

WHY WE CELEBRATE.

WE FIRST HELPED ESTABLISH BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA.

But When It Became Oppressive by Reason of Burdensome Taxation and Other Things, the Colonists Set Up a National Standard of Their Own.

In 1763 the peace of Fontainebleau was signed. The French had been driven from the American shores and England sheathed the sword of conquest.

The passage of the "Stamp Act" in 1764 incensed the colonists and called forth that patriotic burst of eloquence from Patrick Henry which afterward became so renowned. Washington felt the approach of the gathering war cloud, and returned to Mount Vernon from the House of Burgesses filled with gloomy forebodings.

The British Government became alarmed at the temper of America, and, as a matter of conciliation, repealed the "Stamp Act." This was in March, 1766. But the tax on tea and other merchandises followed, and two regiments of English regulars were sent across the water to intimidate the colonists.

This was adding insult to injury. The Virginia Assembly denounced Parliament for imposing taxes without allowing representation, and bold resolves were made, declaring that the taxing power should be vested alone in the colonists.

Lord Botetord, the new Governor, who had set up his court in great splendor in Virginia, heard of these daring denunciations. He summoned the council to his audience chamber, and, in a haughty manner, dissolved the State Assembly.

They then convened in a private dwelling, and at that meeting Washington presented a "draft of an association to discountenance the use of all British merchandise taxed by Parliament to raise a revenue in America."

Every member signed it, and a printed copy of the draft was scattered broadcast over the country. It was everywhere applauded. "Non-Importation Associations" sprang up in all the colonies.

Thus events drifted forward, bringing in their wake the birth throes of a great nation. The Boston Tea Party, disguised as Indians, boarded the English ships at night and emptied the tea chests into Boston harbor.

In return, insulting decrees were promulgated from the throne, declaring that Massachusetts should no longer have a voice in the selection of her rulers, and that the port at Boston should be closed.

In Virginia, the House of Burgesses was broken up by Lord Dunmore, the Colonial Governor appointed by the crown. Public indignation against these tyrannies flamed forth everywhere.

Letters came from Boston to Williamsburg recommending a league of the colonies and the suspension of trade with England. The day on which the "Boston Port Bill" was to be enforced was observed with fasting and prayer.

Flags were at half-mast and funeral bells were tolled. The colonists became rapidly convinced that nothing would satisfy the cruel despotism of George the Third save their slavish submission.

This could not be given. And so the war crisis approached nearer and more near. Patriot brows grew thoughtful and patriot hearts resolute as the danger defined itself.

The first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, September 5, 1774, and Washington was a delegate from Virginia. He had come there on horseback from Mount Vernon in company with Patrick Henry and Edmund Pendleton.

A GLORIOUS EMBLEM.

Various Early Flags from which "Old Glory" Was Evolved.

On Saturday, June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution "that the flag of the thirteen States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in blue field, representing a new constellation."

Ten millions of the Stars and Stripes will flaunt their gay colors to the breeze next Saturday. They will wave down on the streets, up in the dizzy heights of cloud piercing poles; in the hands of babies and gray bearded men; on the patient cart horse; on bicycle and street car; far out on the Atlantic and Pacific, in the great sea ports of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia; in every sea and ocean the world over; on the prairie and in the crowded city, indoors and out.

The Red, White and Blue will adorn the earth and the people of all climes will know that the Fourth of July means much to the 70,000,000 people who compose the United States.

Much of a definite character pertaining to the origin of the Stars and Stripes has been lost in the comparatively brief space of time which has elapsed since the inception of the flag. Who originated the design is a matter of conjecture, and this fact, or lack of fact, has been seized upon by fanciful minds to weave many pretty stories. Every schoolboy is familiar with the dainty tale describing the vision of the future flag of the nation in the heavens; the patch of blue with the silver stars gleaming brightly and the long streaks of red and light gray sky.

For many years prior to the Revolution it was a matter of pride with each of the colonies to float some flag other than that of Great Britain, and as a result there were many different kinds of flags flying about in the country. At first these flags bore the cross of St. George or some other English symbol, but as the time advanced these gave way to various devices symbolical of liberty.

In June of 1776 Washington, accompanied by a committee of Congress, called upon Mrs. John Ross, a widow and an upholsterer at No. 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, and sitting in the little parlor in the back of the shop, commissioned her to make a flag for the new nation. The committee had a drawing of the kind of flag wanted, but this was not intelligible to the widow, so General Washington sat down and made a rough sketch of the design.

In due time the flag was made, with the Stars and Stripes, just as it looks to-day, except that there were only thirteen stars. This flag was made a year before it was officially adopted by Congress.

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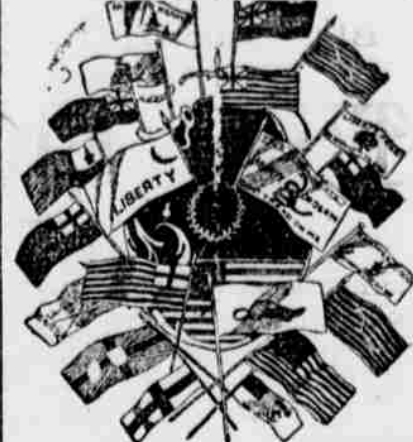
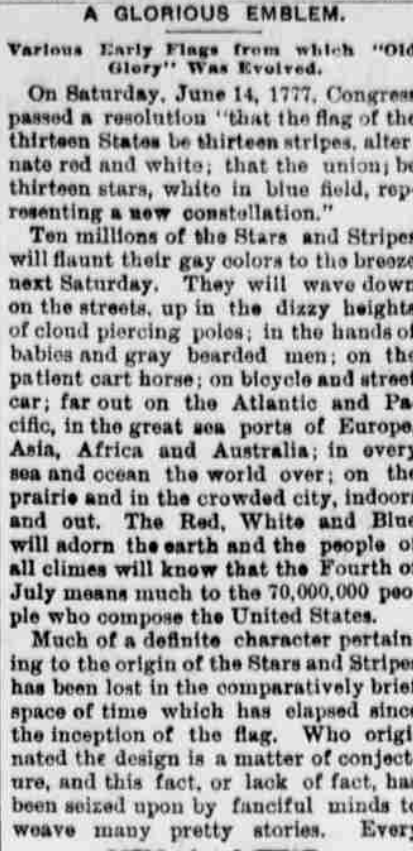
One fireworks company manufactures a set apiece, "Agricoltura," at \$1,350. "Manufactures" cost \$675, and a triple column and stars with the G. A. R. badge \$600. Other fancy high priced special pieces are the train of cars, \$500; G. A. R. badge, \$325; firemen with engine and hose, \$330; George Washington on horseback, extra large, \$240, and the soldier figure and sailor figure, \$235 each.

All these are of heroic size. Of the question which now swept Congress and hovered with anxious perturbation on all lips was, "Who shall be commander-in-chief of the united armies?"

John Adams had the honor to first propose George Washington for this position. "A gentleman," he said, "whose skill and experience as an officer, whose independent fortune, great talents, and excellent universal character would command the approbation of all America, and unite the cordial exertions of all the colonies, better than any other person in the Union." The vote, which was given by ballot, was found to be unanimous for Washington.

He received his commission on the 23rd of June, and the next day set out from Philadelphia for the army. He was accompanied by Generals Lee and Schuyler, and an escort of Philadelphia troops. Twenty miles outside the city they were met by a flying courier with the news of the battle of Bunker Hill.

Washington listened breathlessly, and when told of the heroic behavior of the Americans, exclaimed with emotion: "The liberties of our country are safe!" From this time onward, for eight long, suffering years, until April, 1783, the war of the American Revolution dragged its slow length along, and the history of General Washington is so interwoven with the struggle that one cannot be written without the other.



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