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*to the memory of that intrepid and valiant Frenchman,
whose bravery, love of liberty, generosity, and friend-
ship with Washington, made Americans, for all time,
his grateful and devoted admirers—*

LE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

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PREFACE

THE first seven chapters of this book are letters received from Russell A. Kelly, age 21, volunteer in the *Légion étrangère*. The letters, many of which were published in the *New York Evening Sun*, were sent to his parents in New York and have been retained in exactly their original form except for the omission of strictly personal matters.

The last communication from him was a military post card mailed June, 15th, 1915. After the severe engagement around Souchez on June 16th in which the Second *Regiment de Marche* of the First Regiment of the Legion suffered severely, he was officially recorded by the French Minister of War as "missing," with the added statement that his name would be carried on the list of missing