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GOVERNOR DURBIN'S LABOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Conforming with legislative action and in cheerful compliance with custom, I hereby designate and proclaim Monday, Sept. 1, 1902, a legal holiday, recognized by law and commonly known as Labor Day. The occasion is designed to permit all classes of wage-earners to suspend their usual avocations in order that they may join in such recreation as may be deemed proper for their enjoyment and for the advancement of the interests with which they are identified. To the end that all employes may have the fullest opportunity to participate in the festivities of the day, and with the view of carrying out the spirit and beneficial objects of



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the law, it is recommended that all public and ordinary business be suspended so far as may be found practicable, that factories be closed during the period named, and that every facility be afforded by employers to employes to avail themselves of the benefits of a day set apart especially for those

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The scene changed. Where there had been fields there were dwellings. Trees had been cut away. Others that had been mere sprouts were casting broad shadows. The sun stood high in the heavens.

The clock in the spire struck 2.

There was a deeper, more intense melody in the strokes than before, both joyous and solemn, giving me an impression of great happiness blended with a sense of great responsibilities. The sound had not died away before there came from the hills a merry shout, and I saw a wedding procession moving toward me. The bride walked alone, followed by her family and friends. Reaching the bridge, she crossed it with a firm step, and when she turned her eyes to me I saw in them traces of the look I had seen in the little girl and knew that she was the same. She passed on, with her retinue, and was soon lost in the oaks that hid the church. Then there was a hush, and the strains of a wedding march burst forth. In another moment variegated tints were to be seen moving through openings in the trees. The married pair, followed by their friends, had left the church and were going to their home.

The clock struck 3.

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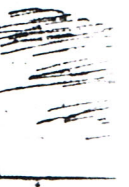
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A single stroke broke upon midnight,
 a wall, a dirge, an essence of infinite
 misery. I looked about me and
 through the darkness saw that it was
 winter. The stream beneath me was
 congealed. The hills were white with
 snow. As the vibration of the bell
 came on they lost their melancholy,
 swelling slowly into strains of heav-
 enly music. As the first stroke had
 signalized the birth of a child, this
 was a greeting to a soul that had trod-
 den its earthly path and was being
 welcomed in heaven. I looked up into
 the dark vault studded with stars, and
 fancy showed me one more picture, a
 face in which were blended the child,
 the bride, the mother. In it there was
 neither youth nor age, but a sexless
 spirit of rare beauty, flickering like an
 aurora.

It faded, and I saw my bedroom
 lighted by the faint glow of a night
 lamp. The vibration of the stroke I
 had last heard ended in the tones of
 the tiny bell of my repeater under my
 pillow. Reaching for the watch, I
 touched a spring, and it struck the
 hour of 1:

I had gone to bed and to sleep at a
 few minutes after midnight. In less
 than an hour the musical strokes of
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