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thing more to him than a mere bit of bunting, the flag founts a lie, and it is your duty and my duty, my fellow Americans, to wash that lie from the flag.

Now bear with me a few minutes longer-a very fc minutes-while I speak to you of a patriotism that is more needed right now than any sort of patriotism was ever before needed in this republic. I have no patience with those who teach what seems to me to be the unpatriotic and unchristian doctrine called "the strenuous life," of which we have heard so much during the last few years. Those who advocate this so-called strenuous life take issue with the Man of Nazareth, and rowhere in the Good Book which we-or most of us-believe to be the inspired word of God, can there be found one iota of evidence in support of strenuosity as exemplified in our modern social and business life. That strenuosity implies the idea of climbing to success over the bowed backs of weaker brethren, and whether that success be financial or social it means that the successful one has won place and power because of superior stringth that enables him to overcome the lesser strength of his brethren. That such a system is must be admitted by every student of even an embryotic understanding of t! principles of human brotherhood is so apparent that we must stand amazed that such an inhuman and selfish doctrine has obtained even a slight hold upon the hearts of American men and women.

Manifestations of patriotism are not confined to one rut; and it is not nec-

swindled under the guise of law, who essary for one to die upon the field having done a work like that of Jane of the Almighty as the sacrifice of one swindled under the guise of law, who essary for one de to de is forced to abandon hope; while that of battle to evidence his particle from Ris of East Side fame, than to lie forth among suffering humanity and whose love for it is not so ingrained in the glory of those who have respond-whose love for it is not so ingrained in the glory of those who have respond-under a marble shaft reared because laves the parched lips of God's unhis soul that he will willingly die in ed to the nation's call for armed de-Its defense because it means some- fenders and marched away to fife and glory upon the battlefield. drum to fight and die in defense of their country and its institutions. But there is a higher and a diviner manifestation of patriotizm than this, and can we deny that there is in his to it I would call your attention-the

patriotism that impels the citizen to live for his country. War offers many opportunities for a display of patriotism, but greater opportunities are afforded in these days of so-called peace and these opportunities may be found in the slums of our great cities where men and women and children weep and starve and suffer and die in destitution and woe-victims of the greed of men who are our most vociferous and daughters were the crystalized advocates of the strenuous life in the financial and business world. Were I rich, rich beyond the dreams of avarice, and inclined to build monuments to patriots who have served their country well, I would for the time being pass by those who have died upon the field of battle, and rear monuments to those grand heroes and heroines who, sacrificing their own creature comforts, have toiled and toiled in the filth and dirt of the slums to carry some ray of hope and cheer and comfort into the darkened lives of the untold number of victims to human greed. To my mind the knightliest hero who --er couched contrary to the spirit of the Master lance and rode in full tilt to the fray -no matter what his cause-is not the scriptures. That it is contrary to for one moment to be compared with that grand woman of Chicago whose life has been devoted to bettering the conditions of her brothers and her sisters of the slums. When the final roll of earth's greatest and best is called, the name of Jane Addams will lead many of tiose whom the world hails as herces. I would rather live in the memory of a few by reason of

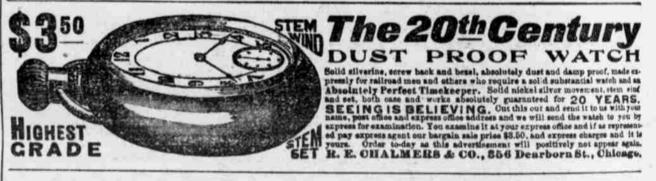
I had gained honor and fame and fortunates.

Dr. Johnson was too narrow in his definition of patrotism, but when we stop to think about it for a moment definition a great truth which we need to impress more firmly upon our minds. A multi-millionaire at the beginning of our recent war with Spain armed and equipped a regiment at his own expense, and he was hailed by press and public at a "patriot." And yet we know that his vast fortune was accumulated at the expense of millions of his fellows, and that the and afford them an opportunity to bepearls and diamonds worn by his wife tears of widows and orphans whose comfort had been sacrificed, whose lives had been blighted and whose homes had been wrecked to satisfy the greed and avarice of this man. Men who have accumulated fortunes by trickery, chicanery and fraud, but who have kept inside the letter of the law of the land while violating its spirit, scattering woe and misery in their wake, stand forth with smug face and sanctimonious cant and give huge sums to "charity"-God save the mark-and men and women hail them as philanthropists and talk about how much these men love their country and their fellows. All the millions given by a Rockefeller or a Carnegie rifices along the primrose paths of will not weigh as much in the scales peace.

You and I know men right here in Lincoln who would unhesitatingly announce their willingness to die for their country, and yet these men perjure themselves every year when the tax collector comes around to get the money necessary to the life of the country.

We need less of this willing-to-diefor-one's-country patriotism and more of the patriotism that will impel us to live for our country. To sacrifice not only our time but our money to better the conditions of our fellows come strong, thoughtful and intelligent citizens. The "ure of this country lies not in the hands of those who are ready and willing to die for it, but in the hands of those who are ready to live for it-live for it and devote their lives to abolishing the evils that have crept into our social being-the evils of greed and avarice. The "sweat shop," the trust, and all other cancerous growth that sicken our body politic are not to be cured by an exhibition of that patriotism that contemplates only death upon the battlefield.

God hasten the day when the citizenship of America shall realize that the crying need of the nation is not sacrifice upon the battlefield, but sac-





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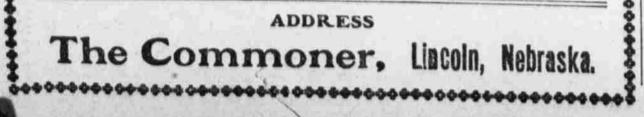
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