

Peace and
Patriotism

A message to the residents of Forest Hills Gardens on the occasion of the 143rd Anniversary of Independence, by America's foremost war correspondent —



ISAAC F. MARCOSSON

The Forest Hills Gardens Fourth of July Celebration Committee takes pleasure in presenting to the residents of the community on the occasion of the 143rd celebration of our Day of Independence, Isaac F. Marcossou, the foremost American war correspondent who has returned from a prolonged trip to the War Zone of Europe, and the first man from Europe to tell of the beginnings of Peace conditions and trade aspirations. He brings with him a truly remarkable knowledge of the war and the problems that must follow.

The Great War has brought fame to more than one American writer, but to none perhaps has it bestowed such varied distinction as upon Isaac F. Marcossou. Before the stupendous conflict crashed into civilization he was known as the most brilliant living writer on business. His interpretation of so many phases of the European struggle, however, has given him a whole new reputation and a unique place among its historians.

Mr. Marcossou has retired temporarily from the lecture platform and has been concentrating his undivided attention to the preparation of an autobiography. His consent to emerge from temporary retirement at this time was secured principally because he recalled very vividly Forest Hills Gardens and its residents from a description which had been given him by his very good friend, the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who addressed us on the day of our celebration in 1917, and who was so pleased with the attention and reception that he received, that he found it a suitable medium through which to make to Mr. Marcossou some rather flattering references to our residents and community.

The late Colonel Roosevelt said, "He has played the part of a straight American in this war. He has done everything in his power to arouse our nation to its duty. I wish him God speed with all my heart."

Mr. Marcossou, in his specially prepared address entitled "Peace and Patriotism," will give some intimate sidelights on the great leaders of the "Great Struggle." He will describe in detail the outstanding figures of the war from personal contact. He will narrate his interviews with Lloyd George, Field-Marshal Haig, Clemenceau, General Foch, King Albert, General Diaz, General Pershing and Kerensky.

Mr. Marcossou has a personal acquaintance which has enabled him to obtain from the highest possible sources information on which to base his opinions.

He made it his duty to especially study the American Army, that vast machine of fighters and supply that was the decisive factor in the war. Mr. Marcossou is the foremost living inter-

preter of the American Army; he has been with it and studied it as no others have, and to him it is as a favorite child. He knows of its great triumph and will tell of these victories at a time when the men are coming home.

He was the first man in Russia after the Revolution, a man who was in every one of the Allied countries hot after each important event, a man who knows more of the leaders of the war personally than any other war writer. Out of his experience he brings a message of intense interest and broad appeal. No one should miss hearing him. The interests of our future demand a hearing for him.

Mr. Marcossou's personality has often been compared to that of Colonel Roosevelt, whom he resembles in vigor and action. He is a human dynamo and works at high speed and pressure.



Mr. Marcossou Interviewing Lord Northcliffe.

The most notable tribute ever paid an American writer was the testimonial dinner given to Isaac F. Marcossou in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday evening, April 24, in appreciation of his distinguished services in the war. More than fourteen hundred representative men and women attended while four hundred were unable to secure places. It was the biggest banquet ever held in the Waldorf-Astoria, according to Oscar himself, and for the first time tables were placed in the upper as well as the lower boxes. The Honorable James M. Beck presided and the speakers included the Honorable Edward N. Hurley, Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and Major Ian Hay Beith ("Ian Hay"), the noted soldier-author. Mr. Marcossou received a great ovation and delivered a stirring address.

The Invitation Committee was perhaps the most remarkable group of names ever assembled for this purpose. It included such outstanding military figures as Major-General Leonard Wood and Major-General George W. Goethals; such eminent diplomats as former Ambassadors James W. Gerard, Myron T. Herrick, Henry Morgenthau and Abram I. Elkus; such financial leaders as Frank A. Vanderlip, Jacob H. Schiff, Thomas F. Ryan, Thomas W. Lamont, Otto H. Kahn, Elbert H. Gary, Charles R. Flint, Charles H. Sabin, Adolph Lewisohn and T. Coleman Du Pont; such captains of capital as George Eastman, John H. Patterson, John N. Willys; such notable publishers, editors and authors as Cyrus H. K. Curtis, George Horace Lorimer, Melville E. Stone, Colonel George Harvey, Arthur Brisbane, Rex Beach and Henry Watterson; such prominent theatrical personages as Daniel Frohman, John Drew and Augustus Thomas; political personages like Frank H. Hitchcock, John B. Stanchfield and William R. Willcox and many others prominent in business and professional life.

We are extremely fortunate to secure Mr. Marcossou to address us, particularly on the Fourth. Here is a one hundred per cent. American vibrant with the principles of Americanism, preaching it with fire and fervor, to address us on our Independence Day. He will bring a message to us and we should not slight the opportunity to hear him.

Let every resident of Forest Hills Gardens be present at Station Square at 11 o'clock. Invite all your friends and acquaintances to be present. Let us receive Mr. Marcossou with such an assemblage as greeted Colonel Roosevelt when he spoke to us.

We feel a pride in our community and we like to invite our friends to enjoy the day. That pride can be intensified to an extreme degree by the knowledge that we can offer them the privilege of hearing Mr. Marcossou speak.

