

# GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL BUILDING

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To Be Erected at the National Capital and Dedicated to Our Boys Who Have Fought, Suffered and Given Their Lives for the Freedom of the World.

**M**EN of '17 and '76! The men of 1917 have maintained the legacy left by the men of 1776, and have paid the debt incurred. The odd coincidence in numbers stands as the symbol of a real bond.

Washington borrowed of France the men and the money that saved the day for the freedom of the colonies. Wilson sent back to France the men and the money that saved the day for the freedom of the nations. We repaid Lafayette with Pershing.

There is a universal eagerness to build a fitting memorial to the heroes of the war of wars. Monuments will spring up all over the United States to individual men, officers and organizations. But there is an insistent demand for one great national memorial.

The only place for it is, of course, the capital of the country, and Washington has been and will be in a large sense the capital of the world.

No memorial will be appropriate which has not a lasting value and a dignity of usefulness as well as beauty and splendor. No statue or group of statues could be reared which would express what this memorial must express. No column of melted cannon, though it were made of steel barrels a mile high, would convey the message. An imperial arch would imply nothing more than a gateway for conquerors and would act simply as an obstruction to traffic.

The right memorial must be a temple, a temple of architectural grandeur, a museum for statues, busts, tablets, archives and interesting relics, a place of daily resort, and a meeting place for national gatherings.

It is an amazing fact that Washington—the seat of our national government, the center of world activity, the mecca of congresses—has no large and dignified meeting place, no convention hall of any dimensions.

The memorial described will therefore meet a pressing need.

What ideal should this memorial most vividly express? Of what religion should the temple be? Surely, the religion of freedom, of democracy, of equality, and of opportunity.

It should express the triumph of the ideals of Washington and the founders of this Republic as those ideals have spread through the world and united in the recent bloody victory over the spirit of autocracy.

By strange good fortune these ideals can be immediately realized. Construction can begin at once.

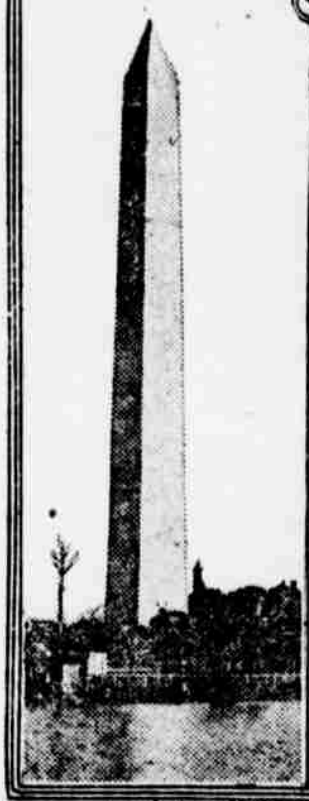
Since George Washington would accept no money for his services to the nation two gifts were voted to him, one consisting of a sum in cash, which he disposed of as an endowment to the university now known as Washington and Lee; the other a number of stock certificates valued then at \$25,000. The latter amount he set aside in his will to be used as a cumulative fund for the diffusion of knowledge. In the vicissitudes of time the stock he bequeathed lost its value and the dying wish of the father of his country seemed likely to remain forever unfulfilled.

Recently a movement was set on foot to fulfill the wish. The George Washington Memorial association was formed and various projects were advanced, among them the foundation of a university. But the country had now fully blossomed with universities, every state having its own. Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, sister of William C. Whitney, who as secretary of the navy won the title of "Father of the New American Navy," was elected president of the association.

With characteristic energy, Mrs. Dimock has set about the accomplishment of the ideal. A national committee, including eminent men and women from all sections of the country, has been formed and nearly half a million dollars already collected, in addition to a still larger amount pledged.

The association has procured from congress the grant of an ideal tract of land which was formerly occupied by the Pennsylvania station, and at present covered in part by temporary buildings of the war department. This is almost the only desirable site remaining unoccupied in Washington.

A competition in designs for the building was participated in by a dozen of the foremost Amer-



ican architects. The committee of award selected from these a plan of such impressive beauty as to silence criticism.

This majestic structure will be spacious enough to house a multitude. The main auditorium occupies a floor space of 38,500 square feet, with a gallery of 10,000 square feet, giving a seating capacity of 7,000 persons; it will furnish room for inaugural receptions, national and international conventions and conferences, orchestral concerts and celebrations. Several small halls are grouped about it to accommodate meetings of smaller bodies—military, patriotic, scientific, educational, and similar conventions.

On the second floor is a banquet hall with serving rooms, seating 600 people. Here also are rooms set apart as the permanent national headquarters of societies of veterans, of reserve officers and other patriotic societies. The third and fourth floors are planned to accommodate a museum and library for the care of precious relics, souvenirs, historical documents and the personal histories of our soldiers. A spacious chamber has been set apart for the exclusive use of each sovereign state of the Union and our outlying possessions.

The plans have received the indorsement of the highest authorities. President Wilson writes:

My Dear Mrs. Dimock: I have noted with genuine interest the plans of the George Washington Memorial association for a memorial to the boys of 1917 as well as those of '76. No one could withhold approval from such plans. They undoubtedly express what the heart of the whole country approves. Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Committees of prominent men and women representing patriotic societies are collaborating. Collective and individual subscriptions in large and small amounts are being received. Every child who contributes ten cents receives a button carrying the legend: "This plan means a brick in the memorial building." The name of each donor will be entered on the records.

Such a building is very much needed, and if erected would contribute very materially toward the process of conference, consultation, discussion, awakening of public interest and conscience, reconciliation of views, recognition of abuses—the process through which a great self-governing people works out its problems and reaches its results. No better tribute to the memory of Washington, who led the men of '76, and to our boys of '17, who maintained the freedom which he established, could be devised than such a national memorial. The number of associations and organizations, permanent and occasional, which seeks to bring people together for worthy objects in this country is enormous.

One of the most urgent needs is a suitable meeting place for national and international societies and conventions in Washington. Under existing conditions we are justified in inviting large societies and congresses, especially those of an interna-

tional character, to meet in this country; for the natural place is Washington.

The control and administration of this building, when erected, will be the board of regents of the Smithsonian institution, of which the president of the United States is the presiding officer, ex-officio, and the chief justice the chancellor.

Such a building will aid in advancing the cause of education, patriotism, science and the arts, as well as providing a lasting evidence of our loyal devotion to the memory of our boys who emulated the example and noble character of our greatest commander and first president.

## ORGANIZATION PLAN OF GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

President—Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Northrop, New York. Trustee of Permanent Fund—Charles J. Bell, Washington, D. C.

### The National Council.

The president.  
The vice president.  
The cabinet members.  
Members of the Supreme court.  
Members of congress.  
Governors of states.  
Prominent and representative leaders from various fields of activities, including the church, educational institutions, commerce, finance, literature, the arts and the stage.

### State Organization.

The governor as honorary chairman of the state council.  
Mayors of cities.  
State senators and representatives.  
County school officials.

### City and Town Organization.

The mayor or nominal head as honorary chairman of council.  
Council of departmental heads of the actual working organizations, locally paid by municipality, including teachers, firemen and policemen.

A general committee in each city acting in co-operation with the above council will include the leaders in all local activities which are in contact with the mass of people. This will bring in labor unions, commercial clubs, civic and other organizations, and churches, fraternal organizations and clubs, as well as organizations having national connections. Also, prominent men and women who will engage in this work of honoring our first president, our illustrious soldiers of the past and our victorious soldiers of world redemption, who will be the bulwarks of our future economic position.

The children will be locally organized under the care and guidance of neighborhood groups corresponding to parent-teachers organization.

### FREEDOM.

"What is your idea of freedom of the seas?"  
"A chance to make a trip across without being shut up in my stateroom with seasickness."

Fish Day.  
He—By jove, Betty, you look nice enough to eat. She—Well, don't forget this is Friday.—Boston Transcript.

Proving it.  
Fussyfooting is a calamity.  
"I suppose it is something of a catastrophe."

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### Tuition Will Be Free.

"She says she's going to give singing lessons." "She'd have to. Nobody'd ever pay her for them."

Authorities differ as to whether a poker room should be classed as an ante room or drawing room.

There is nothing more idiotic than the smile of a pretty girl—when directed toward some other fellow.

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When a man begins to discuss matrimony with a widow the result is usually a tie.



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### Danger in Abbreviation.

Even the school nurse has her fun. In a talk before the central philanthropic council the other day, Miss Helen R. Stewart of the board of health told of one little boy who, after he had been examined by the nurse, went to the teacher in tears, complaining that the nurse called him names.

When the teacher expressed her surprise, the boy sought to prove his case by handing her the card the nurse had given to him as her record of the examination.

"Look at that!" he cried.

"Poor nut," read the card.

"Poor nutrition," explained the teacher, finally sending the child away with a better opinion of the nurse.—Dallas News.

### Information Needs Confirmation.

"Old Dorsey Dudgeon prides himself on knowing where the conflagration is as soon as he hears the fire-bell ring," related the landlord of the Petunia tavern.

"By the time half a dozen whangs have changed he has scurried into a garment or two and is out on his front porch, hollering to the people running by just where he knows the fire is."

"He should be of considerable assistance to the volunteer firemen and others in sending them in the proper direction," commented the interested guest.

"Eh-yah! He would be if he didn't nine times out of ten know it wrong." Kansas City Star.

### Glossing Over the Facts.

"Pa, what is a euphemism?"  
"I'll have to explain that by giving you an example, son."

"Yes, pa."

"The dictionary says a euphemism is a figure of speech by which a word or phrase more agreeable or less offensive is substituted for one more accurately expressive of what is meant," as in the case of the society reporter who states that a widow who has been married three or four times is "led to the altar" by a wealthy old codger who never had the slightest notion of getting married until he faced the preacher.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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