

come to look upon as everyday, nothing-to-get-excited-about possessions.

Apart from the welcome opportunities afforded by such occasions as this to renew acquaintance with friends from other sections, I believe that Regattas like these serve a very worthwhile purpose for the entire State, in helping to acquaint more and more of our residents with the advantages that are theirs for the taking. In thus helping to acquaint Marylanders generally with this portion of their State, it gives them an incentive to take a more active interest in these regions, and in the problems that face the State in connection with them. For, priceless as these natural resources may be, their value to posterity will be greatly lessened unless we take care of them in the proper manner now.

So—not to be too serious on a festive occasion like this—I wish merely to say in closing that I am very happy to be here with you. In fact, I can think of no other place that I'd rather be at the moment. I hope, and expect, to have the opportunity to greet many of you while here. Certainly, I wish for all of you the pleasant week-end that I know is in store for me.

MEMORIAL CRAFTSMEN DEDICATION EXERCISES

August 17, 1939

Baltimore

WE are gathered here this evening to do honor to the memory of two of Maryland's sons who laid down their lives for us, and in so doing gave evidence of bravery so conspicuous as to win for themselves places among the illustrious ranks of the Distinguished Warriors of our Country.

As Governor of Maryland, I feel deeply privileged to accept, on behalf of the State this well-merited tribute from the Memorial Craftsmen of America. It expresses, fittingly, Maryland's pride in the valorous achievements of Private Coston and Ensign Hamman, who out of all the thousands of courageous Marylanders participating in the World War, were chosen as worthy recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

This shaft will be for all time a worthy addition to the many historic monuments and memorial groups that have enriched the history and traditions of Maryland, and especially of Baltimore. The Memorial Craftsmen of America, meeting here now in annual convention, well deserve our thanks for this permanent memento of their stay among us.

On an occasion like this, stirred as we all must be by poignant memories of these two men and of many others who perished that the ideals of Democracy might survive, it seems to me that we might well pause and reflect a moment on the meaning of it all. The fighting, the privations, the deaths and untold sufferings of that Great War seemingly came to an end nearly twenty-one years ago, but the aftermath of that gigantic struggle is still with us, and will be for many years to come.

Such reflections would seem particularly appropriate just at this time when in many quarters, we note threats of the beginning of another Great War that may be far more destructive in every way than was that period of horror that many of you now standing before me, I have no doubt, still recall only too vividly.