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**DARK DAYS INDEED.**  
The next morning after this  
battle Howe withdrew, instead of  
advancing upon Washington. The latter  
then retired on the night of the 19th to  
the rocky hills near Northcliffe and  
again entrenched himself, but the proud  
British general had to curb his pride  
and refrain from attacking this tatter-  
demolition army.  
At midnight of the 4th of November,  
Howe commenced withdrawing his  
forces, as though in retreat, and soon  
they disappeared from White Plains,  
but it was with the intention of attack-  
ing Fort Mifflin, and on the 13th he  
sent a summons to surrender. Accom-  
panied with a barbaric threat, Washing-  
ton hastened to the beleaguered fort,  
which he reached in the cold gloom  
of a November evening, but his utmost  
endeavors could not withstand the force  
of numbers, and Colonel Magaw was  
forced to capitulate. There were but  
1,000 men, only 1,000 of whom could get  
into the fort, the rest being stationed at  
the outposts. Four simultaneous at-  
tacks were made and the assault was a  
series of complicated battles, some two  
miles and a half distant and some with-  
in cannon shot. The rebels were cap-  
tured and the retreating troops were  
crowded the fort that the men could  
scarcely move about.  
The British could throw in a rain of  
shells and balls and capitulation could  
not be avoided. Washington stood upon  
an eminence near and saw the American  
flag fall and the British flag rise in his  
place. It was at this occasion that he  
went over the merciless slaughter of the  
young soldiers. Before this he had  
recommended, though not ordered, that  
the fort should be evacuated and the  
men and stores be removed to a place  
of safety, but some of his more sanguine  
generals were confident that they could  
hold the place. Deep as was his grief,  
he did not reproach them. The captives,  
numbering 2,318, were marched  
off at night to the awful prison hulks of  
New York, where their fate was worse  
than that of those whose blood had dyed  
the ground around Fort Washington.  
Washington now removed the most of  
his army across the river into New  
Jersey that he might seek refuge for  
them among the highlands, and New  
York was abandoned to the enemy.

**ENEMIES AND DESTRUCTORS.**  
It is the fate of the eminent to arouse  
the enmity and jealousy of smaller  
minds, and Washington was by no  
means exempt. Deep as was his grief,  
he did not reproach them. The captives,  
numbering 2,318, were marched  
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**COLONEL HENRY LEE.**  
The army was "encompassed with women  
and children totering along, moaning,  
crying, faint, thirsty, and in want  
of everything. Ammunition was  
scarce and he was, on the other hand,  
obliged to represent his force as far  
larger than it was to let the belief exist  
that all his starving and freezing men  
were comfortably provided for in winter  
quarters, so as to mislead the enemy,  
and thus he was blamed for inactivity when  
it would have been better to expose his  
weakness and ruin his only hopes, which  
were to harass the enemy and perhaps  
manage to gain some decisive benefit by  
strategy, which he eventually did."  
He kept a cold, impassible manner  
through it all, but that the wound was  
deep was evinced by his letters to his  
brother Augustine and others during  
that sad period.

**DIFFICULTIES AND DANGERS.**  
When danger was the greatest and  
difficulties the most formidable the  
power of Washington's gifts shone  
brightest, and out of what would have  
been overwhelming defeat to another he  
wrested success. Harassed and crippled  
as he was in "the Jerseys," with  
every necessity a crying one, he man-  
aged by his skill, courage and strong de-

**GENERAL CORNWALLIS.**

Washington then crossed the Delaware  
and, destroyed the bridges and seized  
all the boats for a distance of seventy  
miles up and down the river. These he  
either destroyed or placed under guard  
on the west bank. Here he stationed  
his army, with the broad river between  
him and his foe. He then had about  
five or six thousand men, and here he  
awaited events in silence and sober  
gloom, yet always on the alert to seize  
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termination to carry out plans that in  
their results were little less than mira-  
cles.  
Lee had been taken prisoner in a ridicu-  
lous manner and Fort Mifflin had been  
abandoned to its fate as a corps of 6,000  
Cornwallis' best men had made their  
appearance on the Jersey shore, and the  
soldiers from Fort Lee, about 3,000 in  
number, were at Hackensack without  
tents or baggage and greatly disheart-  
ened. It was clear to Washington that  
the British were aiming at the capture of  
Philadelphia, and to prevent that disaster  
he gathered as many of his suffering  
troops as possible at Brunwick. And all  
this time there was a perpetual clamor  
of indignation against him on account of  
his continued retreat.  
It would have been the act of a mad-  
man to follow any other course than  
there. There were, on the other hand, friends  
and others who appreciated the grand-  
deur of Washington and understood his  
struggle, but the same motives that kept  
him silent kept them silent too.  
Washington, with his feeble, dis-  
heartened band, lingered in a state of  
fearful destitution at Brunwick until  
the 1st of December. The enemy in  
solid columns were marching proudly  
through the country with infantry, ar-  
tillery and cavalry, impressing horses,  
wagons, sheep, cattle and everything  
which could add to the comfort of his  
warmly clad and well fed horses.  
Irving says: "The people of New Jersey  
behind the commander in chief re-  
treat through their country with a  
handful of men, weary and worn,  
dispirited, without tents, without cloth-  
ing, many of them barefooted, exposed  
to wintry weather, and driven from post  
to post by a well clad, triumphant force,  
tricked out in all the glittering bravery  
of war."  
"The chill winds of winter were moan-  
ing over the fields and ice was be-  
ginning to clog the swollen streams.  
About 1,200 men were stationed at  
Princeton to watch the movements of  
the enemy. On the 3d of December  
General Mercer: "We must retire to  
Augusta county, in Virginia. Numbers  
will repair to us for safety. We will  
try a prodigious war. If overpowered  
we must create the Alleghenies."  
In those hours of despondency and  
despair Admiral Howe and his brother,  
the general, on the 26th of November,  
issued a proclamation offering pardon  
to all who would disband and return to  
their homes. Many of those who had  
property to lose complied with these  
terms. On the 2d of December the  
British reported that "Washington was  
seen retreating with two brigades to  
Trouton, where they talk of resisting.  
But such a panic has set the rebels  
that no part of the Jersey will hold  
them, and I doubt whether Philadelphia  
itself will stop their career. Congress  
has lost authority; they are in such con-  
sternation that they know not what to  
do."  
And all this time Lee was loitering at  
Morristown with about 4,000 men, until  
the 12th, when, fortunately for the good  
of his country, he was captured and car-  
ried to Brunswick.  
Washington combined in his character  
to an astonishing degree courage and  
prudence. It is doubtful whether there  
was another man on the continent who  
could have conducted his retreat through  
the Jerseys. With these few wretched,  
suffering, almost naked men he retreated  
more than a hundred miles before a  
powerful foe flushed with victory and  
strengthened with abundance. He bat-  
tled all their endeavors to cut him off,  
and preserved all his field pieces, ammu-  
nition and nearly all his stores. There  
was a grandeur in his achievements that  
far surpassed any ordinary victory. At  
this juncture congress invested him with  
full dictatorial authority, and General  
Sullivan hastened to join him with  
Lee's destitute troops.  
Washington then crossed the Delaware  
and, destroyed the bridges and seized  
all the boats for a distance of seventy  
miles up and down the river. These he  
either destroyed or placed under guard  
on the west bank. Here he stationed  
his army, with the broad river between  
him and his foe. He then had about  
five or six thousand men, and here he  
awaited events in silence and sober  
gloom, yet always on the alert to seize