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FOLLOW THE FLAG¹

By every fireside where live the love of country and the love of justice is heard a sigh of relief that our flag is not, after all, to be trampled in the mire. Now that it has been raised aloft, follow it. Follow it even to the battle front.

It goes on a HIGH mission. The land over which it flies inherited its spirit of freedom from a race that had practiced liberty for a thousand years. And the daughter paid back the debt to the mother. Her successful practice of free institutions caused the civic stature of the citizen in the mother-land to grow. It lit the torch of liberty in France. Then, moving abreast, these three lands of democracy imparted to it impetus so resistless that freedom is sweeping victorious round the globe. To-day con-

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stitutional government is the rule, not the exception, in the world. Once more these three nations are together leading a great cause and this time as brothers in arms.

Follow the flag. It goes on a **WORLD** mission. *If the high hope of our President is fulfilled, that flag will have new meaning. Just as the stars and stripes in it originally symbolized the union of free States in America, so now they may come to symbolize the beginnings of a union of nations, self-governing, and, because they are self-governing, making for good-will and justice.*

Follow the flag. It goes on a **STEADY** mission. Follow it, not for revenge, yet in anger — righteous anger toward the bloody crew who, with criminal intent, have brought upon the world the greatest sum of human misery it has ever known in all its history. Follow it till that ugly company is put down and the very people themselves whom they so grievously deceived and misled, by coming into

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liberty, will come to bless that flag and kiss its gleaming folds.

Follow the flag. Too long it has been absent from that line in France where once again an Attila has been stopped. It has been needed there, God knows! And yet, though not visible to the eye, it is and has been there from the beginning. It is there in the hearts of those fifty thousand American boys who saw their duty clear and moved up to it. Now at last it may be flung to the breeze in the front line, to be visible by day, and to remain at nightfall, like the blessings of a prayer fulfilled, in the consciousness of men. Follow it and take your stand beside the fifty thousand.