

THE STRICKEN STANDARD-BEARER *

It matters little about me but it matters all about the cause we fight for. If one soldier who happens to carry the flag is stricken, another will take it from his hands and carry it on. One after another the standard-bearers may be laid low, but the standard itself can never fall. You know that personally I did not want ever to be a candidate for office again. And you know that only the call that came to the men of the sixties made me answer it, in our day, as they did more nobly in their day. And now, as then, it is not important whether one leader lives or dies, it is important only that the cause shall live and win. Tell the people not to worry about me, for if I go down another will take my place. For always, the army is true. Always the cause is there, and it is the cause for which the people care, for it is the people's cause.

* Statement sent by Mr. Roosevelt from his sick-bed through Senator Beveridge to an audience in Louisville, Ky., October 16, 1912.

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