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doors. The British officials were received with great frankness and cordiality, and were allowed such stations as enabled them to witness the whole ceremony.

Exactly as the clock struck one, Colonel Oratio, who occupied the chair, and silence being obtained, read aloud the declaration, which announced to the world that the lie of Magna, which had so long held Britain and her North American colonies together, was forever separated. This being finished, the gentlemen stood up, and, after repeating the words as they were spoken by Sir Oliver, swore to uphold, at the sacrifice of his life, the rights of his son.

The history committee of the United Confederate Veterans met at Richmond, and decided to nominate a monument to be erected to the heroes of the South. The sheriff of Virginia, D. L. Seale, the general, and J. Edward Addicks, in that office, who has refused to pay taxes upon it because it is not in operation—while E.

McKee, of New York, committed suicide in a Philadelphia hotel by shooting himself through the heart.—An overawed passenger at Marine Point, Boston, collapsed, and thirty people were thrown into the water, two of whom were drowned.—A number of miners engaged in trying to reach the hundred entombed men in the Twin Shaft, at Pluton, narrowly escaped a similar fate. Water has begun to pour into the slope, and old miners have abandoned all hope of saving "the poor souls who were caught in the cave."—The fire at West Virginia River did great damage to the fields of grain in the valley. The schooner Norma, from Louisville, arrived at Fort Townsend, Wash., with thirty-two disabled miners, who proposed to go to Astoria, Oregon, to obtain employment and supplies and return rapidly.

At Newport, R. I., Judge Hahn overruled the motion for a new trial for Alonso Walling, convicted of the murder of Scott Jackson in the murder of Scott Bryan.

The United States has been invited to send delegates to the second continental con-

gress to be held at Washington, D. C., next month.

The first original draft was penned by Mr. Jefferson, Chairman of the committee. On the 2d of July Congress proceeded to the serious consideration of this momentous paper.

The discussion, as to the tone and statement characterizing the document, and the propriety of adopting it at that time—a measure as decisive, lasted for nearly three days, and was extremely earnest.

It was so powerfully opposed by some of the members that Jefferson compared the opposition to "Ossian's notion of gravity. Weighing upon us by night and by day," its supporters,

however, were the leading minds, and urged its adoption with masterly eloquence and ability.

"Our American colonists," said the committee, "are reduced to the alternative of absolute submission to their so-called royal masters or of armed resistance. Already they had fled through the country to the distant woods of Patrick Henry:

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And as the blood of patriot hearts had now flowed freely and bravely at

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Well and truly did the mighty

refusing tribute.

Refusing to pay the tribute of taxation arbitrarily imposed upon them at the point of the bayonet by the British crown; failing, too, to move the King and his ministers from their career of haughty and reckless obstinacy, the thirteen American colonies found themselves reduced to the alternative of abject submission to their so-called royal masters or of armed resistance. Already they had fled through the country to the distant woods of Patrick Henry:

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Washington, having the declaration with him, read it to the assembled militia, and the paper itself as the complete vindication of America, before the battle, on the fifteenth anniversary of the act which constituted their chief glory.

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