

The Law of Life

How Patrick Henry's Appeal for a Blow for Freedom, Made in Revolutionary Days, Fits the Present Situation of the Land He Loved—Blow for Liberty Is Again Needed.

(By W. C. Jones, Sanford, N. C.)
"For this is the law of life. A song of peace and a day of strife. A day of strife and a song of peace. And the thunder of battles that never cease."

And this is the law of life. This truth has been made appallingly apparent and impressive within the past three years, both in Mexico and in Europe.

Mr. Wilson, president of the United States, proclaims that he stands arrayed working for the sake of humanity.

In America, by order of the Kaiser, millions of dollars worth of property have also been laid in waste and a number of American citizens been killed.

On the high seas we know only too well that hundreds of our citizens have been sent to their deaths and millions of dollars worth of their property sunk by German submarines and as yet no gun has been fired in their behalf.

A government is formed to protect its people and their property, and when it fails to do so, it is no longer a proper government.

The administration at Washington has delayed action until it is looked upon with contempt by all nations of the world.

What Patrick Henry Said.

Borrowing from the famous speech of Patrick Henry to try and give some inspiration to the weak-kneed, I quote: "They tell us, sir, that we are weak and unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?"

"Sir, we are not weak if we make proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our hands."

"Three millions of people armed in the holy cause of liberty and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone."

"There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no choice. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retro from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery. Our chains are forged. Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston. The war is inevitable and let it come. I repeat, sir, let it come."

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry 'Peace, peace,' but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms. Our brethren are already in the field. Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Some of the thoughts given in this famous oration seem to fit well the present case. Our government has muddled along in such a way that it is not only looked upon with contempt by other nations, but also by millions of Americans who loath the idea that we are being made to appear as a nation of cowards, who are afraid to raise their hands in behalf of civilization and to strike a blow for the basic principle of government for which our forefathers fought, bled and died.

The American people, as a whole, are not cowards and it is a shame that we are being continually placed in such a degrading position. In the past three years this government has invaded Mexico twice at a cost of about \$165,000,000 and has in fact accomplished nothing.

That enormous sum is thrown away, and we have no value to show for it and our policy has made us the laughing stock of the world.

To show you actual conditions at Washington I quote from W. Gilbert, March 22nd:

"I came to Washington to have a look at the nation's preparedness, the preparedness about which we read in the newspaper, 'Work Rushing the Army and Navy' and all that sort of thing."

"The only preparedness I have been able to find is preparedness with excuses. Never was a government better armed with excuses."

"There is almost Prussian thoroughness in the readiness with which blame is always put on someone else. And if nothing more has been mobilized a lot of excuses has been mobilized since the country came face to face with the issues it has been trying to dodge for more than two years."

War Department's Excuse.
"The war department, so-called because the last thing it has been permitted to do is to get ready for war, has an excuse, a tremendous excuse. 'This is the excuse: It has been for some time operating under orders not to take any steps which would look like getting ready for war with Germany. I am impelled to put that again in capital letters, so that its full force will be apparent: NOT TO TAKE ANY STEPS THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE GETTING READY FOR WAR WITH GERMANY.'"

"The language of the orders may not be given but the sense is, else there is a grave misunderstanding somewhere."

"So far as the army is concerned, the situation is beyond repair for a year. It could not be worse."

From this statement it looks



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"The words 'fisher, cowardice, hypocrisy' are stamped upon our shield. They must be blotted therefrom and as lovers of our country let us unite in urging upon the president and congress that prompt action be taken to do so, assuring them of our best assistance in aiding to cleanse our escutcheon of these dark spots, forever and forever."

Newton

NEWTON, March 31.—Tuesday afternoon Mrs. R. B. Knox entertained the Methodist Missionary society to a dinner with several invited guests. Mesdames George A. Warlick and L. C. Bickett gave interesting talks on the subject of missions. Instrumental solos were given by Mesdames W. M. Sikes, Clyde Rowe and Mrs. J. A. Gaitner, who had arranged the words of hymns to appropriate airs. Mrs. Rowe accompanying her. After the program the knowledge of the ladies of important Biblical events was put to the test and the prize was awarded to Mrs. C. H. Mebane, who answered all the questions successfully. Assisted by Mrs. A. H. Crowell, the hostess served refreshments in several courses.

The Ransom-Sherill chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be entertained April 1 by Mrs. G. C. Little, the date of meeting having been changed from the first Monday to the first Wednesday in each month. At the recent meeting with Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, the chapter decided upon a course of study in southern history, and a committee has been arranging a program. On that occasion a dainty course of sweets was served, and instrumental solos by Mrs. W. M. Sikes and songs with guitar accompaniment were given by Mrs. J. A. Gaitner, the numbers being old southern melodies.

Saturday evening Miss Olive Duke entertained a number of friends at a progressive rock, at which Herbert H. Lowery and Marshall Bolick scored the greatest number of times, Mr. Lowery winning the prize, a box of home-made chocolates, after they had chosen partners and played off the life. Assisted by her mother, Mrs. S. E. Duke, a three-course luncheon was served.

Monday evening Mrs. J. B. Leonard entertained in compliment to Mr. Leonard, who had a birthday, but who was taken pleasantly by surprise when the guests arrived and explained to him the occasion of their coming. In a very interesting musical contest Miss Flossie Frazier and Professor George Warlick won the prize, a sheet of music, which was presented to Miss Frazier. In a laughable chewing gum contest, Charles H. Mebane, jr., was winner. Several readings were given by Miss Schmidt of the expression department in Catawba college. Mrs. Leonard, assisted by her daughter, little Miss Eula Nicholson, served refreshments. Among the guests was Rev. J. A. Kombar of Frederick, Maryland.

Mrs. Vena Little Goode and guest, Miss Farmer, of the Lincoln schools, have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Little. Mrs. Lou Goode of Connolly Springs also has been a guest at the Little home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huffman of Morganton have been with Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Yoder this week. Mr. Huffman, who is solicitor, going on to Shelby on legal affairs.

Mrs. T. C. Clifton was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the Virginia Dare Book club. Decorations were white and pink carnations, the club colors, and carnations were the favors. Salad, cream and cake were served. The program included readings by Mesdames Loy Sigmon, G. C. Little, R. P. Cochran and E. T. Harwell. The next session of the club will be with Mrs. R. P. Cochran, in April.

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MATTERS OF RECORD

The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the registrar of deeds:

Lillian Lee Potts and husband Gwyn Edwards, property near Emma; consideration \$10 and other considerations.
Joseph C. Redmond and wife to Benjamin S. Justice and wife, property in Asheville township; consideration \$10 and other considerations.
Sam E. Stevens and wife to Nannie Parker, property on White Pine street; consideration \$10 and other considerations.
Zachary Development company to H. D. McCain, property in West Asheville; consideration \$10 and other considerations. (Two deeds.)
Kenilworth Development company to G. M. Noland, property in Kenilworth; consideration \$1 and other considerations.
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