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"LEST WE FORGET"

If we today lived in a colony, ground down by unjust laws, our passion for national life secretly and tragically burning, if Washington had fallen, had died in vain for the cause which in fact he brought to lasting triumph—then for poor sentimental humanity he would shine with a luster greater than now is his, writes Joyce Kilmer in the New York Times.

By some strange perversity of human nature the cause we consider romantic and picturesque is always a Lost Cause. The names most deeply loved are those of the fallen leaders whose partisans met with defeat—Robert Bruce and Robert Emmet, William Wallace, Sarsfield and Sobieski, that "fair and fatal king," Charles I, and his persecuted and uncrowned heirs.

Washington triumphed. At Yorktown he captured Cornwallis' redecoats and put an end to tyranny on our shores. It is not forbidden to honor his memory; the wearing of the red, white, and blue is attended by no perils. And so we take things for granted; we forget the hideous dangers through which we passed only some hundred and two-score years ago; we

take for granted our nationality, our freedom, and the fearless warrior, the enlightened statesman who gave them to us. When we speak of Washington as the Father of His Country we do so with a laugh, as if the phrase were empty rhetoric instead of sublime truth. Liege means more to us than Lexington, and remembering Edith Cavell, we give no thought to Jan McCrea.

We may well thank God that the war of American independence has not the glamor of battles fought in vain, that our freedom is no lost cause, that Washington's halo is not that of a martyr whose life and death were unavailing. To those who look at the world's events in true historical perspective, without sentimentality and with love of justice and freedom in their breasts, the American Revolution fills the most encouraging page in the chronicle of the centuries. But for most of us it is only in times of stress like the present that we can come to an actual sense of our exceptional privileges to a realization of the radiant truth of the stories we read in our history book in school. This year the Declaration of Independence takes on a clearer significance; we know, as we did not in bygone years, what it means to be free and independent states, absolved forever from all allegiance to foreign powers. And so this year Washington's birthday is no routine holiday, but a day of solemn yet joyful commemoration, a day on which we honor with full hearts him who made us a nation, the warrior whose sword cut the bonds of our thralldom, the statesman who bade us, avoiding entangling alliances, go our free way, an independent republic, no nation's satellite, no nation's tool.

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OUR PRESIDENT IN WARTIME



IN CONFERENCE.

Lots of people have an idea that President Wilson sits in silent meditation in a sound-proof room, cogitating on the affairs of the world, writing notes and messages, and planning confusion for the politicians on the hill.

This idea has grown up because the president is a poor advertiser—in fact, he doesn't care a tinker's dam about it.

Another trouble is that nobody ever knows where a conference is going to be held.

One day last summer the president decided he wanted to see the Federal Trade Commission about coal prices, so he jumped in his car and went to the commission. It happened the commission was moving, and there wasn't a chair in the building, so the president and the august commissioners had to camp on barrels and boxes, while, for an hour they discussed one of the most important executive proclamations ever issued.

have to keep clean shaved; am getting so I have to shave every other day, so used my new razor this a. m. Was the first real shave I've had for some time. I used to have to shave them off but she went fine today.

We are taking hikes now every day, from 19 to 29 miles; it sure was hard for the first two or three trips, but don't mind them now. We leave here at 7 a. m., come back at 5 p. m. We cook our own meals, which consist of bacon, spuds and pancakes; get along pretty good. On our hike the other day we ran into a large reef of oysters. After cooking our own meals you can bet we were hungry—and there we stopped; three of us started into eating; I got away with 25 or 30 then gave up; the other fellow and I then opened for the third one; he ate 86, and now no fooling for I helped open them and know. It would have killed a common man but he says his stomach is just like a concrete mixer, at any rate he is still able to be about.

On our hikes we carry full packs; they weigh 38 pounds and the gun 9 pounds. When Jim and I come home and want to take a hunt we won't need any horses as we will be a regular moving van. Ha! ha! We shot for record here some time ago. I made expert sharpshooter on the range and won the medal; am sure proud of my badge. I shot 500 yards, ten shots in a minute, and centered the bull's-eye every time. I'm sending father some of my score sheets; he will understand them. Jim and I shot together at first, but he fell down at the last. After my shooting and the officer was planning on my

badge I couldn't keep from feeling a little proud, being the best shot out of 500 Marines. I am now gun pointer in a machine gun squad. We use the Lewis machine gun which shoots 640 rounds per minute. I lay right behind the gun and do the aiming and firing. One fellow on my left changes the magazines; one on my right tells me where I'm hitting; two men fill the magazines and two more carry ammunition, and one corporal are all with one gun; every one knows his place and has got to be right on the job. We have to be able to take the gun down and put it up blindfolded in three and a half minutes. We have never done it in less than four minutes yet but I think I will soon. The gun is more effective at 2000 yards than at closer range, the bullets scatter more and the cone of fire is greater. Father if they would only let me get a crack at Kaiser Bill I sure would send him where he should be.

I think we are just about through drilling, that is in some ways. We have a French taxomet expert training us now. He was in the trenches for two years and was wounded but is alright now. He says the Germans sure hate the cold steel. We have shot the range, had about all the trench digging we will get, are most all good signallers, and, in fact, are getting to be real Marines.

They sure are getting spics here; have 12 under guard now. We have to guard them 24 hours every week. I was on guard last week, and watched close for one to make a crooked move so I could plug him one, but no such luck. There is an aviation field right

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near here and it's nothing to see six or seven machines in the air at once. A fellow made the loop the other day and it was sure a pretty sight.

Had a letter from Naomi; she wrote that they were seeing flying machines around Heppner. I guess it must be birds as I don't see what they would be doing up there.

The Marines here are camped right out in tents and not one of us is sick. Have a fine big barracks. You never see one of us outside unless we are bundled up to beat the band. We eat our meals standing up out side unless it's too stormy or cold, then we take it to our tents. Our cook is the best ever; used to cook in the lumber camps around Spokane, Wash. We have hot cakes twice a week, pie or cake three times a week. We get plenty of beans also but he has some fine ways to fix them up and we don't tire of them. Jim is waiting on the officers mess or tables; he says he likes it fine; gets the same to eat as they do, so gets along fine.

Our captain is sure a fine fellow; looks out for his men all the time, treats us just fine. If one of us is a little late in reporting in he makes us chop wood or something like that, while the other captains take the men's liberty away from them.

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Neil S. and James D. Brown, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of this city have sent the following letter to their parents:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, February 5, 1918.

Dear Folks at Home:— Many thanks father for the razor and strop. I had rather you hadn't

bought one but as you did many thanks again, as it is a dandy. My bunkies said when I opened it: "Well, Brown, guess we will all keep clean shaved now"; but no chance, as I put them in my sea box and locked her up. I had a fairly good strop but by letting fellows use it got it all cut up. Some one took my other razor; of late I have been using a safety but don't like it. We