

Let us do our best to support our armed forces, and let us hope that tried by fire as they have been, their virtues will have been refined and their dross consumed.

Above all things let us not give way to our fears. Our ancestors saw dark days even in America, but courage, self confidence, and faith carried them thru.

Of the 101 persons who came on the Mayflower, 50 died the first year. Every member of one colony vanished, leaving no clue as to their fate. Unnumbered thousands of pioneers were killed by Indians. Everything seemed lost at Valley Forge. When Abraham Lincoln was first elected president, he was carefully guarded against assassination. Defeat after defeat attended the Union army in the beginning of the Civil War. The pioneers of Kansas, our own state, suffered frightfully. Even as recent as the uprising of Farmer's Alliance and Populists, the future looked bad, but the American people never gave up and never lost confidence in themselves or in their country.

Prosperity followed the dark days of 1893. The Panic of 1907 was short lived. We have had our ups and downs, but we shall again arise.

Every day the reports from our battle fronts show that the American spirit is not dead. That heroes are still giving their lives for country and civilization. That we have not ^{given}~~grown~~ up to fear, but are brave, courageous and full of hope for better days, better government, greater faith and higher standards of character.

Like a ray of light thru the darkness of night comes the word of true Americanism in the following dispatch of December 2, 1944:

Anent sacrificial death of
four chaplains.

To me there is encouragement in this news item.