Leviathan* carries 61 officers and a crew of 2,100.

FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE FLAG

Mayor Names Committee To Honor City Employees.

A committee to arrange for a service flag in honor of the several hundred men who went into the army and navy from the municipal departments was named yesterday by Mayor Preston. Commodore John H. Robinette, president of the *Commissioners for Opening Streets*, was made chairman. Two of his colleagues are Major Joseph W. Shirley, chief engineer of the Topographical Survey Commission, and City Librarian Wilbur F. Coyle. Chairman Robinette will add others to the committee.

The plan is to place the flag in the city's official flag cases, with the pennant of the Three Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment, "Baltimore's Owl," already there, and to record the names of the men on a scroll to be preserved in the City Library.

GLASS CO. SUIT DISMISSED

Court Leaves Open Settlement For Payments Made On Stock.

The suit of J. Harry Williams against Capt. Isaac E. Emerson and the Maryland Glass Corporation to recover 40 shares of stock of the corporation, to which Williams claimed to be entitled and which he valued at \$40,000, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Soper in the Circuit Court at the conclusion of the testimony and argument. This was without prejudice to the right of Williams to recover the money paid on the stock which the company admitted was due him.

After being manager of the company for years, Williams ceased to be connected with it last May. Then the company claimed the right to exercise an option on the stock in litigation at the par value of \$4,000 in favor of Captain Emerson. Williams contested the validity of the option, but the Court sustained it.

OFFICER GETS VERDICT

Lieut. S. B. Austin Awarded \$5,000 For Promoting Invention.

Lieut. Sidney B. Austin, U. S. N., obtained a verdict for \$5,000 damages yesterday in the Superior Court against Gustav Fast for his services in promoting the use of a patent turbo gear. The verdict was for the full amount claimed. While the Lieutenant was employed by the Poole Engineering and Machine Company, he claimed, he introduced Fast to the company, which is paying him royalties on his invention. Howard Bryant and Ralph Robinson were the officer's attorneys.

URGES CANAL PURCHASE

Mayor Preston Delivers Strong Argument At Capital.

A strong argument in favor of the purchase by the Federal Government of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal was made by Mayor Preston yesterday before the Rivers and Harbor Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington.

The Mayor was the only Baltimorean present. "It is very important for Baltimore that we have this canal widened and deepened by the Government," the Mayor said last night. "It will bring us 210 miles closer to Liverpool and give us a commanding situation, so far as coastwise and European traffic are concerned."

The Mayor favors a canal at least 24 feet deep. He is the chairman of the Mayor's auxiliary committee to the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association.

Plans were laid at the conference to ask Congress for an immediate appropriation of \$3,000,000 to purchase the canal without further delay and to enable the army engineers to begin work in improving the waterway. It was also decided not to press the 25-foot depth for the canal, but to support the army engineers' recommendations for a 12-foot waterway.

Besides Mayor Preston, those appearing before the committee were Director of Public Works Webster, of Philadelphia; George F. Sproule, secretary of the Commission on Navigation of Pennsylvania; Joseph F. Hasskari, assistant director of public works, of Philadelphia, and W. C. Schoff, secretary of the Atlantic Waterways Association. The canal is arranged by Representatives of North Carolina; Moore of Virginia, and Linthicum of Maryland.

Secretary Baker And Governors At Annapolis



The Secretary of War may be seen standing at the left of the line between Governor Harrington and Gov. Arthur Capper, of Kansas. On Governor Harrington's left is Gov. George W. P. Hunt, of Arizona.