

Monongahela repose there without so much as a simple stone to commemorate the event.

"As if this was not enough of hurtful neglect towards one of our most distinguished names, history has long attributed to another, and to one who was absent, the honor of the initiative of this unequal struggle, and makes to be reflected upon M. de Contrecoeur a portion of the glory which should go entirely to M. de Beaujeu.

"But after all, the light is breaking, and to-day when France and England, laying aside their ancient enmity, have put their sword and their genius to the service of the civilization of the world, and when these two great peoples have learned to better understand and appreciate valiant deeds, let us hope that a chapel will be raised in Pittsburg to the shades of the Hero of the Monongahela in atonement of past neglect.

"Already the France of to-day has begun this noble and grand work of reparation by undertaking to raise a monument to La Bourdonnais, on British soil, with the consent of her ancient rival. The homage, though tardily rendered to the memory of a great man, honors all at the same time, being a credit to the two peoples and the two governments, and let us not doubt the near execution of certain memorials which should be erected to the memory of M. de Beaujeu.

"But in the meanwhile it will not be out of place on the part of our ministers to perform a work wholly patriotic, by giving the name Monongahela to certain of our new townships.

"May it not be also hoped that, by our edicts, we may make proof of a lofty sentiment, one wholly in keeping with our national dignity, by giving this truly historical name to some of our beautiful avenues, or some of our beautiful squares, or even to one of our proposed boulevards.

"The remembrance of such deeds of arms can not be guarded, perhaps, too religiously.

"Would such not be, in effect, a constant and continuous exhortation that seems to stimulate to heroic actions, and which, upon the whole prompting us to look at our origin,