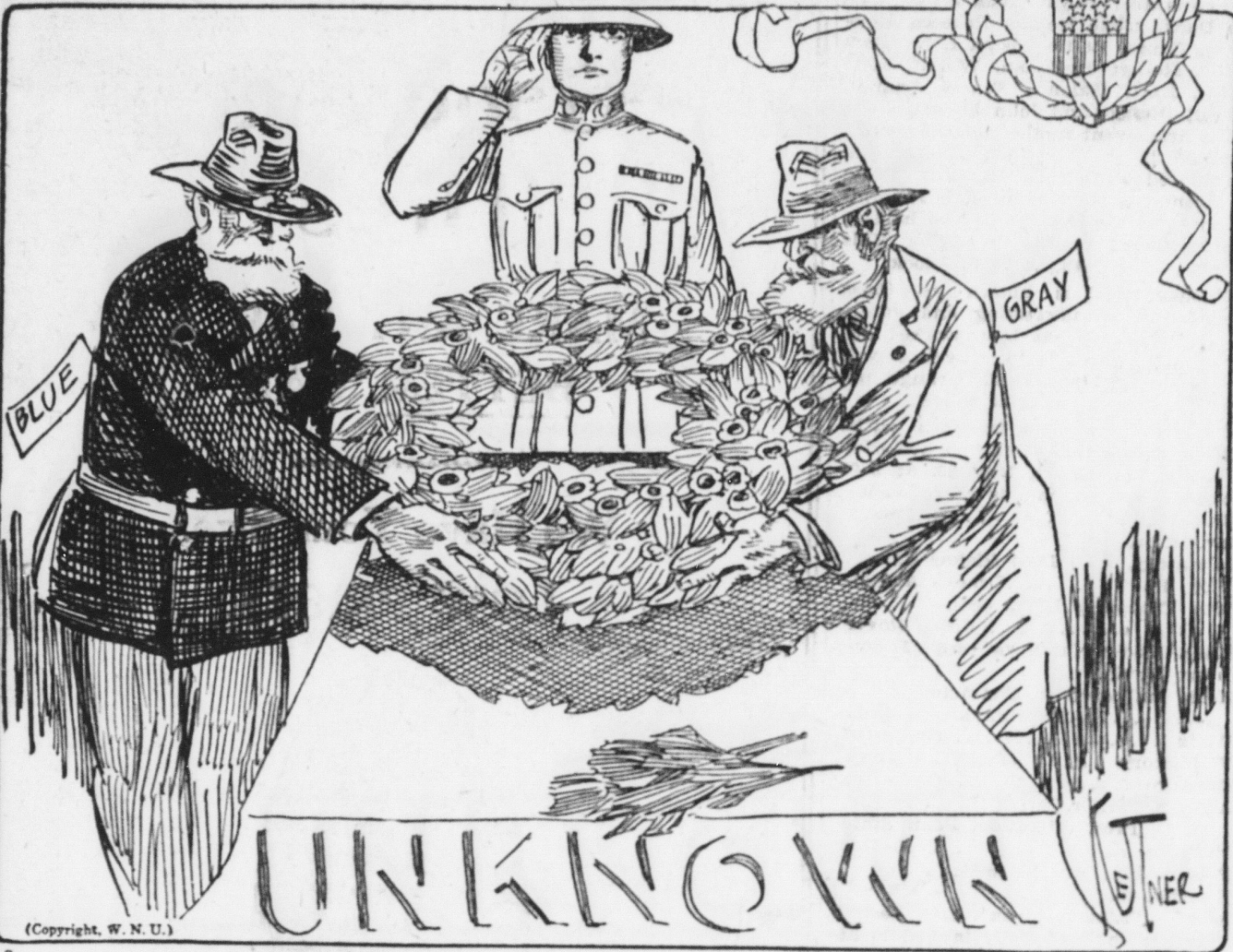


Memorial Day, 1929



By ELMO SCOTT WATSON
HE ENLISTED in a Pennsylvania regiment in June, 1775, and marched to the siege of Boston. He followed Montgomery to Quebec, and starved and froze amid the snows of Canada. Wearing the Continental Buff and Blue, he fought under Washington at Trenton and at Princeton, and in the summer of 1777 he went with Dan Morgan to repel Burgoyne's invasion of New York.

Fensters' Scott at Vera Cruz and started toward the City of Mexico. To his parents back in Ohio came cheerful letters from the boy, telling of the rapid succession of victories won by the American army and assuring them that the war was almost over and that he would soon be home. His last letter was written the night before Scott's soldiers stormed Chapultepec. The boy's parents awaited his return in vain. Today in the environs of the City of Mexico there is a little cemetery in which stands a small granite shaft bearing these words: "To the memory of the American soldiers who perished in this valley in 1847, whose bones, collected by the country's orders, are here buried.—750." And so this Unknown Soldier of the Mexican war sleeps among the 750 in alien soil.

shift, joined a group of his fellows gathered about one who read in a Denver paper the headlines: "War With Spain." A month later he was on an army transport that steamed through the Golden Gate into the broad Pacific. The next year he was one of a detachment which set out through the Philippine jungle in pursuit of a party of Moro raiders. There was a deathlike hush as they pushed on through the steaming heat of the jungle. A moment later its stillness was shattered by the sounds of men engaged in furious hand-to-hand combat, bayonet against bolo, a swarm of khaki-clad figures and bearing them down to earth by sheer force of numbers. A few months later back in the Colorado mining town a band played "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," for the troop of "our boys" was home from the wars. But out in the province of Sulu a rusted Krag-Jorgensen and a webbed cartridge belt already nearly hidden by the lush jungle vegetation, marked the last resting place of one who didn't come home—an Unknown Soldier of '98-'99.

At Saratoga the bayonet thrust of a Hessian grenadier struck him down. What if the historians of the future were to call this conflict, whose din was now sounding faintly in his ears, one of "the fifteen decisive battles of the world"? He was conscious only of the torture of thirst as his life-blood ebbed swiftly away until death finally stilled his cry of "Water! Water!" A great monument stands on the spot which once witnessed the "pomp and circumstance of war"—the surrender of a British army. But, nearby, the smooth, green sod gives no sign that the soil beneath holds the dust of a young Pennsylvania backwoodsman, one of the many who died in defense of American liberty. Who was he? Just an Unknown Soldier of the Revolution!

Fort Sumter had been fired upon. In the upper Shenandoah valley of Virginia a father was bidding goodbye to his two sons. "Pray God, you two never meet in battle," he said. And one rode north to wear the Federal Blue under General Patterson and the other rode south to become a member of Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's "Stonewall Brigade." Whether or not his prayer was answered, the father never knew. He never saw either again.

Perhaps in some Valhalla two warrior spirits reminisce of Chancellorsville and Antietam, of Manassas and Malvern Hill but there is no bitterness in their tones as they call each other "Yank" and "Johnny Reb." The crumbling dust of the bodies which once housed these spirits rests under a great monument of rough-hewn granite and polished marble in Arlington cemetery near Washington, D. C. On this monument is an inscription which reads: "Beneath this stone repose the bones of 2,111 unknown soldiers gathered after the war from the fields of Bull Run and the route to the Rappahannock. Their remains could not be identified but their names and deaths are recorded in the archives of their country; and its grateful citizens honor them as of their noble army of martyrs. May they rest in peace." It was the spring of 1898. A Colorado miner, coming off the night

The Dead
Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead!
There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But dying, has made us richer gifts than gold.
These laid the world away;
And poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up
The years to be
Of work and joy; and that un-
hoped serene,
That men call age; and those
who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their
immortality.
Blow, bugles, blow! They brought us,
for our dearth,
Holiness, lacked so long, and
Love, and Pain.
Honor has come back, as a king,
to earth,
And paid his subjects with a
royal wage;
And Nobleness walks in our
ways again;
And we have come into our
heritage.
—Rupert Brooke.

With the summer of 1812 came the news of war with Great Britain, and, more alarming still, the threat of an Indian outbreak. Then—orders to evacuate Fort Dearborn. One hot August day the retreat began. From out of the sandhills along Lake Michigan swooped the fierce Pottawatomies. A short, desperate fight and the Fort Dearborn massacre was history. That night there was a hellish orgy in the Indian camp and the pitying stars looked down upon a writhing figure at the stake. What if this was one of the acts in the mighty drama called "The Winning of the West"? What if the future was to see one of the world's greatest cities rise on these sandy shores? Could that knowledge have been recompense for the fiery agony of this New England lad above whose unmarked grave the hurrying feet of Chicago's millions today beat an endless requiem? Who was he? An Unknown Soldier of the War of 1812!

Though some of his neighbors denounced it as an "unholy war" into which President Polk was leading the nation, a certain Middle Western farm boy was one of the first to respond when the President on May 13, 1846, called for 50,000 volunteers to drive the Mexicans back across the Rio Grande. And so he was among those who landed with "Old Fuss and

Man's Uppermost Thought
Whatever one may read into the name of patriotism, however variously the citizens of a nation may love their land, with whatever admixture of criticism and doubt they yield their support, love of home and fellowship with one's own people remain the common lot. Man cannot escape them if he would. The beat of their drum is in his blood, and their memories march as banners in a lasting parade.
He who hesitates is bonked.

Day for Thoughts of Peace
Memorial day is no longer a day for the recollection of martial times alone. It is a day given less and less to parades, the salutes of guns, the clank of swords. It is a day given more and more to quiet and individual strengthening of that "bridge of love" that stretches from the dead to those who live. It is a day set aside for memory. When the new and shining link of World war veterans grows

old and weak, may these memories be more of peace and sweet life than of war and red death!
Extremes in Cemeteries
The annual report of Quartermaster General Cheatham says that Arlington is the largest national cemetery both in area and number of interred. The smallest is at Balls Bluff, near Leesburg, Va., about one-half acre in extent and containing the bodies of one known and twenty-four unknown dead.

Reliable Houses Best for Seeds

Gardener Should Know Something of Trade and Various Methods.

Vegetable gardeners should be careful to purchase their seed from widely known, reliable seed dealers only. This precaution is urged by A. M. Binkley, associate professor of horticulture at the Colorado Agricultural college.

To buy seed intelligently, the gardener should know something of the seed trade and of the methods and conditions under which it operates. This business, like many others, Mr. Binkley says, is somewhat dependent upon the character of the men in it, and it is therefore necessary to know the reputation of the concern with which one proposes to do business.

Know Seed Dealer.
Not all seed is produced under careful methods and no seed house handling a general line of vegetable seed can grow all of its supplies. A few grow a large proportion, and some buy it all. The buyer should know or become personally acquainted with local seed dealers and ascertain their standards of business.

The best companies are extremely careful in buying and handling, and are earnestly seeking to satisfy reasonable expectations. It costs more money to produce high grade seed, and as long as the planters are willing to buy seed from the lowest bidder, there is no inducement for the seed producer to exercise a high degree of care in the selection of better seed stocks.

Pay for Quality.
While high priced seed is not always a guarantee of quality, it is not often that carefully selected stocks can be sold at the price of cull stock. The vegetable grower should be willing to pay for quality in seeds.

Inquiries concerning the origin of the seed to be purchased should be made. One should also learn to judge whether statements made in seed catalogs are based on facts or mere opinions.

Feeding Brood Sow to Keep Her in Condition

In feeding the brood sow, it should be borne in mind that there are some factors to be considered that do not arise in feeding hogs for market. Not only must the sow be properly nourished to keep her in good condition, but provision must be made for the unborn pigs by providing feeds of muscle and bone-building character. Such feeds as shorts, middlings, oil-meal, tankage, ground oats, alfalfa meal, and skim milk fed in connection with corn will usually give good results. Barley may be substituted for all or part of the corn, particularly if there is a tendency on the part of the sow to become too fat. It is impossible to say definitely what feeds are best and in what proportions they should be used, as the feeder must be guided by the condition of his sows. Young sows will require relatively more protein than older sows.

Early Pullets for Eggs Are Quite Satisfactory

A more satisfactory winter egg production will be obtained from early hatched, vigorous, and well-grown pullets that carry a surplus of flesh. Late hatched, slow-maturing pullets should be culled from the laying flock and only the well-grown birds of desirable type should be kept. The culling out of the late hatched pullets removes one of the most common sources of roup infection and may tend to prevent the disease from gaining a foothold in the flock.

Agricultural Squibs

- Sweet clover should be sown in the spring.
- Another agricultural surplus which hurts the farmer is the surplus of low quality produce.
- Leaving machinery standing outdoors increases farm expenses and cuts down profits.
- Good seed potatoes are one of the most important factors in securing maximum yields of tubers.
- Don't plant onions two years in the same place if you are growing them for the bulbs. With young onions it makes no difference.
- A planter can handle good seed as well or better than poor seed; it takes just as long to plant either kind. But, oh, the difference at harvest.
- Flax is not likely to prove satisfactory on fields which are weedy. New breaking is, therefore, a particularly good place to grow this crop.
- Success in co-operative marketing associations depends primarily on sufficient volume, efficient management, and loyalty of members, says North Dakota bulletin.
- In the New England states apple trees are sometimes severely damaged by partridges, which eat the buds. Sometimes the damage is said to be great enough to kill the trees.



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