

# WE, THE GRAY AND THE BLUE



Let us not forget that without Gettysburg and Antietam, this there would not be Ballou Wood and Chateau Thierry and Ardenne Forest—Representative M. O. Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania.

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**GAIN comes Memorial Day.** The recurrent miracle of the spring provides the outward and visible sign of its inward and spiritual grace. So there will be flowers, both for the Blue and for the Gray and for the Khaki until the Blue and Gray united to make **White**.

Again shall we see the aged forms of the veterans who fought under Grant and under Lee, under Sherman and Stonewall Jackson, under Sheridan and Stuart.

And do not let dim time dim your martial glories of your battles. For there is more to Memorial Day than smiles and tears and smiles for the Blue and the Gray.

The United States of America does not go around with chip on shoulder. But you know and I know way down deep, that we Americans are the most warlike people of this earth, and the most desperate in battle. The Stars and Stripes has never yet trailed in defeat!

Yes, there was fighting at Belleau Wood and at Chateau Thierry. But there was fighting at Gettysburg and Antietam, too. Read these lines by the favorite Grant, who never wasted a word, and see things as they were, in his chapter entitled "Battle of the Wilderness":

"At 5.30 in the afternoon Lee attacked our front. His line stretched to within a hundred yards of ours and opened a heavy fire. The enemy pushed through our lines, planting their flags on a part of the trenches not on fire. Fighting had continued from five in the morning, sometimes along the whole line, at other times only in places. The ground fought over varied in width, but averaged three-quarters of a mile. The killed and many of the severely wounded of both armies lay within this belt, where it was practically impossible to reach them. The woods were set on fire by the burning shells and the confusion of the wounded who had not strength to move themselves were either suffocated or burned to death. Finally, the fire communicated with our breastworks in places. Being constructed of wood they burned with great fury. But the battle still raged, our men firing through the flames until it became too hot to remain longer. Lee was now in distress. . . . During the night of Lee's army withdrew within their intrenchments."

Let us give full meed of honor to the survivors of those heroic days. And there will be many of them, either in Blue or Gray. Consider the story that comes from Bradford, Pa. Because only eight of the 134 Civil War veterans who made up the regiment No. 7, Union Veteran Legion, are Mill Vets, and only three of them now are able to leave their homes, the roster has been presented to the McKean County Historical Society for preservation. The monument was made up of veterans who flocked to Bradford with the discovery of the oil soon after the close of the war. They represented more than 100 regiments and most of them had contributed in action. New York contributed 31,

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**DISCOURAGE YOUNG CRIMINALS**  
Now comes an eastern criminologist who says that the reason why the number of youthful criminals is increasing is that news of crime is more widely published than it used to be. He argues that boys are led to commit crime by reading about it, and especially that it appeals to their love of adventure. Hence the newspapers give much space to the exploits of outlaws, pointing them in glowing colors and glorifying the venacious business of crime. He thins that censorship on crime news would put an end to youthful offending. This, indeed, is the only remedy he has to suggest. It would further illuminate the subject if we might have citations, by date, column and page, from any newspaper that customarily pictures crime in any color but the black. This is, in fact, a directed performance that it is, or other "glorifies" those who indulge in it, or otherwise makes it appear that law-breaking pays. The thing, in fact, is not being done says the hortland Oregonian. The tendency is, indeed, in the opposite direction. We have read nothing recently in the columns of any newspaper concerning crime that ought to cause any normal, well-brought-up youth to feel that there was anything in it for him.

A daily waste of 200,000 gallons of gasoline by evaporation from 775 unloading straggs makes Ohio the country was reported as one of the major findings of an extensive survey on conservation just completed by engineers of the United States bureau of mines. The rate at which these losses occur has not been previously closely calculated. A 50,000-barrel storage tank holding gasoline will lose about 8 per cent of its contents in one year. A similar tank holding kerosene will lose about 3.2 per cent in one year, and the loss from the crude oil will be almost entirely pure gasoline. The loss from 775 tanks, including both types, is, therefore, estimated at 23,750,000 gallons, an amount worth at 20 cents a gallon, amounting to \$4,750,000.

Zobhu, native chief of Swaziland in Africa, visits London. The Swazians impress him most as dusting their bodies and the snakes in the zoo. He says the hostile and bustle and mad rush and the roaring of traffic appalled his energy and left him very tired. Civilization is doing that to all of us, constantly. In cities and towns hard to withstand a frightful number of shocks. The wise man goes to the country, to recuperate in peace and quiet, as often as possible. Civilization at its best is more of a monster than a benefit. Americans do not realize. They will break up the cities by enabling people to scatter and live in the country.

The American lives longer on the average than those ancient Egyptians a medical historian announces. That's clearly because science has cut the death rate among the young. There must have been terrible anguish among mothers in King Tut's time for he died today 124 out of each 1,000 boy babies die during their first year. For girl babies the figure is 145. If we reach the age of twelve, we are out of the real danger zone. After that it comes to people who have reached maturity, we're dying at about the same age as the ancient Egyptians, though the odds are slightly better in our favor.

The typical American man is five feet five inches tall. The typical American woman is five inches shorter, which is an inch taller than the average of 50 years ago. American women decline to be fat-checked. As physical spectators they are not as near perfection as our men. This description is furnished by Dr. Alex Hadlick, scientist of the United States National museum. He says the complexion of Americans is tending to whiteness, and that, as a race, we are destined to be dark like the Latins.

Among those who paid income tax in 1926, 10,344,750 were men, 10,050,000 women. Their combined tax for the year was nearly \$2,200,000,000. How that figure would have amazed the people of 30 or even 20 years ago, when women were just beginning to enter the business instead of clinging exclusively to the home!

The Department of Agriculture has observed because the country's population is increasing faster than five times as fast as in the world, then let us there is plenty for the people of the country at present retail prices, and Europe can't afford meat at present.

That stenographer in New York who scribbles 200 words in two minutes can't be asked to report what a woman thinks, as fast as she thinks it, when somebody spills the gravy on a clean tablecloth.

My little niece, seeing for the first time a man on a bicycle, called to her mother, "Oh, mamma, mamma, come quick and see that man sit atop and run!"—Chicago Tribune.

Produce Weak Lambs. Ewes which are in poor condition and lacking in vigor will produce a large percentage of small weak lambs. Such lambs require more care and feed to develop rapidly enough to reach the market early when the price are usually highest.

# Find Queer Laws in Old Records

**Man Who Committed Suicide in 1738 Was Tried on Murder Charge in New Orleans.**

if you sometimes think our laws are drastic, what do you think about what they had to stand for way back in 1738?

New Orleans—Even though the present-day American is so surrounded by laws that he has to watch his step every time he is not so bold as to do as he pleases, a person in New Orleans could not even commit suicide and go unpunished.

Sometimes he asserted that the 18th-century American was a lawbreaker, enacted 323 new laws, and with many state legislative bodies clearing their decks for action in order to add a few broadsides to the list of statutes, inquiring persons here have been examining musty old Spanish and French official records in New Orleans to ascertain how the people of other days fared.

**Sentence Dead Man.**  
A man committed suicide here in 1738 and the records show that the courts tried him for taking a life. He was found guilty, and it set forth that "the inhuman body that came to life too great a burden" was sentenced to abandonment without burial.

Persons convicted of having shot or wounded an animal owned by another were sentenced to capital punishment. As in these days and times, a murderer was executed by hanging, but execution for wife murder was by strangulation.

There was no Volstead law, but for permitting his house to become a tavern, a man was forced to mount a wooden horse and was drawn through the streets, while his neighbors laughed at him.

The wooden horse seems to have played a prominent part in the punishment of petty criminals. Patients at the insane asylum mentioned that meat they had been consuming in a restaurant was made of horse and dog heads.



# All Religions Hateful to Soviets

The execution of the Roman Catholic priest Mar. Rutkavich in the city of Leningrad is the latest example of the attitude of the Soviet government toward all religions. Children, 16 years of age, are being taught in school to hate religion, while a Soviet law prohibits attracting attention in the windows of a building being carried in a Moscow anti-religious procession.

**Man Rescues Costly Lian From Sewer**  
Pottsville, Pa.—Harry Cotter, hunted for a "needle" in a bag "stuck" in the drain. The "needle" was worth \$1,000, however.

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**Attribute Longevity to Deep Breathing System**  
Chicago—A system of breathing, which persons one hundred and three years old attribute their longevity, was an important addition to the scientific study of the Swiss and Swisslander, which Henry C. Letron, prominent merchant, brought back in his return from a five months' trip to Europe.

# Bite of Stuffed Fox Head Fatal to Girl

Petaluma, Cal.—The death of Mrs. Esterman Labadie, twenty years old, was due to white tetanus, a disease which she contracted from the head of a stuffed fox on the girl's nose, and as a result the girl is now in a hospital, awaiting a possible recovery from the disease.

# Want American Museum System

Scientists Ask Canada and United States to Combine in String of National Parks.

Washington.—To benefit science, and popular education during future generations, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the largest scientific body in the world, has proposed establishing an international system of national parks of the original American wilderness.

International System Extends. The basis for the international system already exists, the scientists believe, in the national parks systems of the two nations. No political or administrative union of these is adequate.

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**Learn He Is a Baron**  
London—A young man, resident of Los Angeles, who has just received news from home stating that his father is a baron, was told the news by a letter from his father, who is a baron.

**28,800 in England Get Over \$2 1/2 Million a Year**  
London—A 100,000 in the house of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, said that the number of persons in Great Britain with an annual income of less than \$2,000 was 28,800. The total number of persons over \$2,000 a year was 2,100,000.

# Despite Gravity's Law

This story is told of an Irish lawyer named Kellor who was famous for his native wit but who, partly from indolence and partly from a frivolous disposition, did not succeed in particularly well in his profession. Another lawyer named Mayne, an older and ponderous as Kellor was light-minded and clever, was made a judge, much to Kellor's dislike. On one occasion the impetuous lawyer was sitting in the courtroom where Judge Mayne was solemnly presiding. Suddenly he picked a brother attorney by the sleeve and said in a whisper: "There's Mayne risen by his gravity, and here I am sunk by my levity. What would Sir Isaac Newton make of that, I wonder?"—Youth's Companion.

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**As Clever as a Rat?**  
It is, because rats have very long memories that they have learned to avoid traps. A rat that has been once caught never forgets the unpleasant experience. Moreover, he is enabled, since he is able to tell his fellow who he has seen. Hence, the rat will be attracted to artificial contraptions. As the farmer rat is the family teacher, every generation of rats is wiser than that which his gene-

**RIGHT PART OF TIME.**

Uncle Tom's a colored barber in a southern town, cannot read, but he likes to take up a paper and pretend to be scanning the news of the day.