

## Leaders in Freedom's Cause



(1)—FRIEDRICH WILHELM VON STEUBEN. Prussian general who fought for independence. His untiring efforts converted the almost disheartened American handful of patriots into a disciplined and effective army.  
 (2)—NATHANAEL GREENE. The Scipio Africanus of the Revolution. He saved the South by the brilliant strategy that ruined Cornwallis.  
 (3)—JOHANN DE KALB. Prominent military figure in the War for Independence. He died of eleven wounds at the Battle of Camden.  
 (4)—ETHAN ALLEN. Hero of Ticonderoga. Described in Revolutionary annals as "A real bucko, of almost gigantic stature and strength, with a florid idea of freedom as the fortune of the brave, and no pale idea of himself."

### Honor and Fame to Brave 'Mad Anthony'



A very tipsy Continental soldier ran around of that rigorous disciplinarian, Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne, one night. He gave the man a verbal dressing down, it is related. The discussion aroused admiration in all present. General Wayne being able with his language, and he then threw the fellow into the guardhouse.

"My, the general's mad at me," the intoxicated patriot commented, even proudly, "Just 'ole Mad Anthony, that's what he is—Mad Anthony Wayne!"

That, it is reported, is the origin of the nickname given one of the greatest fighters of the American Revolution, though it is more likely that this able and beloved leader of men, who forged the Scotch-Irish and Pennsylvania Dutch farmers of the "Pennsylvania Line" into the toughest fighting outfit of the war, earned his designation by his reckless, dashing, eager courage.

If he couldn't go through, Wayne

would go around, but he preferred to go through. He was the Stonewall Jackson of the Revolution.

Stony Point, Monmouth, Brandywine, Germantown—scores of great and lesser fields of the Revolution—saw Wayne's valor and his military ability. He loved to fight and he could fight. With serene contempt of danger and death he went into many a battle certain that he didn't have a chance to come back alive, but that only made him, apparently, hurry on. When a bullet hit him in the head during the gallant onslaught at Stony Point, he was sure he was going to die and insisted on being carried up through the battle so he could breathe his last within the captured fort. He lived, and this capture, which "or that time saved the Revolutionary cause, was hailed as one of the brilliant military exploits of the war.

After the war, when British agents stirred up Indian warfare in the Northwest territory, Generals Harmar and St. Clair suffered notable defeats from the redwarriors. President Washington, troubled by his fears that Wayne was brave and nothing else, nevertheless sent him on to handle the situation—a feather in Wayne's cap, because he and St. Clair had long been bitter enemies. Wayne's army was pretty much ruffian, and he spent months drilling, drilling, turning his men into

soldiers who decisively smashed the Indian power at Fallen Timbers. The Indians called him "Black Snake" because he worked so fast.

General Wayne returned to his command to receive from British garrisons the northern forts they held so long after the Revolution. Moving eastward again, he was stricken with gout, complicated by an old wound in his leg. Not quite fifty-two years old, he died December 14, 1796, at Presque Isle—Erie, Pa.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### TICONDEROGA



"In the Name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!"

### Paine's Pen Factor in British Defeat



All America bows reverently to the memory of George Washington. But what of the memory of another who, with only his pen, helped as much as any in achieving Washington's triumph?

Tom Paine, who arose to aid America in its darkest hour, and for a reward won only contempt and curses! Truly a stark reminder of the grati-

tude of republics, comments a writer in the Milwaukee Journal.

The Colonists five months after declaring their independence were well-nigh beaten. Across New Jersey's frozen marshes Washington's ragged remnant of an army fled desperately.

Two days before Christmas, 1776, General Washington resolved, as a last desperate measure, to make a surprise attack upon the Hessians at Trenton. But the chances of victory were so small! The Americans, frozen, starved and discouraged, were losers almost before they started. As the American commander sat gloomily figuring his chances a pamphlet was brought in, fresh from Philadelphia.

"The Crisis" was the title and "Common Sense" was the writer. Washington read, then shouted in joy.

The drums were sounded, the sol-

diers were gathered into groups and the officers, by torchlight, read to them the words of the pamphlet:

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country, but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered, yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph; what we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods, and it will be strange, indeed, if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."

"These are the times that try men's souls" was the battle cry at Trenton.

Sketch of West Point Made in 1780 by Major L'Enfant



### Serpent Big Figure in Mythology and History

Considering that the serpent, alone among the lower creatures, can travel with speed upon land or upon water, can climb trees, swallow other creatures of much greater girth than itself, go without food for incredibly long periods, has eyes protected by a very strong horny substance, so that it can squeeze itself into stony crevices without damaging its eyesight, possesses the ability to fascinate birds and small animals so that they are

helpless to make their escape, can inflict death by a bite, etc., it is not to be wondered at that it figures largely in ancient mythology and history, as also in Biblical lore.

Egypt, India, Africa found place for it among their gods. At one period in their history the Israelites also paid it divine honors (II Kings 18:4). In tropical countries where it is found in greatest number and widest variety, it is the dread and curse of the country-

side, and fear is often an elementary ingredient of natural religion.

Mesopotamia, the original home of the human race, is especially infested with serpents, sometimes in numbers almost incredible, the mouth of the Euphrates in some flood seasons being a great moving mass of the horrifying creatures.

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**Unlucky Dogs**  
 One of the unluckiest things that can happen to a breed of dogs is to get fashionable, says the Cleveland Press. This means that the dogs will be transplanted in huge numbers from their natural environments to over-heated apartments. It means in many cases, that hardy animals bred to hunt and fight will have to eat chocolates and sleep on silk pillows.

One of the popular breeds these days is the Scotch terrier. Certainly a rugged, warm-coated, tough-fibered outdoor dog if there ever was

one. Yet—believe it or not—full-grown Scotch terriers may be seen on the streets of Cleveland wearing knitted sweaters on cold days. Think of the humiliation!

**How Willie Helps**  
 Guest (after dinner)—And don't you help your mamma with the dishes when she has company?  
 Willie—I don't help her wash 'em, but I help her count the spoons after the company's gone.—Capper's Weekly.

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