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**Memorial Day  
And Its Origin**

In Decoration Day the American people have the second of their most important holidays which are direct outgrowths and results of the Civil War, and in the term Memorial Day, which has now almost altogether supplanted the earlier term, the seal and surety of a reunited nation.

Thanksgiving Day, as a National Holiday, was a child of the Civil War. Previous to that time it had been a New England festival, though observed in other states where New England or the religious ideas of New England prevailed. It was President Lincoln, in 1863, who first proposed it as a National Holiday, and it has become one of our greatest in the wholesome sentiments that have clustered about it.

Decoration Day came after the war. The North had given a million of her sons and more, that the Union might live. Almost every family throughout the North was represented on the great roll of the heroes who were sleeping beneath the sod of a thousand battlefields or gathered by filial and patriotic love from where they fell, to rest in the cemeteries scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, in every village and town that had sent sons to fight under the Stars and Stripes. Those who survived to return to the pursuits of peace, as they died, went down to not less honored graves.

And so it was, that out of a common sorrow and under the impulse of a common bond of patriotism, the Thirtieth of May came to be set apart in each year, when the entire people, in memory of sons who had shared common dangers in the discharge of patriotic duty, should join in decorating their graves. Graves had been decorated before. The laying of flowers above the remains of loved ones in token of an affection that reached beyond the grave, was no new ceremonial. But Decoration Day, with its wide-spread patriotic memories, its recognition, not alone of the affection of family and of comradeship, but of a nation's obligations and love, raised and enlarged the ceremonial, above, though not excluding the family sentiment, into one of National sentiment and dignity. And hence the second great National observance day to which the war for the preservation of the Union gave birth.

It is as Memorial Day, however, that the Day received its crowning glory, and became the pledge and seal of a reunited nation. Prompted by the same sacred affections which set apart May 30 as Decoration Day in the north, the people in different parts of the southern states set apart different days in April, on which to strew flowers on the graves of their fallen heroes. The day set apart in each locality came to be called Memorial Day. As the bitterness of the war began to melt in the sentiments of a common humanity and a common heritage of glory and liberty, Decoration Day, May 30, began more and more to be accepted as the appropriate day for this ceremonial all over the Union, and the Southern name, Memorial Day, descriptive of the actuating thought, rather than of one feature of the ceremonial, began to be the more and more widely accepted name. Till now, wherever there are Americans, whether their natal skies were those of the Sunny South or the not less fair though less laughing ones of the North, May 30, in each year is Memorial Day.

**The Difficulty  
In Russia**

It is not difficult to understand why the new conditions in Russia should have brought to the front such a seeming lot of impracticables. Since the break with the past the bureaucrats and the men of the old regime are entirely at sea.

They are wholly discredited by the radical and revolutionary impulses of the people, and they have neither experience nor principles to guide them if they were not. Those who have held liberal and progressive sentiments in the past, have had little or no opportunity to take part in public affairs. The mass of the people are either stolidly indifferent or torn by the fermentation of revolutionary ideas.

The great lack of the Russian people, however, is that they have never had the benefit of free, or even of any discussion, of political or any affairs. No such thing as open-minded discussion of any subject has been permitted. Andrew D. White who twice resided in Russia at an interval of forty years between, says that he noticed that people who could speak English usually did so, in their own homes, so as to save themselves from the annoyance of spies among their own servants.

Discussion of political ideas and principles being impossible, and reading on the subject equally out of the question, each individual developed his own political ideas by whatever powers of logic he might have and under whatever erratic suggestion might come to him in a land where repression and the fear and suspicion repression generates, are everywhere. That power of judging of motives and men, that pruning of expressions and crudities, that confidence and comradeship, which comes from free and open discussion, and its destruction of mere idols and hobbies, is entirely absent. Nowhere is there a well developed body of political ideas along progressive lines held in common by large bodies of men bound together by the ties of a common purpose, and well enough acquainted with each other in that sense of political partisanship which makes great parties possible, as to have recognized standards by which can be tested the sincerity of individuals, and the practicability of ideas. In place of this are individuals or groups who have developed their ideas separately, who suspect all other individuals and groups simply because of differences of ideas—differences which would probably be wiped out entirely by wholesome discussion. Each individual and group holds tenaciously to its own ideas, as to the spoiled children of the brain, and wholesome co-operation which is easy where there is the give and take of political and party life, as we understand it, is impossible.

Under such political conditions, those who recognize the necessity of yielding in unessentials or in minor matters for the sake of securing the essential or the important, are denounced as traitors, by the less practical, or fear to be so denounced.

Thus at the present time there is neither on the part of the Czar and his advisers, or on the part of the majority in the Douma, any standard or principle by which either can gauge how little he can yield or how much insist on within the limits of safety, and the danger of explosion and violence is increased from the political impracticability of both sides.

It will indeed be happy for Russia if she can weather this period during which the necessary educative process of discussion is being gone through with.

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Max Schlemmer says politics are quiet in Laysan Island.

It would be interesting to know, now that the subject of Chinese marriage customs is so prominently before the courts, what ceremonies are really essential in the Chinese marriage to the validity of the marriage, and which, like throwing rice and old shoes among us, are mere diversions and pleasures, that have no connection whatever with the validity of the marriage.

The annual output of commencement wisdom is now being delivered to us. The supply gives promise of being equal to the demand.

Is it any too early to begin arrangements for a worthy Fourth of July celebration? It will probably not hurt the quality of the Fourth of July oration to give whoever is to make it a little while to prepare it.

Governor Carter will be here this week, and Delegate Kuhio is expected shortly. Senator "Link" McCandless is here now and so is Aleck Robertson. It ought not to be long before the whole political dust of man will be made plain.

The Acting Governor is adding another to the necklace of parks with which he is adorning the city.

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**THE KISS IN POLITICS**

Gov. Hoch of Kansas is having some trouble because he attempted to kiss another man's wife. Meanwhile the Georgia woman who successfully kissed Andrew Carnegie is not worrying the least bit about the episode.—Toledo Blade.

Governor Hoch is indebted to the kissing men in Kansas. The ladies vote only in school and liquor elections.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

Hobson and Hoch have "got there." Now if there is any office that Mr. Carnegie wants all that he has to do is to speak for it.—New York Evening Mail.

If the kissing episode is the worst thing his enemies can urge against Gov. Hoch, he must have been a pretty good governor.—Detroit News.

It is remarkable how many bright paragraphs immediately wrote: Hoch der kisser!—Columbia (S. C.) State.

Senator Harris, the democratic candidate for governor of Kansas, has never permitted his kissing apparatus to run amuck.—Houston Post.

It seems to be a nice question whether Gov. Hoch of Kansas really tried to steal that kiss or whether he was trapped by a fake burglar alarm.—Detroit Journal.

Unless Kansas has changed greatly during recent years, a kiss that has been in cold storage for nine months will not be regarded as a paramount political issue in that state.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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