

Toil Of Silent Trappist Monks Represented By Granite Chapel



A blue-gray chapel (upper left) rising from a hill in Cumberland, R. I., is the reward of years of labor on the part of Trappist monks (below) who quarried the stone and helped erect the structure. The monks live and work under a rule of silence. Upper right is the dining room in the chapel basement.

CUMBERLAND, R. I., Dec. 25. (AP)—An old dream cherished by silent monks of the Cistercian order has been realized with the dedication of a new chapel at the Trappist monastery here—the Monastery of Our Lady of the Valley. For years the brown-robed monks have toiled in silence in the quarries and on the broad lands of their monastery to aid in the erection of the blue-gray granite structure. The colony here is the third of four Cistercian monasteries in the United States. The mode of life of its members is as strange to the layman as it is uncommon. There are three vows—poverty, chastity and obedience. Members of the order are bound to perpetual silence, save at their devotions. They may address only

a superior by voice. A few conventional signs take the place of conversation. They abstain from flesh, fish and fowl during Lent. Their habits are of rough coarse cloth, bound by wide leather straps or wooden girdles, according as a member is a professor or a novice. Two hours after midnight, their daily routine begins with the sound of a bell for matins. Arising from their narrow beds of plain boards which hold only straw mattresses and a straw pillow and a coverlet, they assemble in chapel. After an hour's devotion to prayer and chanting, the laymen assume their daily tasks while the others remain for additional religious manifestations until eight o'clock. Then they take up manual labor for two and one-half hours. The remainder of the day is divided into various phases of worship and study until night falls. Six and one-half hours' sleep is permitted in summer and seven hours in winter—so the hour of retiring is 7 p.m. or 7.30. Thus the 40 monks have lived as they quarried thousands upon thousands of yards of granite from their land. Thus the order has lived for hundreds of years. The completed chapel, of Gothic lines, severe and simple, rises from the crest of a hill in the midst of solitude and isolation. Round about are hundreds of acres of fields, once given up as worthless for agriculture, now well kept and prosperous under the monks' care. The chapel embodies both the artistic and the practical. It is designed after the mother-house at Cîteaux, France, which serves as a model for all Cistercian chapels.

SILK ENTERS COTTON HOME
BOSTON, Dec. 27. (AP)—Silk manufacturing is invading New England, traditional home of the cotton manufacturing industry. Within a short period plans for four new silk plants were announced.

TO PROMOTE AVIATION
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27. (AP)—A holding corporation to promote aviation interests has been formed here with a number of the city's leading industrial, business men and financial men as its directors.

Another Year and Still Supreme



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1929 BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (AP)—American business men seem to be taking sound business conditions and continued prosperity in 1929 for granted and look for a good year if business and industry heed the voice of experience, obey the laws of economics and conduct their undertakings in a sane, orderly manner.

Writing reviews of 1928 and outlining prospects of 1929 for The Associated Press, leaders of more than a half hundred essential industries express the opinion that 1929 will be even more prosperous than 1928.

They believe that the few industries which suffered depression in 1928 have found the cause of their difficulties and are taking remedial measures. They believe the purchasing power of the American people is so great as to assure a continuance of demand. They look for expansion of business activities in many lines, consolidation of small units into huge corporations which will operate more efficiently, cooperation between government and business and generally an extremely prosperous new year.

A few industries will ask governmental aid or legislative assistance to smooth out troublesome rough spots; others will seek to alter law which they say they have outgrown; still others will seek to bring about a reordering of their own internal structure. All in all 1929 promises to be a year of real business and industrial progress.

MAIL ORDERS SHOW HUGE GAIN IN 1928

CHICAGO, Dec. 27. (AP)—The year just finished has, from a merchandising standpoint, been the most successful and best all-around year for the mail order industry since this business was started in 1872. Naturally, this sales performance, along with plans for future expansion, causes me to look forward to 1929 with a great deal of enthusiasm and with considerable confidence as to the outcome.

WESTERN UNION IN VAST BUILDING PLAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (Special)—Approximately twenty-nine million dollars will be spent in 1929 by the Western Union Telegraph Company to replace improvements, replacements and new construction, according to an announcement made yesterday. This figure is at present only tentative, it was pointed out, and is subject to minor changes. Five million dollars of this sum will be spent on outside construction and will result in an increase in wire facilities to take care of the mounting volume of telegraphic traffic. Approximately twelve million dollars will be employed for the replacement of wire and telegraphic equipment.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Ferguson had as their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. John Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke, Miss Ethel Oxley and Mr. Jack Pembroke. Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin entertained at Christmas dinner for their daughters, the Misses Frances and Mazie. Guests were the Misses Evelyn White, Barbara Ferron, Shirley Ferron, Alice Doherty and John and Charles Doherty.

NEW EXTENSION MAN APPOINTED FOR NEV. AGRICULTURE DISTRICT

Edward C. Reed, agricultural extension agent for Lyon county, will be the new agent for Washoe county, succeeded Clarence J. Thornby, whose resignation was made public yesterday. Cecil W. Creel, director of Nevada agricultural extension service, announced this afternoon.

Before coming to Nevada, Reed was graduated from California Agricultural College at Davis and engaged in farming in the Golden State. He was graduated from Nevada with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1923, after which he went to Lyon county as extension agent and has been there since.

Succeeding Reed in Lyon county will be Otto Schulz, at present assistant extension agent in White Pine county, a position he has held since his graduation from the University of Nevada College of Agriculture in 1927.

MINE COMPANY BEGINS WORK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27. (Special)—New Tonopah Dividend Mining Company reports its engineering staff has completed the contract for its Lynx Creek gold placer struction of a gold recovery plant diggings near Prescott, Arizona, and that the preliminary test run was most satisfactory. It is stated that regular operation will soon begin in the treatment of 9,000 cubic yards of gold-bearing gravel estimated to exist within company boundary lines.

This work, the president of the company states, is under the direct supervision of C. N. Woods, formerly with the Natomas Dredging Company, who reports that with a few slight changes made the plant should handle approximately 1000 yards of gravel daily, and that arrangements are being made for the addition of another unit to the plant, bringing its treatment capacity up to 2000 yards per day. In gold recovery a handsome profit above the cost of operation is anticipated.

At its Lynx Creek holdings the company has a completely equipped and modern camp, together with a large storage reservoir which will furnish the necessary water for placer mining operations during the dry season, enabling the company to operate plant and diggings throughout the year. There is but little overburden at the placers, and the depth to bedrock is not great, thus insuring economical operation at low cost. The company is controlled by L. V. Biddle, C. S. Haley and C. N. Miller of San Francisco.

HOT DOGS FIRST

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 27. (AP)—A "hot dog" stand was the first business venture on Milwaukee's newly widened Cedar street. The building inspector failed to prevent the issuance of a permit.

A MODERN BABEL

BRENNHAM, Texas, Dec. 27. (AP)—Members of the local Rotary club speak eight languages: German, French, Spanish, Czech, Polish, Portuguese, Greek and English.

POSES FOR SCHOOLROOMS

PARIS, Dec. 27. (AP)—The municipal council has demanded flowers in all Paris schoolrooms and school yards to brighten the existence of children at school.

VILLAGE GIFT SAVES GRAVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (AP)—Through the gift of the French village of Moyennoutier of the ground occupied by the grave of Lieut. Thomas R. Plummer of New Bedford, Mass., a controversy of 10 years' amies to an end.

Unlike most American families whose sons fell in France the Plummers strongly desired that the Lieutenant Plummer's body be left in the little French cemetery where it was buried two days before the Armistice was signed and a few days before the Croix de Guerre awarded him by the French government was received.

This caused the unwinding of much red tape. Lieutenant Plummer, although 50 years of age when the war broke out, enlisted in the American Red Cross and was assigned to the French village of Moyennoutier just behind the French lines. There he did such valiant work that he was beloved by the entire population of the village. He buried him with highest honors in their own village cemetery. His death was the result of unselfish devotion to sick and wounded French soldiers.

When the work of removing American soldiers' bodies to government cemeteries in this country and France began Lieutenant Plummer's grave was one of the few isolated ones marked "Do not disturb." The government could not leave soldiers' bodies without definite title to the land or without assurance that graves would be properly cared for, however. After much interchange of correspondence between the town council of Moyennoutier, the cemetery division of the quartermaster corps of the U. S. army and the family of Lieutenant Plummer, the problem was solved with receipt of the title to the ground occupied by the grave.

NEVADA YOUNGSTERS PLAN FARM SHOW

Stimulated by the high prices brought by Nevada calves at the recent California Livestock and Baby Beef show in San Francisco 4-H club members in livestock raising districts of the state are already preparing to enter the exhibit next year in the hope of duplicating the showing of Silver State youngsters this year.

Two classes of Nevada baby beef will be entered in the 1929 California show: those born since September 1, 1928, and those born between January 1, 1928 and September 1, 1928. Calves are now being selected. The attempt will be to get purebreds.

In their various counties 4-H calf clubs are being organized by the extension agents to promote interest and competition between the children.

Elko county, which exhibited five of the six Nevada calves at the 1928 show, is striving to maintain its leadership.

LIGHT UP SKY

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 27. (AP)—A "true light" for aviators has been ordered for the top of the tallest building here. The new beacon, a 900 watt lamp, is 8,000,000 candle power and can be seen for a distance of 80 miles.

A New Jersey citizen, taking an alcohol rub got hold of the gin bottle by mistake. The doctor hopes to save him by skin grafting.

AIR MAIL SAFE MEANS OF SENDING VALUABLE PAPERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (AP)—Post office department records show the air mail is comparatively safe a medium for shipping valuable papers as other means of transportation.

"The loss of 1,097 sacks of mail in the sinking of the Vestris alone constituted a greater loss than the air mail has experienced during the 10 years of its existence," W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general, says in reviewing the records.

"Fire in a railroad car just outside New York this year destroyed more mail than has been lost during the entire operations of the air mail."

Records show that for the 10 years of the air mail's operation, 1,624,865 pounds of mail were carried with a loss of only 1,335 pounds. The percentage of air mail lost in transit is .00081.

The post office department requires mail compartments of all planes to be lined with sheet metal to serve as a protection from such slight fires as might originate from defective wiring or similar local causes.

DEMPSEY TUNNEY 1929 TILT SURE

A third heavyweight title battle between Dempsey and Tunney seemed a certainty when 1928 began. It was a natural that needed no ballyhoo after all the excitement of the long count at Chicago, but Dempsey retired, for the year at least, and Tunney did likewise after successfully defending his crown in a one-sided bout with Tom Heeney at the Yankee Stadium that proved a financial flop. He champion's valetictory, followed by his marriage, left the heavyweight class in chaotic condition. As the year drew to a close it became more involved by the knockout of Knute Hansen, defeat of Johnny Risko by Jim Maloney and mediocre performances of other contenders. Young Stribling and Jack Sharkey appeared as likely as any to wade through the new elimination process to an expected come-back by Dempsey to stimulate the flagging box-office interest.

Upsets punctuated the close of the year's ring campaign, with Jimmy McLarnin, Hansen, Risko, Tuffy Griffiths and others among the victims. Tunney, Tommy Loughran, Sammy Mandell, Tod Morgan and Mickey Walker successfully defended their titles in a year, lacking much championship conflict, but Tony Canzoneri held the featherweight crown only seven months.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27. (AP)—Stockholm will soon have one of the biggest sport palaces in Europe. Near St. Erik's Bridge, the new structure will rise 15 stories and will house facilities for all sports.

POZNAN, Poland, Dec. 27. (AP)—This city, claimed by patriotic Poles as the true heart of Poland is preparing to stand of the world with an international exposition in 1929. It is planned to show all aspects of Polish life, ancient and modern, with particular emphasis on the republic's progress during 10 years of independence.

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