



THE LAFAYETTE MONUMENT.

In Lafayette Square, nearly opposite the White House, is the imposing bronze and marble memorial to Lafayette and his compatriots who served in the Revolutionary War. It was erected by Congress in 1890, and is the work of two French sculptors, Antoine Falguere and Antonin Mercier. America, in front, offers the sword of liberty to the heroic figure of Lafayette. On one side are Rochambeau and Duportail, on the other D'Eustache and DeGrasse.

## The Color Bearer

By Lucretia Macy Gardner

"H'm, a roll for Widow James' kid at Bluff Ledge! 'Taint often a parcel comes by express for that chap!" wheezed Silas Carr, the captain of the Molly, as he drew a whiff at his pipe.

"Shame about that little feller, I declare! He's so cute with his hands; seems though he makes up for his little shriveled legs," exclaimed one of the crew.

"There's something else on that bundle besides his name. I hain't got my readin'-specs—what is it?" "Deliver before July Fourth," read Fred Vincent, agent of the local express.

"Wall, I drawed the weather prophet of the fishing village, 'that's easier writ than done, with this seventy-mile-gale blowin' and, what's more, 'taint goin' to stop in a hurry; storm signals flyin'!"

"Oh, the kid can have his parcel the day after to-morrow; 'taint likely he'll care."

"Don't you fool yourself into thinkin' that, Si; why, Jim says he's as keen as a whetstone, and a regular good American, allers readin' about the soldiers that died for the country, and—"

At that moment the door flew open, and shouts of "Come aboard!" greeted the newcomer, a young fellow, slight and narrow-chested, in contrast with the sturdy skippers, but peculiarly lithe and alert. As the wind swept through the wooden building, the roll which stood in the corner fell across the threshold.

"Look out, don't tread on that! It's fur the kid at the Ledge; got here two days ago with special instructions to deliver before the Fourth. Sounds fine, don't it?" asked a jolly-faced seaman with a twinkle in his eyes.

"Something for little Dick? It's Mr. Saltonstall's writing, and I bet it's a flag."

"Yes," the latest arrival added, as he gave the parcel closer inspection, "of course it must be, a long roll like this, and then this on it, 'To be delivered before the Fourth.' A long whistle followed these remarks.

"Wall, it's one thing to order it sent, and it's another to get it there! Si folks don't know nothin' about sea winds as these," said Silas, with disgust in his voice.

"It won't be the last Fourth for the chap—that kind allers hangs on, and—"

"What kind?" thundered the voice of the young skipper. "I don't know as he's to blame because some fool chaps nearly burned him to death seven years ago to-morrow, settin' off their firecrackers, and never

and his speech for the little cripple of Bluff Ledge was the longest that he had made for many a day.

When there were signs that the company was about ready to disperse, he strode to the corner, took down the roll, and said quietly, "I'll see to this."

"You won't think of goin' sech a foot trip, Jim? It won't be no sea fur Bluff Ledge before another forty-eight hours," exclaimed the oldest captain along the water-front.

"Your boat'll be smashed to smithereens, boy!" said Si. "You can't do it, never!"

"No, you don't!" they shouted, "he was coming all right, Dick, but we helped him along."

Dick trembled as he attempted to untie the hard knots. "Here, lad, take my knife—there's no time to fuss—there now!" exclaimed one of the brown-faced men. "That's the talk—my, isn't it a beauty?"

The boy's eyes sparkled, his breath came in quick gasps as the whole glory of the Stars and Stripes lay before him. Tenderly his little hands traced the outline of the stars on their blue background, while the weather-beaten seamen, with Jim in their midst, and the delicate little woman looked on in admiration.

"Now I'll fetch a pole, and we'll hang it, Dick."

"No, Jim, you sit still," suggested Dick's mother. "I've got some hot coffee for you and a piece of steak; the other men will see to the flag."

How bravely it was flung out on the piercing northwest gale, while Captain Sawyer brought forth his harmonica, and Mrs. James led the men's voices in "America," in which little Dick's sweet soprano mingled. Dick threw his arms around Jim's neck, and exclaimed, "This is the very best Fourth of July I ever had, and all because you brought me the flag in time."

The letter that went to the Saltonstalls was so full of the praises of Jim that, when the family came to Bluff Ledge in August, the faithful fellow was engaged to act as their skipper, and not a year passed but some token of their esteem was sent to Dick's color bearer, who had felt no effort too great to carry to the little cripple of Bluff Ledge his country's flag.

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"I know all about it, but I'm bound to have this flag for this Fourth of July, and not the next. We've been told to go through fire and water for Old Glory, you know, and the Petrel and I'll try water."

The skippers peered through their glasses until not a vestige of the frail craft could be seen, then Si exclaimed:

"I'm goin' into the tower to watch him as long as I can. Ef there ain't a lot of grit in that small parcel, then my name ain't what it is! But, I tell you boys, Jim's goin' to fetch it!"

For two hours the Petrel seemed to be making no headway, and not until the point of land that projected far out into the sea had hidden the boat from the captain's sight did he leave the tower, muttering to

"Twan't no use talkin'; when Jim's jaw is set that way, we'd might as well save our powder, but he was clean crazy!"

The skipper of the Petrel was fully aware of the dangers that were before him. He stowed the roll carefully away, covered it with an old "oller," lighted his pipe, set it firmly between his lips, then gave himself to the battle with the wind and wave. For hours it seemed as though he were no nearer Bluff Ledge than two hours before, and it looked exceedingly doubtful how long the Petrel could last in such a sea, when something loomed up on the unbroken stretch of ocean—the life-boat, manned by the crew from the station, was coming!

It needed skillful management to go up alongside of the Petrel; but, after frequent attempts Jim was pulled aboard, drenched to the skin, and holding the roll in its covering.

"What in creation is this? Are you wild to start out in such a gale?" was the first question after the Petrel had been fastened to the life-boat.

"I could have made a landing all right," said the plucky little fellow, wheezing as he spoke, but with sufficient presence of mind not to touch the whiskey that was offered. "No," he said, "I'll be all right, and I mustn't touch a drop of that."

Little Dick who had been anxiously watching the angry sea all the forenoon, scarcely leaving the window long enough to eat his dinner, had the greatest surprise in his life when a dozen men came up the walk to his home. As soon as he caught sight of his friend Jim, he turned pale, and called to his mother, "It's my Jim, and he has been saved by the wreckers."

It was a very jolly wrecking-party that stood in the little, low room, while Jim, bashful and conscious, exclaimed, "I have brought you something for your Fourth, Dick, and, thanks to these men, I've got here before sunset."

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## SOUTH BECOMING MOST PROSPEROUS

Encouraging Reports From All Sections of Dixie.

### THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

Fourteen Superintendents of Bradstreet Company, in Session in Atlanta, Make Interesting Reports.

Atlanta, Ga.—That the south is fast becoming the 'most prosperous section in the country, is the opinion of the fourteen superintendents of the Bradstreet Company, who held a convention in Atlanta.

Regarding the marked prosperity of the south, interesting reports are made.

CONDITIONS AT SAVANNAH.

E. C. Myers, superintendent at Savannah, says:

"Savannah has in the past year taken on new growth which surpasses any of the previous years. Various business enterprises have been installed. The importance of exports, post-office receipts, banking figures and business in mercantile lines showed marked increase over the same period of 1909 and preceding years. Outlook for remainder of the year is very bright."

OUTLOOK GOOD IN MONTGOMERY

George M. Williams, superintendent at Montgomery, says:

"Although at present the depression in financial and business circles is pronounced, yet the outlook is greatly improving. The merchants in general have been more conservative in granting credit than in the past, and business as a whole is being operated on a sounder basis. In Montgomery there is a marked activity noted in building operations."

GREENVILLE GROWING FAST.

B. J. Shewalter, Jr., superintendent at Greenville, S. C., says:

"Greenville now has a population of 30,000 and is growing rapidly. It is situated in the richest farming section in Carolina, the Piedmont district. The Atlantic Coast Line is now extending a new depot which will improve Greenville materially. A new electric line, which will take in the cities of Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg, is proposed."

SPARTANBURG BUSINESS BRISK.

Clarence W. Hendley, superintendent at Jacksonville, says:

"The Clyde Steamship Company let a contract last month for the building of a new terminal to cost \$750,000. The Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company report their first year's business far in excess of their anticipation. Business is brisk in retail circles. All lines of trade are good."

CHARLESTON IS "TIP TOP."

F. W. Henneker, superintendent at Charleston, says:

"Business in Charleston is 'tip top.' Merchants are all doing a good business, new enterprises are being launched and considerable building is under way, real estate having advanced one-third in value the last three years. The Chamber of Commerce has been reorganized and will start out this fall with a live commercial secretary and 1,000 members, so all aboard for Charleston."

PROSPERITY IN BIRMINGHAM.

Lee W. Griff, superintendent at Birmingham, says:

"The railroads entering Birmingham are hauling all the tonnage they can well handle. The coal mines, especially steam coals, are taxed to the utmost capacity to supply demand. Natural gas has been found some miles out from Birmingham and a franchise to put in a pipe line in the city has been procured. All indications are favorable for continued growth and prosperity."

CHATTANOOGA GROWING.

John L. Wray, superintendent at Chattanooga, says:

"Every phase of the city's commercial life has shown good progress during the past year. Census just completed will show the city's population about 80,000 as compared with 70,000 last year. Building permits show 30 per cent increase. Fifteen story Hamilton National bank building completed. Strawberry crop just marketed amounted to \$650,000, biggest in history of industry."

INDUSTRIES ARE NUMEROUS.

J. N. Clark, superintendent at Albany, says:

"Albany has about 12,000 to 15,000 inhabitants, and is growing daily. Being well located and accessible from all directions, having five railroads, it bids fair to be one of the principal cities of the state. Industries are numerous, and wholesale houses plentiful."

TAMPA COMING INTO ITS OWN.

George A. Fallin, superintendent at Tampa, says:

"Tampa is coming into its own and is destined to become the greatest of all the gulf ports. The present congress has appropriated \$200,000 as the first annual appropriation for harbor improvement at Tampa on work which the engineers have estimated will cost \$1,750,000. This will give Tampa 25 feet of water in a channel 300 feet wide, and nearly seven miles more of dockage. Our main industry is the clear Havana cigar business. Fifty-two per cent of the phosphate in the world passed through Tampa's port in 1909. The natural trend of events will place Tampa supreme as the base of naval stores operations."

MOBILE MOST PROMISING.

Linton S. Lewis, superintendent at Mobile, says:

"Mobile looms up as one of the most promising cities of the south. Her growth in recent years has been marvelous. She can point with pride to numerous skyscrapers and presents to the traveling public a group of magnificent hotels. Her nine banking institutions, with large capital and deposits, well provide for the enormous lumber and manufacturing interests and wholesale trade of this section."

## HARMON FOR PRESIDENT.

Ohio Democrats Endorse Their Governor For United States Presidency.

Dayton, Ohio.—The democratic party of Ohio goes into the state campaign this fall with Judson Harmon as its candidate for governor and president. The democratic state convention, which completed its labors, endorsed him in the strongest terms for the presidency of the United States after it had renominated him for governor by acclamation.

The following resolution, presented by the committee on resolutions, was adopted by the convention, endorsing Governor Harmon for the presidency in 1912:

"We invite the attention of the nation to Judson Harmon and the work

he is doing for Ohio. Two years hence it will have been completed, then we can spare him for larger duties. He believes that guilt is personal—is acting on that belief at home, and would act upon it in larger fields. A high sense of duty provides his only motives for official actions, and his sense of justice alone compels judgment. Firmness and strength mark him the man to supplant vacillation and weakness. The nation needs a real man and the Ohio democracy presents and endorses for the presidency in 1912 Judson Harmon."

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## BUSY CONGRESS CLOSES SESSION

Congress Passed Record Amount of Progressive Legislation.

### ADMINISTRATION BILLS PASSED

More Than 27,000 Bills Were Introduced in the House and 9,000 in the Senate at Session Just Closed.

Washington, D. C.—Notwithstanding the fact that action on many important measures was delayed by conflicts between "insurgents" and "regular" republican factions in both branches and that the democratic minority was an active force, congress concluded its session with a record for enacting legislation that seldom, if ever, has been equaled. The alliance of insurgent republicans and democrats was responsible for much of the progressive legislation.

Chief in the list of legislation for which the administration contended were the following:

Striking revision of the railroad laws, including the creation of a commerce court.

Admitting Arizona and New Mexico as separate states.

Authorizing the establishment of postal savings banks.

Giving the president unlimited authority to withdraw public funds for conservation purposes.

Providing for publicity of campaign contributions.

Authorizing the issue of \$20,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, to complete reclamation projects.

Extending the activities of the tariff board and appropriating \$250,000 for its use.

Looking to the suppression of traffic in "white slaves."

Authorizing the entry of the surface of coal lands.

Creating a commission to consider economies in the administration of the federal government.

Providing a new tariff system for the Philippine Islands.

Legislation which ultimately is expected to give practically prohibition to the Hawaiian Islands.

Opposed to the foregoing list of legislation obtained were a number of measures which had administration sympathy, but failed of passage. They were measures on the subject of ship subsidy, anti-trust legislation, for new government in Alaska and on the Panama Zone; to create a bureau of health; to provide increased rates of postage for second class mail matter; to create the Appalachian forest reserve, and increase the engineer corps of the army.

The enormous proportions of the demands for legislation which are pressed upon congress is shown by the fact that since the beginning of the present congress more than 27,000 bills have been introduced in the house and more than 9,000 in the senate in addition to hundreds of resolutions.

The order involved here, so far as the number of bills is concerned, is without parallel.

## ATTEMPT TO BRIBE SENATOR

Senator Gore of Oklahoma Exposes Suggestion by Lobbyists.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Gore of Oklahoma disclosed in the senate what he interpreted as an effort to bribe him in connection with legislation affecting the fortune in attorney's fees claimed by J. F. McFarley of Oklahoma for services rendered to the Crook and Chickasaw nations in land and town site cases.

The charge created a sensation in the senate, which later extended to the house.

As the result of the denouement, Senator Gore finally involved a member of the senate committee on Indian affairs, a member of the house committee on Indian affairs, two former senators—one from Nebraska and the other from Kansas—but whose names were not made public in debate.

## Forest Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.—The Appalachian forest reserve bill for the conservation of the water agency of natikine streams was passed by