

# The Caduceus

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## REMINISCENCES OF THE FOURTH

Upon reviewing the events of our greatest of National holidays, July Fourth, the vast difference between this and previous Fourths is readily noted. In years gone by everything was glamour and noise, today it is sincerity and action.

For the past fifty years Independence Day was an occasion for the almost unlimited use of gunpowder and dynamite, and fireworks of every description are the perfect order of the day. Men injured, children maimed and homes destroyed were but a part of the customary toll. True, in recent years we have seen a slight improvement, since the advocates of the "Safe and Sane" Fourth have more patriotic addresses and more conventional banquets have been held.

Upon July 4th, 1917, our country was again at war fighting as in 1776, for Liberty, but not for ourselves alone but for the freedom of the World. The great majority of our vast populace had not yet awakened to the realization that we were at war; things were much the same as in former years but for a murmuring undercurrent of latent patriotism.

This year everything has changed; no longer do we walk the streets annoyed by bursting fire-crackers, eyes endangered by miniature bombs and houses threatened by youthful carelessness. Today the nation is at arms, battling for the cause of right and world-wide justice against a crazed war-lord and half the power of Europe. Our casualty lists are increasing

### DR. JACKSON TO LEAVE.

This will be the last week that Dr. C. J. Jackson of the hospital "Y" will be with us, for he is to leave within a very few days for Azalea, N. C., near Asheville. It is understood that Dr. Jackson is to continue his good work at one of the army hospitals there.

The patients and men of the Hospital Corps have all regarded Dr. Jackson most highly and regret that he has been ordered to another district, but since he must go their best wishes of success accompany him.

### GETS PROMOTION.

Secretary Manion, director of K. of C. activities at Camp Greene, announces the appointment of Secretary Donohoe to a like position at Camp Hancock. Mr. Donohoe has been director of athletics at the camp for several months and it has been largely due to his efforts that such an impetus has been given to athletics through the camp. While congratulating Mr. Donohoe on his appointment we cannot refrain from registering a feeling of regret that his duties call him to another camp. He will be succeeded in his duties here by Secretary Fred Rabold of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

### TRUE AMERICANISM

A New York Senator makes the assertion that American hasn't started to fight yet, and won't start until next September.

Somewhere back in history we read of a famous sea fighter, who when asked if he would surrender, answered, "We have not yet begun to fight," and continued to blaze away at his antagonist.

General Scott went into Mexico in 1847, and refused to withdraw his army until he had accomplished his purpose.

When it was suggested to Grant at the battle of Bull Run to withdraw his men, he answered, "I'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer."

When Black Jack Pershing set out to get Aquinaldo, he didn't pay a great deal of attention, apparently, to the details of the orders, he just went.

The Oregon was needed off Cuba, but happened to be in northern Pacific waters. That didn't cause the commander any amount of concern. He had his orders and knew that it was expected of him to bring his vessel to the coast of Cuba. He did it and in record time, too.

Why have all of these men done these things? Not because they were looking for laurels and praise but because their country demanded that particular service.

They did it to preserve the honor, dignity and freedom of the United States.

That is the very reason that we are in this war today.

We all cannot be great heroes, nor men of world-wide fame, but there is one thing that we can be and that is staunch, loyal Americans. And even when we are rushed with work and weary of the whole thing we should say to ourself, I am an American, and although the work I am doing is rather disagreeable it is my share and I will "carry on" without complaint.

### "THE NIGHTHAWKS."

Under the roof of the Patient's Mess  
Two soldiers sleep and snore,  
For there they have a private room  
With a padlock on the door.

The reason for such snoring  
Is because of a little hike,  
For these soldiers got ambitions  
And decided to hit the pike.  
They left the camp at sunset  
And the sergeant set the pace,  
But I guess they're all good walkers  
For they kept up in the race.  
As I sat in my chair at midnight  
They all came tumbling in  
I didn't get an answer  
When I asked them where they'd  
been.

At last one of them told me  
That they got lost on the walk.  
And as near as I could find out  
They came back through old New  
York.

Now let this be a lesson  
To the boys of the U. S. A.  
That when you take a walk again  
Don't go so far away.

—By BENSON.

### TENNIS COURT.

Secretary McMann in charge of K. of C. building at the base hospital has been busy all week converting the old corn field back of the quartermaster's building into an up-to-date tennis court. A full supply of tennis rackets, balls, shoes, etc., will be kept on hand at the K. of C. club room for the use of players. Secretary McMann can also supply outfits for baseball, volley ball, hand ball, etc. Those who complain of failing appetite are advised to take a turn with the big medicine ball for a few mornings and watch results.