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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

It is to the credit of the American people that the two Presidents held in most affectionate memory are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the Father of His Country, and the Great Emancipator. Both of them were great men, the first had influence on the second. It is told of Lincoln that as a boy one of the few books he had was a Life of George Washington, which he had borrowed from a neighbor. The book got damaged. Lincoln frankly told the neighbor about it, offered to buy a new one. Having no money he worked at hard labor to compensate for the loss and finally was rewarded by being allowed to keep the book.

Lincoln's public services are so many, so varied, that they should be familiar to every man, woman, boy and girl in the nation. A Life of Lincoln should be in every home. The one priceless legacy that Lincoln has given us is respect for labor. The battle of emancipation which Lincoln won was the constant, steady battle that is always going on in this world between special privilege and justice. Slavery has always been an enemy of free labor. When Lincoln freed the slaves he freed labor and struck a blow at aristocracy and autocracy. That Lincoln labored himself and rose to the Presidency has always been an inspiration to the American people and also to the exploited peoples of all the world, one of the beacons that told the peasants and laborers of Europe that America was really the land of the free. Think of a rail splitter rising to the rank of a king!

It seems strange to think that we are fighting another Battle of Emancipation today, a greater, bigger battle than the battle to free labor. This time we are fighting not only a battle of self-defense against a nation which attacked us and which threatens our very national existence, fighting not only for our own freedom but for the freedom of all the small nations and the oppressed peoples of all Europe, and above all fighting a great battle again for labor, for the common people to put an end to the curse of War, to relieve the world of the tremendous burden of military armaments, to save the people from being kept perpetually at the slavery of drawing water, hewing wood and becoming cannon fodder for the mims-

tions makers and the military autocracies of the world. How Lincoln would have thrown his wit and wisdom, his oratory, his masterly pen and foresight, his great moral sturdiness and strength into this Great Battle for the Common People of All the World, we hope the Last Battle of Emancipation.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Our children shall behold his fame, The kindly-earnest, brave, foreseeing man, Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame, New birth of our new soil, the first American.

—James Russell Lowell.

I am not accustomed to the language of eulogy. I have never studied the art of paying compliments to women, but I may say that if all that has been said by orators and poets since the creation of the world in praise of women were applied to the women of America it would not do them justice for their conduct during the war.—Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln delivered an address at Atchison, Kansas, in 1859. A monument commemorating the address has been placed. It is a stone of the large red kind found on the hills of northeastern Kansas, with a copper plate bearing this inscription: "With Energy and Sleepless Vigilance, Go Forward to Give Us Victory!"—Abraham Lincoln.

A STORY OF LINCOLN

Clemency mixed with humor was always his, and most frequently where his soldiers were concerned. He knew them for the human beings that they were, faulty, perhaps, yet each an individual with his special consideration.

One day his generals had brought ease after ease to him, each deserving death; and each sentence he had managed, by one argument or another, to commute. At length they brought him the final case—a most flagrant one. The boy had been proved a coward in battle; he had been convicted of stealing from his comrades; he had no relatives dependent upon him. The arguments were all gone over; they waited for him to sign. But Lincoln turned to them:

"I know he deserves it," he said, "but I guess I'll put 'im in my 'leg cases.' They are the cases that you call by that long name 'Cowardice in the face of the enemy,' but I call them, for short, my 'leg cases.' If Almighty God has given a man a cowardly pair of legs, how can he help running away with them?"

A TYPICAL CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police of Salt Lake City is a typical chief of police. According to the Associated Press, he is carrying on a vice crusade. He professes to be anxious to clear the city of vice and vicious women, so as to protect the soldiers who are camping near the city. This is what he proposes to do: To make every unmarried woman living in a lodging, hotel, or apartment house prove that she is earning an honest living. This is the most infamous proceeding that we have ever heard of. If the young women of Salt Lake City stand for it, we have very little respect for their womanhood. It is entirely illegal and un-American. It presumes that all women are immoral unless they can prove that they are virtuous. It is a fact that police officers and chiefs of police often wax fat upon a little brief authority; their associations with criminals and lawless persons leads to their committing lawless acts; they frequently have no respect for law themselves; they become hardened, calloused, lose their finer moral instincts. The Chief of Police of Salt Lake City should be ashamed of himself for starting an inquisition, which will shame and humiliate many innocent young women. He has other ways of finding who the immoral women of his city are.

General Pershing will do his part in winning the war for the United States and the Allies. General Thrift can do the rest.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Before the Dawn

These are indeed dark hours for the world, but let us not forget our most familiar proverb.—Chicago Daily News.

Saving for Our Soldiers

As if they were written yesterday, some words of William Penn apply to conditions today. He wrote little that did not apply to conditions of all times, but these ones are especially appropriate to our case:

"Frugality is good, if liberality be joined with it. The first is leaving off superfluous expenses; the last bestowing them to the benefit of others that need. The first without the last begins covetousness; the last without the first begins prodigality; both together make an excellent temper."

We must be economical in our expenses that we may be liberal in giving. We must save food that we may save lives. We must practice a little self-denial, that those who are enduring the hardships of the war may have their burdens lightened a little. The war will be won in the homes of America as much as on the battlefields of Europe. Every citizen in the country should enlist as a member of the army that is saving for our soldiers. Save, and give, and win the war.—Portland Spectator.

War Serious Business

War is a very serious business. It has nothing to do with politics, and politics should have nothing to do with war. That is why the highest ability available in this country should be utilized at the present time, regardless of political considerations.—Medford Sun.

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1810—Removed with his family from Kentucky to Indiana.
1830—Removed to Illinois, where during the next few years he followed various occupations, including those of a farm laborer, a merchant and a surveyor.
1836—Admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Springfield.
1842—Served as a captain and afterward as a private in the Black Hawk war.
1844—Elected to the Illinois legislature as a Whig and served eight years.
1847—Elected to congress on the Whig ticket.
1858—As Republican candidate for the United States senate he engaged in a series of joint debates throughout Illinois with the Democratic candidate, Stephen A. Douglas.
1860—Elected president of the United States on the Republican ticket, the disunion of the Democratic party giving him an easy victory.
1861—On April 15, two days after the fall of Fort Sumter, he issued a call for 75,000 volunteers, and the control of events passed from the cabinet to the camp.
1861—April 19, proclaimed a blockade of Southern ports.
1862—September 22, issued a proclamation emancipating all slaves in states or parts of states, which

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