BIRDS THAT SING IN THE SPRING TRA-LA-LA By SATTERFIELD

GUTZON BORGLUM'S TROUBLE LATEST OF LONG SERIES

Temperamental Gutzon Borglum, sculptor, has again raised the wind. This time he and the Stone Mountain Memorial Association are at loggerheads, the titanic memorial project which was to commemorate in heroic figures the lost cause on the monolith of Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, has been halted. Borglum has been ousted, and has destroyed the models and working plans. A resolution of the executive committee of the association asserts that the sculptor made inordinate demands for money for the work, charges him with 'offensive egotism," and declares that his "delusions of grandeur made it impossible to deal with him on any basis of fairness or common sense."

Mr. Borglum has been the storm center of controversy before this, either in the art world or outside of it. His outbreaks have been frequent. This is the second time he has filled the role of an iconoclast.

He made two angels for the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine about 15 years ago. They were the figures of the Annunciation and Resurrection angels. They were the only angels, out of half a hundred, which had been made by Borglum. In creating them he upset well established tradition, since angels usually have been depicted as male figures, the angels mentioned in the Bible have masculine names, and according to Bibical lore, these two angels were named Gabriel and Michael.

Borglum Differed

Borglum held that angels were emblematic of sweetness and light, and that therefore he did well to give them female figures and expression. However, the cathedral did not want them, and they were criticized severely. So he took a hammer and broke them into pieces. He admitted afterwards that he was vain of them, said he felt worse than a vandal, but asked what there was for him to do, since the figures were rejected. His departure from tradition and his iconoclasm created a lot of talk.

In 1912 he again caused quite a flurry in the art world when he told members of the National Art School that the art schools were a humbug, characterized the Washington monument as nothing but an enlargement of Cleopatra's needle, and Lincoln memorial as a $2,000,000 Greek temple with Lincoln Memorial on the door mat. He elaborated:

"Why don't we think of our own story? There never was a better one. We have felt all we can feel. No nation has felt more. And yet there is practically not a particle of art produced as a result of it. We have our own story and ought to write it in our monuments. This country of ours is the greatest expression of the spirit of the Renaissance, and still we have no epic, no story, scarcely a piece of sculpture. Yet we run back to Europe every fortnight to replenish our ideals."

As for the fine arts schools, he said he had in all of them, the world over, left with a sorrowful heart, and that they were turning out thousands of students who were not worth fifty cents a day to any artist.

Stirs Water Again

The next year Borglum again boiled the waters of the art world by resigning from the Association of American Painters and Sculptors and declined to exhibit at an exhibition in the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory. He said he would not exhibit while good men and good work were ignored. They were excluded, he said, while miserable work and favorites are surreptitously invited without knowledge of the committee. He said further:

"Sculpture as it really exists in America will not be shown, because it has not been given a chance; not a fair chance."

In 1915 there was a controversy between Borglum and the municipal art commission of Chicago over his statue to the late Governor John P. Altgeld. Borglum had made the figure with hand raised in protection over a man, a woman and a child, typifying the working classes. That was criticised. So were the proportions of the design. Borglum had a peppery retort:

"I forgot more about sculptural art over-night than any of your Chicago municipal art commissioners knows in a life-time. I shall stand for that monument and the art interpretation of Altgeld's character against the commission and all of Chicago back of it."

In 1918 Borglum made a report on the airplane construction, charging irregularities. The report disturbed the president, who asked Mr. Borglum to go to Washington to lay the entire matter before the secretary of war, and said the secretary of war would clothe him with full authority to get at the bottom of the situation.

Following the report, the president instituted a systematic inquiry into the whole aviation situation. The correspondence showed that the president had not empowered Borglum to act as an official investigator, but that he had been accorded the right to go ahead of his own notion. This was after he had written expressing the belief that there were serious errors and bad practice in aircraft production.

Borglum answered that he had been hampered and blocked in his investigations and that the president had not given him proper help. He alleged that the aero department was "full of profiteering, that hundreds of millions have gone, that factories have been created where there were no factories necessary," and made other charges.

Mr. Borglum afterward denied a report that he was interested in an airplane company and that he had sought secretly to capitalize his friendship with President Wilson by planning to promote a private airplane concern. He said he was a victim of a "frame-up."

There was a lot of talk but nothing ever came of the charges. It was not proved that Borglum was wrong.

The next time he came prominently into the limelight was in connection with the Stone Mountain Memorial. The gigantic conception of a panorama of Brobdignagian figures carved on the face of the mountain 700 feet high was his conception, and completed, it would undoubtedly have been one of the wonders of the world.

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Thus writes Riley D. Moore, an osteopathic physician, in American Motorist. And he added that such a person goes to his doctor later, "complaining of a stiff, aching neck, discomfort at the base of the skull and a sense of tension between the shoulders. He usually lays his trouble to catching cold, a reason given by most patients and some doctors to explain the disorders which they do not understand. An aché at the base of the skull may mean that you thrust your chin too far forward when driving."

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

The National Tuberculosis Association has designated the week of March 23d as the period during which special emphasis should be laid throughout the United States upon the prevention of promiscuous spitting.

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association, Inc., and its County Branches will make a special effort to enlist the cooperation of the state and city officals, health officials and health agencies with a view to enforcing more adequately existing laws and ordinances pertainng to promiscuous spitting, and to teaching the public the need for its prevention.

Article 43, section 38A of the Laws of Maryland relating to public health, states:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate or spit on the floors, sides, seats or platforms of any railroad or railway passenger cars in this state, under a penalty of $3 and costs, one-half of said fine to go to the informer or party arresting and furnishing evidence upon which the offender is convicted. And for the purposes of this section all railroad or railway conductors and brakemen running on passenger trains are empowered to arrest such offenders and take them before the nearest justice of the peace at the next convenient stop of said train within this state for trial, and such justices are given jurisdiction in the case. In default of payment of fine and costs any party so convicted shall be sentenced to jail for not more than five days; provided, however, that smoking cars in which cuspidors are not placed by the company operating the same shall be exempt from his operation of this section."

SACKCLOTH AND SCARLET

"Sackcloth and Scarlet," a Paramount picture directed by Henry King, who produced "Tol'able David," "The White Sister' and "Romola". will be shown at the Century Theatre during the week beginning Monday, March 23 Alice Terry is the starred player. The story is an adaptation of the novel of the same name by George Gibbs. Dorothy Sebastian, formerly of the "Follies" and "Scandals" and Orville Caldwell are in the cast. It was adapted to the screen by Tom Geraghty, Jules Furthman and Julie Hern. A musical act will be given in addition to the regular program of moving pictures.

TAKEN FROM COMMITTEES BY THE LEADERS

The action of the United States Senate by a decisive vote of 64 to 11 in removing senators LaFollette, and Brookhart, Ladd and Frazier from their Republican committee places must not be construed as a mere partisan demonstration, but deserves to be considered as a natural and logical step toward estblishing responsibility in government and efficiency in administration.

It is not at all surprising to find that Walsh, of Montana, Heflin, of Alabama, and Ashurst, of Arizona, vociferous Democrats, made vehement protest against such a move because they appreciated that if the Republicans succeeded that it would make for a better service for all the people, and that the Republican party would be the gainer. This so-called Insurgent Bloc, anti-Republican in thought, word and deed, and yet occupying a position of importance by reason of the Republican affiliations which they bore but did not support, has been one of the most effective aids which the Democrats have had in continuing a state of confusion in Congress. Their distress accordingly at the type of cure which the Republicans proposed is easy to understand. The people of the country as a whole are giving of an evidence of a very general understanding and approval of the Republican action.

The position taken by the Republican senators was that the people of the country, having voted republican, have the right to have republican legislation enacted for a time without the interference in committees by a group of men who were definitely repudiated at the polls in the election held in November, 1924. If the insurgents can be curbed further at the next session of Congress the people of the country can have laws passed which will materially aid them. The Republicans in the senate are determined to stop the unwarranted interference of senators who, while elected as Republicans, have on numerous occasions prevented the consideration of beneficial laws. Presdient Coolidge, in his inaugural address, made it very plain that he was not in favor of the man elected one ticket joinning with the opposition in preventing laws being passed that were promised by the party on whose ticket he ran. The President is determined to carry out the promises made to the people, and will use every effort to see that Congress also carries out its part of these promises.

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