

"PROMISED LAND" DECLARED IRVING

GREAT ENGLISH WRITER
MADE GLOWING PRE-
DICTION

HAS LONG SINCE FULFILLED

Reunion Visitors in September at Tulsa Will See Monument To Irving Who Visited the Spot in 1832.

Tulsa, Okla., August.—In the early thirties, the renowned Washington Irving came over from England and made a tour of parts of the United States. His tour to the southwest included a stop among the Indians at the present location of the city of Tulsa. Local history has it that he paused on an eminence about a mile northwest of the center of the present business district of Tulsa, and took a comprehensive view of the valley of the Arkansas spread out before him. The following description of the landscape, and prophecy of the future wealth of the community, appears in his sketches of the American tour:

"This seems to me to be the Promised Land, flowing with milk and honey. On the rich herbage of the prairies will be fed herds of cattle as innumerable as the sands upon the seashore. And the flowers that bedeck the prairies will be a paradise for a nectar-loving being."

This was written October 13, 1832, about the time of year that the 28th annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans' Association will be held this year at Tulsa. The dates of the reunion are September 24-27 inclusive, or some ten days earlier in the fall than the dates upon which Irving wrote his appreciation of the valley of the Arkansas. Visitors to the reunion will have an opportunity to enjoy the same river panorama, made more beautiful and promising by modern enterprise and a city of 80,000 people. The greatest agricultural section of Oklahoma is along the Arkansas, above and below the city of Tulsa, a land now flowing with milk and honey, fulfilling the Irving prophecy if not discounting it.

One of the beauty spots around Tulsa is Irving Circle, on the crest of a ridge north of the city now beautified by handsome residences. A monument has been erected there commemorating the visit and prophecy of Washington Irving made more than eighty years ago. The idea was originated and carried out by W. Tate Brady, chairman of the General Committee of the Confederate reunion organization. In the meantime, the prophecy of the great English writer has been discounted many times.

The comparatively ancient settlements of the Indians around Tulsa, and throughout the state are full of interest. The footprints of the Indian have been obliterated by the march of modern progress, but his name lingers. Where he formerly had his tented villages, or wigwam abodes, cities have been built and towns laid out. His hunting grounds on the Arkansas have been converted into rich and productive farms. Alfalfa has taken the place of prairie grass, and domestic cattle graze in former haunts of the wild beast.

All over Oklahoma prosperous towns and cities have been built. They are laid out along modern lines of city building, and their people are enterprising and patriotic. Tulsa holds first place among Oklahoma cities for enterprise and progress. The city has grown more in the past ten years than any other city in the great southwest. It is simply able to care for a large number of visitors, such as attend the annual reunions of the Confederate soldiers. Had it not possessed all of the facilities for caring for the reunion, the Confederates would not have been urged to come here with their 1918 meeting. All who come to the reunion will be cared for in most satisfactory manner.

U. C. V. HONORS TULSA GIRL



Miss Juliette Hunt, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is Maid of Honor of the Headquarters Department, Sons of Confederate Veterans and who will take a prominent part in the annual reunion at Tulsa, September 24-27.

They are going to "shoot" an oil well at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this year as a compliment to the visitors to the Confederate reunion.

Y. W. C. A. Helps French Munition Workers

Twelve social centers, or foyers, as they are called by the French, are run by the American Y. W. C. A. for girls and women who are working in the great munition factories of France. Two of these are in St. Etienne and three in Lyon. All have cafeterias connected with them.

Girls and women who work in these factories are of all classes and ages, but all are French. The men employees are of every nation—Chinese, Cingalese, Algerian, Moroccan and Portuguese. Many of the women are refugees. Multitudes have lost every relative and friend. There are daughters, mothers and grandmothers among them.

These foyers are the only place except the street that the majority have in which to spend their out of work hours. Barracks for sleeping, eating and bathing are the only provision made for the comfort of the workers by the management of the factories.

The women and girls meet their men and women friends in the foyers, sew, write letters, press out their waists, stitch on the sewing machines, read and rest. The rooms are their homes. Games and entertainment are provided and educational classes. Of the classes the English ones are by far the most popular.

All these foyers are sanctioned by the French Ministry of War.

BOMB PARLOR FOR AMERICANS IN PARIS

"A series of unearthly wails from the siren that announces an air raid and we are out of our beds and down in the bomb parlor in double quick time," writes a woman who lives at the Hotel Petrograd in Paris. "Many times I have made the flight twice in a night. But you get used to it and drop off to sleep again as soon as you get the chance."

"The 'bomb parlor' is one of the unique features of the Petrograd. It is not its official title—a few of us have named it that. It is a good sized room at the bottom of the house and has no outside walls. Once there, we feel as safe from harm as we ever did in our beds. We spend the time between the 'alerte' that turns us out of bed and the 'all clear' signal that tells us to go back, with games, reading and visiting. I have seen Red Cross nurses on the floor fast asleep in spite of the awful din of the bombs and guns."

"More kinds of uniforms in all stages of freshness and fading come into the Petrograd, which is the American Y. W. C. A. hostess house of Paris, than any other place in France. Soldiers and sailors meet their women friends there; there are the Red Cross nurses, the women of the Signal Corps, American women stenographers, various medical orders, the Y. W. C. A. naturally, and all the rest. It is a never ending, strangely shifting throng."

"Besides being unique for its 'bomb parlor,' the hotel serves butter for breakfast and has bathing facilities for its resident guests at all hours. These are enough to give lasting fame to any house in France at this time. Last winter it was known as the 'house with warm rooms.'"

The Hotel Petrograd of Paris is one of the three Y. W. C. A. hostess houses in France. The others are at Bourges and Tours. The social rooms of all are open to any woman or girl at any time of day or evening to meet her men or women friends, rest, enjoy social intercourse, read or write.

FOREIGN WOMEN LEARN AMERICAN WAYS

A corps of translators and interpreters in fifteen different languages are employed by the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. They instruct foreign-born women whose husbands have been called into the service in such intimate questions as the laws relating to rentals and labor, in the care of children and in how to use American foods in dishes adapted to foreign tastes and present high prices. This last work is done in co-operation with the Government Food Conservation Commission and the Home Demonstration Work of the U. S. Agricultural Department.

Leaflets are sent out and articles circulated through the foreign newspapers. One of the efforts is to tell these strangers of the resources for themselves and their children which this country provides.

HARVEST THE CROPS AND WHIP THE KAISER.

"Hunger is the Kaiser's best weapon." The Y. W. C. A. believes it.

This is why it is making it possible for high school girls in New York state to help farmers in the fields; for college girls in the Middle West to do general farm work; for Polish women in New Jersey to pick potatoes and for boys and girls across the continent in Washington to gather fruits.

All this work is part of the campaign to "save the crops and beat the Huns."

It is the aim of the Y. W. C. A. to demonstrate the best ways of housing and feeding farm laborers and so take the burden from farmers' wives.

In all the places where women are working under the direction of the Y. W. C. A. a house is provided for the laborers, with a supervisor in charge. The supervisor's business is to make all business arrangements with the farmers and provide the food. If children accompany their mothers, a trained woman looks after them while their mothers are in the fields.

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