

WASHINGTON IN PRIVATE LIFE

Was Typical Country Gentleman on His Superb Estate of Mount Vernon.

DIRECTED WORK OF SLAVES

Father of His Country Actively Supervised All Farm Labor—Open-Handed Hospitality a Feature of the Daily Life.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S home life at Mount Vernon was divided into three periods: (1) From 1752, when as a youth of twenty he inherited the family estate, to 1775, when he left to take command of the Revolutionary army; (2) from Christmas eve, 1783, when he returned home after peace had been made, until 1789, when he became president; (3) from 1797, when he retired from the presidency, to 1799, when he died. During the war and during his presidency he visited the place occasionally, but only for a few days at a time.

Some delightful glimpses into this happy home life are given by Paul Wiltach in "Mount Vernon," published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

WHEN George Washington became master of the Virginia manor it was not nearly so large as it is today, for he built the banquet hall on the north, the library on the south, the third story, the verandas, colonnades, piazzas and tower, the great barn and many of the other outbuildings, besides laying out and planting the gardens.

It was not until after his marriage to "the charming widow," Martha Dandridge Custis, in 1759, that the family life really began.

With Mrs. Washington came the two children of her former marriage, Martha and John Parke Custis.

"These four were the nucleus of a busy and extensive life on the estate. The gradual accumulation of shoemakers, tailors, smiths, carpenters, wheelwrights, masons, charcoal burners, farmers, millers, hostlers, house and



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outside servants, and overseers, all with their families, constituted an army of several hundred. Everything and everybody that had no relation to the 'big house,' as the master's dwelling on a Virginia estate has always been called, fell under the direct jurisdiction of Colonel Washington. . . . The house servants and all those connected with the domestic side of life in the big house were the responsibility of Mrs. Washington.

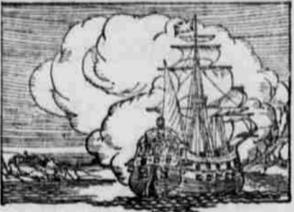
"AFTER the fashion of most old Virginia homes, the kitchen was in a detached house next to the big house, and processions of pickaninies carried the heaped dishes across the lawn into the family dining room. The modern or even the now old-fashioned cookstove was unknown. The altar of this temple was a great fireplace with an opening which would accommodate half a dozen grown persons. Here andirons held wood cut to cord size, and often oak logs which strained a brace of black backs to lift into place. Cranes of iron, wrought in the blacksmith shop over the hill, swung steaming kettles above the glowing coals. Quarters of beef, young suckling pigs, and rows of fowl, game and domestic, were roasted on spits. Corn pone and sweet potatoes nestled in the ashes." They refurnished the house almost throughout, ordering the goods from London, where the Virginia colonial dames did most of their shopping, though it was then more distant than is Japan today.

"THEY both were early risers. Though breakfast was not early for all the household, Washington in winter often made his own fire in his library, and there, over his correspondence and accounts, did an immense amount of work in a few hours. Mrs. Washington rose when he did and directed the beginning of the day's domestic duties into easy and ordered channels. After breakfast he rode out on one of his horses to overlook the laborers on the various farms into which he divided Mount Vernon estate, and returned, according to Custis, 'punctual as the hand of a clock, at a quarter to three . . . and retired to his room to dress, as was his custom.' Mrs. Washington chose the first hour for religious devotion in her own room, an unflinching custom her life long. Dinner was a mid-afternoon meal after the Southern tradition. Washington rarely ate any supper, though it was always spread for his household and guests. When at Mount Vernon it was his habit to retire at nine o'clock."

"BEFORE the Revolution Mount Vernon bore its share of the open-handed hospitality which distinguished Virginia colonial life. The brief call of visitors, whose home base

near by, was practically unknown. Distances were great, travelers came with their own coach and horses and servants, and an arrival meant additional places at the master's table and in the servants' hall, additional beds, and stabling and feed for from six to twelve horses. It was part of the flexible, cordial social system, and the hospitality and provision was on a large scale. Everyone was welcome: brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, and cousins to remote degrees; friends passing north and south, crossing from Maryland to lower Virginia, or only on their way to the plantation next beyond. Not least welcome were strangers, with and often without letters.

"Rainy days, or the early winter evenings, were devoted to cards. Washington's account books indicate that playing cards were quickly used up. The profit and loss columns record his winnings and losses, which at times mounted to nine pounds at a sitting. It was a liberal age. Not only was



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gambling on a moderate scale considered a fashionable diversion, but the family at Mount Vernon patronized the lotteries on various occasions."

HERE are some extracts from the diary of John Hunter, a London merchant, who spent a day and a night at Mount Vernon in 1785:

"The general came in again, with his hair neatly powdered, a clean shirt on, a new plain drab coat, white waistcoat and white silk stockings. At three dinner was on the table, and we were shown by the general into another room, where everything was set off with a peculiar taste, and at the same time very neat and plain. The general sent the bottle about pretty freely after dinner, and gave success to the navigation of the Potomac for his tonstis, which he has very much at heart. . . ."

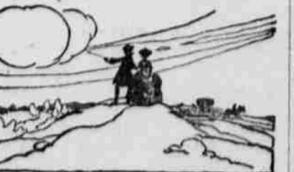
"We had a very elegant supper about that time. The general with a few glasses of champagne got quite merry, and being with his intimate friends, laughed and talked a good deal. Before strangers he is generally very reserved, and seldom says a word. . . . At twelve I had the honor of being lighted up to my bedroom by the general himself. . . ."

"When the general takes his coach out he always drives six horses; to his chariot he only puts four. . . . I fancy he is worth 100,000 pounds sterling and lives at the rate of 3,000 or 4,000 a year." . . .

IN the final period the life at Mount Vernon was livelier than ever—the good, old-fashioned life of a Virginia country gentleman; open house to all; many guests, both American and foreign, but both George and Martha Washington restricted certain time for their own.

"After dinner he spent an interval talking with them, with a glass of Madeira by his side, and then withdrew to his library again, where he made a hasty survey of the newspapers, of which he received a great many, and retired for the night at nine o'clock, if possible without appearing at supper."

"When the gentlemen of the Alexandria assemblies sent their polite invitation to the general and his wife for their winter dances he replied that his dancing days were over. But he drove up to town frequently for visits that included a duck dinner at Mine Host Gadsby's City hotel, a review of Captain Piercy's Independent Blues, and the casting of his last vote. The polling place was up a flight of outside steps, so rickety that when the huge



Both Were Early Risers.

form of the general approached their foot, the bystanders, apprehending danger to him, with silent and spontaneous accord braced the stairway with their shoulders as he mounted, and waited there until he descended."

IN 1814, when the British fleet sailed up the Potomac, they saluted Mount Vernon instead of destroying it. The place was bought in 1859 by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union. At that time the only objects in the house that had been associated with its immortal owner's life were the key of the Bastille, the clay bust which Houdon modeled, a plaster bust of Lafayette, the old globe in the library and some camp equipment.

During the Civil war Mount Vernon was by spontaneous consent of both sides the only neutral ground in the country. Soldiers left their arms outside the gates and "men in blue and men in gray fraternized before the tomb of the father of their divided country."

SOLDIERS CAN BLAME ONLY THEMSELVES IF WITHOUT SWEATERS.

Soldiers and Sailor's relatives are advised by the Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross that it is the fault of none but the soldier himself if, stationed at Vancouver barracks or other point in the Northwest, he has not obtained a Red Cross sweater and at least one pair of socks.

Every post is now supplied with knitted goods, but many soldiers have not obtained them. They have written complaints to their relatives, who by the score have poured these complaints in to Lewis A. McArthur, unsalaried field director of the Red Cross, to the Portland Red Cross and to the newspapers.

Any soldier can obtain these knitted goods by using his tongue. Commanding officers will at once issue requisitions on stores for them.

These plain statements were made by Mr. McArthur who has arranged for a well-known business man near every post to work in connection with him and keep in touch with commanding officers.

"We have received wonderful cooperation from all commanding officers, while I am afraid the only person to blame has been the soldier who makes the complaints," said Mr. McArthur. The only units yet un-

supplied are those situated at far-distant logging camps, and they will receive their sweaters, etc., as each unit is traced out and as communication becomes possible. Many units are so far in the woods they but infrequently receive mail.—Portland Journal.

It was the irony of fate that while Chamberlain, Hitchcock, Wadsworth and other Senators were telling the Senate how poorly prepared our soldiers were, the boys "over there" were sailing into the Germans in true American fashion and winning warm praises from the allies.

BUCKHECHT ARMY SHOE

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In Keeping With the Big Thought of the Day

The daily press reflects a sentiment throughout the nation which clearly indicates a new condition.

Men are wanted everywhere. The work of this war is being carried on largely by those who never before have been in public office or in public work. Men who have been too busy, or too engrossed with their own tasks, are leaving their work to others and giving their time and ability to the cause which is ours, yours, everybody's.

It is a time when politics of the ordinary sense must not be considered. It calls for all the ability that can be mustered.

Oregon, to be a successful part in this unit plan for the defense of Democracy, must likewise place the thought of the times before everything.

In another part of this paper appears the announcement of L. J. Simpson, as a candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Simpson was urged to become a candidate by his many friends in every part of the state, because of his business record, his understanding and knowledge of Oregon's resources, industries and needs; because of his public-spiritedness, which of recent years has led him to tasks which have been more important than his own affairs.

L. J. Simpson is clearly the man who can give Oregon the administration necessary to this plan of National Efficiency.

His campaign will be directed straight to you as voters, as individuals who do your own thinking.

We are firmly convinced that you will not allow politics to influence your decision, and that you will vote for the man who is best fit to help the people of Oregon, develop the state's vast resources, and to prepare for, and participate in, the great reconstruction that is to follow.

We believe you will weigh issues more closely than ever before, and that L. J. Simpson will be your choice.



What You Can Do

First—Talk over his candidacy with your friends.

Second—If you believe that L. J. Simpson is worthy of your support write a letter to this committee.

Suggest how his cause may be advanced. We, in turn, will tell you how you can help.

Paid Advertisement

Issued by

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If there is any consolation in the thought of an iceless summer, should have that consolation now.

Very Few People

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