

MULLIGAN

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street. A statue of the English King, George III., stood at Bowling Green; that night speeches were made there, the crowd of Sons of Liberty, including Sears, Curtin, Duane, Livingston, Mulligan. The statue being of lead, was torn down and melted into 42,000 bullets, which the patriots used at the Battle of Long Island on August 27, 1776.

The American Army was badly beaten in this battle. Gen. John Sullivan was taken prisoner by the British. The roster of the three Maryland regiments that were cut to pieces in covering the retreat showed that in one regiment 60 per cent. (602) were Irish, and in one company of the Third Maryland Militia every man was born in Ireland. This is the first time that this statement has ever been publicly made. Yet Palfrey, Lodge, Fluke, and other historians, will tell you that the Revolution was a contest and that all of the Irish were loyalists. Hercules Mulligan was a spy or secret agent for Washington. Of course all reports from such sources were, no doubt, destroyed by the Commander-in-Chief, after being read. Alexander Hamilton was appointed to Washington's staff on March 1, 1777. The historian, Smucker, states that Hamilton corresponded with a secret friend in New York, and Hamilton so wrote to General Gates in 1777.

Thomas Jones, recorder of the city in 1783 or 1788, wrote a history of New York; he quotes Gen. Stephen Moylan as declaring that not a single return of the number and state of the British Army that Gen. Sir Henry Clinton received but that Gen. Washington also received. Mulligan was a tailor and his shop on Queen street was patronized by the British officers, with whom he was on good terms, and no doubt he heard many things. When Teodoro de Roca fell a British officer, Col. Ludlow, sent word of it to rebel Mulligan, as he put it, that it would be good news for him. Washington publicly acknowledged Mulligan's services.

When the British evacuated New York on November 25, 1783, Washington on that morning took breakfast at Mulligan's house, 23 Queen street (now 177 Pearl street). Mrs. Fanning, a descendant of Mulligan, residing in Astoria, possesses old letters, books and data belonging to the family, also the original chair on which Washington sat; the plate from which he ate is now owned by Mrs. Grace Wheeler Lawrence of New York.

In 1784 Mulligan was made a vestryman of Trinity church. He married Elizabeth, a niece of Admiral Saunders, of the British Navy. He continued in business after the war, and is mentioned in the first New York City Directory, printed and published by the publisher, David Frankfort, in Dublin, in 1802. Mulligan lived at No. 2 Vesey street, where the Astor House afterward was built. His neighbors round the corner were Livingston and Aaron Burr. This is mentioned as an evidence of his prominence in the community. He was an over-modest man, disliked notoriety and consequently kept in the background in his later years.

Hercules Mulligan died on March 4, 1825, at the age of eighty-five years. He is buried under the Chancel of Trinity Church, in the Saunders vault. His sons, John W. and William C., were leading lawyers in later years. John W. was associated with Livingston, and was one of the city's nine aldermen from 1806 to 1809. He also commanded the Fifth Regiment, which later fought in the War of 1812, but it is not yet certain that he participated. He was surrogate in 1810, county clerk in 1813, and as late as 1848 a member of the Board of Managers of the St. Nicholas Society. His death occurred in 1802. William C. Mulligan was a distinguished man also. He had a son, William, whose daughter, Mrs. Robert B. Fanning, lives in Astoria, and a direct descendant also is Dr. Edward Livingston Mulligan, of Huntington, Long Island.

Why has Hercules Mulligan been ignored by American historians when they give prominence to men who accomplished much less? His Irish name seems to be the reason. He was a spy and had been captured and executed like Nathan Hale would have become immortal. He is not mentioned by any historian except James Grant Wilson. Why do those historians suppress what Irishmen have done?

Why do they not mention the sixteen Irish riflemen who held the rail fence at Bunker Hill against a regiment? Or Margaret Corbin, the Irish heroine of Fort Mifflin? Or Marjorie Sullivan, whose sons were governors and high state officials? Why is the bravery forgotten of Lieutenant Croghan, at Fort Stevenson, in the War of 1812? Or that splendid hero, Paul Jones O'Brien, in the Mexican War? There is no mention of the Irish soldiers who defended the forlorn hope at the Battle of Bradywine, and whom Washington with tears in his eyes thanked the next day? All of the blame did not belong to the historians who could partly be excused on account of their environment and early training. The Irish-American element were much to blame, because they had neglected to write down the records of the men and women of their race who had helped develop the American Republic.

ANDREW JACKSON.

Next Monday will be the anniversary of Andrew Jackson, the hero of New Orleans and afterward President of the United States. He was born of Irish parents in 1767, and by his daring and bravery, won the sobriquet of "Old Hickory."

SUSPICIOUS.

"Henry, while we were calling on the Jibways I saw Jibway make a peculiar sign to you and shortly afterward both of you hurriedly excused yourselves."

"Why—er—yes, my dear. John Jibway wished me to step into the library where he had some old volumes to show me. You know, I have a taste for books."

"Yes, Henry. I dare say your taste was highly gratified. I heard a loud smacking of lips and then you exclaimed, 'Ah! That's the stuff!'"

ST. PATRICK'S HERE AN' EASTER DO BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER



The Robins are come an' they're whistlin' and a' twitterin' on the countryside.

The trees are beginnin' to bud and there's a gentle hint of Springtime in the air. Soon all Nature will be a' wearin o' the Green, and all ye laddibucks will be a' thinkin o' things to wear, the new clo'es, the new toppers, the new ties, possibly o' Kelly green, if only to take the girl out walkin' in the Springtime sun.

Surely, Mavourneen, it's fine just to be a' living when the Spring is here.

"There's a ripple and a shower of song drops shakin', A brown wing whirrs thru the white thorn spray."

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FOR WOMAN'S EYE.

Two-color shoes bid fair to be a spring vogue. The rumor grows that skirts are to be longer. Long sleeves are slightly puffed around the elbow. Taffeta will continue to be worn for another season. Everywhere one hears plaid spoken of for next summer. Velvet for children has established itself, being the fashion for suits and frocks. Evening frocks, almost in every case, show the wired-out hips and full lines. With white muslin dresses the correct thing is a little bunch of deep orange nasturtium. Stockings grow thinner and thinner each day, lace ones for evening wear being first favorite. The attractive models that have been introduced are almost certain to make popular the cape suit for spring. While many long coats will be worn this spring, there is a decided leaning to hip or three-quarter length models.

PAPER PRICE SOARS.

Almost every day we see that the price of print paper in the United States is soaring higher and higher. Practically all daily papers have had to increase their subscription price and many of the magazines and periodicals. In the main the Catholic newspapers have refrained from raising their subscription prices, hoping against hope that the price of paper would come down. But a Catholic paper can not perform miracles no matter how much religious matter appears in its columns. With the cost of paper and mechanical production increased about 300 per cent. it can not hope to exist and continue at the old subscription price and do business at a dead loss. Very few Catholic papers are endowed or sustained by a diocesan fund. They have no resources to draw from except their advertising and subscription income and must take steps to meet conditions over which they have no control. Almost everything else that goes into the household has doubled in price, but the Catholic paper remains the same. Readers and supporters of the Catholic press should recognize the injustice of this.

HONEST ABRAHAM'S ADVICE.

Abraham Lincoln gave some pretty good advice when he said: "Teach economy. That it is one of the first and highest virtues. It begins with the payer of money." It would be interesting to know just how many parents in this country have waked up to the fact that the teachers in our schools have organized their pupils into thrift clubs and are giving them systematic instruction in thrift and saving. If you are a parent, let your child's teacher know you appreciate this training being given for success and prosperity. And don't forget it is a duty of every parent to set his child a wise example. When did you buy your last War Savings Stamp?

REASON FOR THANKS.

An Irishman, awakening in the night, saw in his room what he took to be a phantom. He seized a shotgun, fired at the ghostlike object, then went back to sleep. The next morning he found that the phantom was nothing but his shirt which he had hung over a chair. "What did you do, Pat, when you found out your mistake?" asked a friend to whom he told the story. "I knelt down," he said, "and thanked the Lord with all my heart that I was not inside my shirt when I fired."

THIS LOT PAID.

On June 21, 1839, Father Timothy O'Meara, chaplain of Fort Dearborn, bought a lake front lot in Chicago from the United States Government for \$25. Recently the property, which has ever since remained in the custody of the Church, was sold by Archbishop Mundelein for \$500,000. In 1900 it was leased to Montgomery Ward & Co., which built on the site the Tower building, Chicago's tallest skyscraper.

HOLY DAYS.

Holy days to be observed in the United States during the remainder of the year are:
The Ascension of Our Lord, May 13.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, August 15.
All Saints, November 1.
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Patronal Feast of the United States, December 8.
The Nativity of Our Lord, or Christmas, December 25.

CHARACTER.

You may set it down as a fact that there isn't a twelve-year-old boy in the neighborhood who hasn't his opinion of you—and he wouldn't be slow about expressing it if a stranger should ask him for it. Every man is always making character whether he is doing anything else or not. Why not build character that you may ever look back upon it with pride?

THE STAMP ACT.

The American stamp act, one of the principal causes that led to the Revolutionary war and this country's freedom, passed the British House of Lords on March 8, 1765.

TWO GREAT MEN.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of two of the world's great men, Michael Angelo and Gen. Phil Sheridan, the first being born in 1474 and the latter in 1831.

THEY ALL HELP.

Onions are supposed to be without an equal as a nerve tonic, blood purifier and general cleanser of the system. Lettuce is conducive to sleep because it contains opium. Parsley is excellent for the stomach and aids digestion.

BETTER THAN POWDER.

We have always known that parsnips and carrots are good for the complexion. The reason for this is that both vegetables contain arsenic, which has an almost magical effect on the skin.