

## SECRETARY'S VIEW OF ROOSEVELT

The Closer You Were, the  
Bigger He Loomed

NO SHAM ABOUT HIM

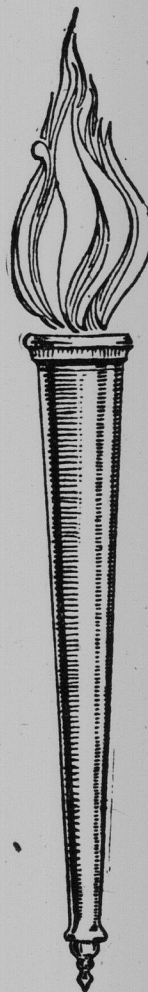
Intimate Glimpses of Great  
Citizen of United States by  
One Closely Associated  
With Him During Latter  
Years of His Life.

That old aphorism that no man is a hero to his own valet was properly met by Carlyle, who remarked that we ought not to have the minds of valets. Nevertheless, it is the general experience of public characters that those who come most intimately into contact with them have the least respect for them. A striking instance to the contrary is provided by Miss Josephine Stricker, who was Theodore Roosevelt's confidential secretary in the last years of his life. He was indeed a hero to her; she says in an article in the New York Tribune, for he was of that rare greatness stuff that the closer you came to him the bigger he loomed, like a mountain. He was not a poseur; those who formed their opinion of him from his public life would find him exactly the same sort of man in private life. He practised his doctrines of Americanism in his home. His relations with his wife and children were ideal. A kinder, more unselfish father never lived. Wherever his home was there was his heart.

**The Kind Employer.**  
When Miss Stricker was recommended to him as his private secretary, she was in despair at having to confess that she had forgotten all the shorthand she ever knew, and that it would be necessary for her to learn it over again. "Well," he smiled, "we'll be patient with each other while you brush up on it, and I know it won't be long before you are an expert." His morning mail averaged about 200 letters a day, and such a thing as an unanswered letter was unknown to Colonel Roosevelt. Even toward the last, when he was in almost constant pain, he insisted that the day's mail should be answered on that day, though his secretary suggested that it might be left over till the morning. He said, "Miss Stricker, when I was president, I instituted a rule to clear my desk each day of the day's work, and I shall stick to it." This, she adds, was the nearest approach to a rebuke that she ever received from him, which is quite as interesting a sidelight upon his character as to his insistence upon the mail. She notes that when he was preparing his speeches or his editorials, he had the habit of walking about the room and delivering them with great fervor as though he were addressing a public audience.

**The Man With a Message.**  
He never spoke without a message, says Miss Stricker. On one occasion, in 1912, two newspapermen who were accompanying him on his tour at Salisbury, Md., strolled over to see that the press arrangements were complete for the meeting he was to address. "Fine!" said one who had joined the party on the previous night. The other smiled. "The Colonel," he said, "will first say, 'Take down those ropes so that everyone can get close to the platform,' and then he'll add, 'move those tables to one side so that everyone can hear me.' He's not coming here to be a spectacle for the mob, but to deliver a message." It turned out exactly as he had foretold, the colonels using the very words the correspondent had employed. He undoubtedly believed that he had messages of enormous importance for the American people. This was not egotism, but simply a sane knowledge of the fact that he had the ear of the public as had no other American of his generation, and that he foresaw grave perils menacing his country which only a roused consciousness on the part of the people could avert.

**Mental Versatility.**  
His mental versatility was one of his most remarkable features. He was an omnivorous reader, and read almost a page at a time. It is related that on one occasion an Australian public man called upon him with a long article upon agricultural topics that he desired to discuss. The president ran his eye over the twenty odd typewritten pages. His visitor said that he would appreciate the favor of another interview when the president had mastered the document. "I have read it," said Roosevelt, and proceeded at once to discuss the matter, even quoting many of the figures which were embedded in the screed. The Australian later said that it was one of the most wonderful feats he had ever witnessed. Others have testified at having been bitterly disappointed when having been commissioned to prepare reports on one subject or another the president



## The Soul of a Vision

My part is ended. So then—  
Other men,  
And women, too, still play their part,  
With courage resolute and dauntless heart.

My broken comrade—  
Scared by scars that time can not efface,  
Is not the jest of fortune; for his aid  
A nation's mighty forces doth provide.

And those who live—  
To carry on our story down the years,  
Face not their "quiet days" in bitter pain;  
(Forgotten, now they've stilled the nation's fears)  
Dwarfed by the lust of pride and selfish gain.

My Canada—  
Thou fair land for whom great love  
Inspired my youth to ancient sacrifice;  
Grant that our serried ranks in realms above  
May witness bear thee, worthy of the Price.

## To Pay Debts of Honour

To the Dead and to the richness of their dying,  
we must give pause, and in humility confess  
a debt beyond redemption.

Before the altar of their sacrifice, Canada is consecrated to make its dominion worthy. The Torch that illumines Victory so dearly bought, must burn eternally. Each year of peace must record an added lustre to our heritage.

But to those who have come back in suffering,  
Canada owes a debt which money can, in part, repay.

It is a Debt of Honour. Canada was pledged to the end, that the wounded and the sick be adequately cared for, until they were fairly fitted for the competitive existence of civil life.

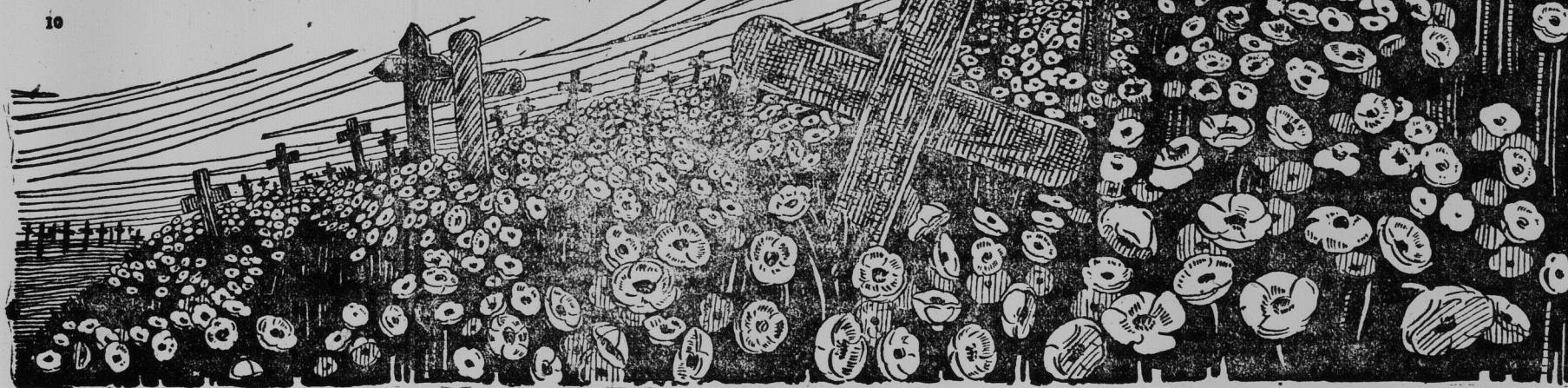
For this purpose, our medical services, and our vocational training schools must be maintained until the need for them is no more.

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would merely appear to skim over the  
pages. Never, however, did he fail in  
this swift glance to seize upon the es-  
sential points, the facts that were to be  
most useful.

**The Next Presidency.**

Miss Stricker says that his diversity  
was such that he could actually enter-  
tain two divergent sentiments simultane-  
ously. Once he received the following  
note from one of his Rough Riders:  
"Dear Colonel, I am in trouble. I am  
in jail for shooting a lady in the eye—  
but I did not mean to shoot the lady; I

was shooting at my wife." For an in-  
stant the humor of the appeal struck  
the colonel, but in the same instant, re-  
ports his secretary, there came a wave  
of pity for a man in such a moral and  
mental state as to offer such an excuse.  
As regards the part he might have taken  
in the presidential campaign of 1920 had  
he lived, he spoke in Miss Stricker's hear-  
ing to Governor Allen of Kansas, in Feb-  
ruary, 1918. He said that he would not  
lift a finger to get the nomination, but  
that if the party unanimously and spon-  
taneously offered it to him, he could  
not refuse. "The dearest to me in the

male line are on the other side of the  
water, fighting and being made ready to  
fight for their country. If they do not  
return, what would the presidency mean  
to me? In case they do return, nothing  
would give me greater joy than to spend  
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ily."

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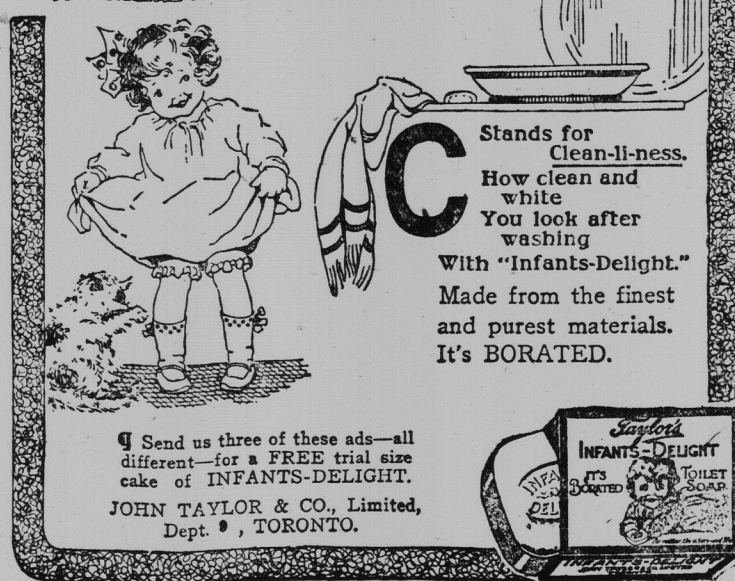
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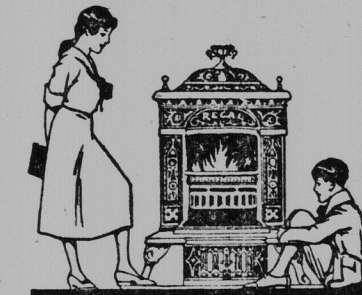


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