Randadad GLORIOUS. FOURTH: TTLE Adelbert arose at four And crept down-stairs to the big

front door And down the walk to the garden gate, And there he start

with bursting cracker and roaring gun.
He waked the neighbors, every one:
He scared the cat out of all her sense,
And blew the slats off the picket fence,
And came to breakfast with one black eye,
And said: "Hooray, for the Fourth of
July!"

He ate with hurry and frantic haste, For never a minute had he to waste; Then out again to the fray he sprang And turned things loose with a mighty "bang!"

He fizzed and spluttered and boomed and dishes rattled and windows smashed While And when, all grimy and sore and lame, Forn and tousled, to lunch he came,

On his swollen lips was the joyous en "Ain't I glad it's the Fourth of July

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All that day, till the twilight's close,
The powder-smoke from the garden rose.
All day long, in the heat and dust.
Little Adelbert "banged" and "bust,"
Till, just as the shadows began to creep,
He blew himself in a senseless heap.
Burnt and blistered and minus hair,
They brought him in for the doctor's care
But, late that night, he was heard to sight
"I wish every day was the Fourth of July!"

—Joe Lincoln, in L. A. W. Bulletin.



Truman Bluford, generally known among his comrades as True Blue, was excitedly announcing this dismal news Rob Tripp and Tenney Cole, in his

father's store. "There's no patriotism in Cherryfield. They've all forgotten how our fathers fought and bled," said Rob Tripp, who liked to read nothing but stories tle, and meant to fight something when he grew up, if it were only Indians.

"It will be as still as Sunday, I know What is the Fourth of July, without a racket?" said Tenney Cole, dejectedly. "I tell you, boys, something ought to be done!" said True.

That was what the boys liked about True. He was always ready to do something. Older people were inclined to think he was a little too ready to do mischief, but the boys were generally ready to follow where True led the way

"We might ring the church bell," said

That wasn't much to do, Rob thought; it sounded rather tame. Still, it would be fun to wake the stupid Cherryfield people out of the naps which they had no business to be having on Fourth of July morning, and startle the select men, who had decided that there should be no ringing of bells.

"How could we get into the church?"

asked Tenney Cole, who was of a prac tical turn of mind.

"Break in, of course," replied True coolly. "You can't expect to have all that fun without—well, without hearsomething about it afterward. could break a window in the porch; and when we once got hold of the wouldn't we make people think the bell was bewitched! They'd blame Sandy McVie for not being on the watch, too. It would be a good joke on the old rascal. He's got us into enough trouble by telling of us.

True's father was coming from the back part of the store, so the boys lowered their voices and walked quietly out at the door; while behind the ter, from the stooping posture in which he had been measuring for himself : gallon of molasses, arese Sandy McVie He looked after the beys, with all the shrewd little wrinkles in his face drawing themselves up into hard knots.

"A good joke on the old rascal, eh?" he muttered. "There's never any knowing how a joke may turn out, my fin fellows! You're fixing a Fourth o July celebration for yourselves that'll be more than you bargained for, if I'm not mistaken."

The boys went on, all unconsciou that Sandy McVie had been a listener to the conversation that was certainly not intended for his ears

"It would be a good thing if we could get into the church without breaking a window," said Tenney Cole. "There's little Rose MeVie now. Let's ask her where her father keeps the key." "Hanging on a nail in the closet, un-der his coat," replied the little girl, on being oversioned.

being questioned.

"Couldn't you get it for us, Rosy, and not let anybody know it, if we gave you the greatest lot of candy you ever saw, and a bunch of torpedoes for to-mor-

Rosy was a very small person, with a very large appetite for candy, to say nothing of a strong desire to celebrate the proper amount of noise the anniversary of her country's independence. Her eyes grew big and round ingly ence. Her eyes grew big and at the alluring prospect, and she nod-ded emphatically her willingness to unerrand. So it was settled that she should bring them the key that night, after her father had hung up his coat in the closel, so there would

again and discover the absence of the

That afternoon Sandy McVie and his

make them smart for it, than to take all that trouble," he grumbled. "Or Rosy McVie will tell, if she hasn't aljust give their fathers a hint of what they are up to." Rosy McVie will tell, if she hasn't already," said Tenney.
"She won't. She's too much afraid of

they are up to." 'Since they are so fond of jokes, I'm willing they should have a bit of a one, said the sexton, rubbing his hands, gleefully. "They'll catch it fast enough for breaking the church window.'

Rosy McVie stole out of the house mined to look on the bright side that night after dark and delivered the church key into True's hands, receiving in return an amount of eandy and torpedoes that had cost a large share of the boys' Fourth of July savings. But they were all satisfied that it was money well spent, for they had learned from sad experience that the results of breaking windows were never amus-

It was about half-past four o'clock on the morning of the Fourth when the three boys unlocked the church door. It was very quiet for a Fourth of July morning. Now and then came the banging of a gun, the feeble popping of firecrackers and torpedoes, and the o'clock and took a walk around dismal shrick of a fish horn; but there were very few people astir.

church. There was no broken window. "So they gave it up, the young rascals."

"This stupid old town will get a waking up in a minute now. And people ought to thank us. It's a burning shame to have it so still. You may be sure they're making things lively over at Borrowsville by this time."

to assist in the celebration after they self. had waked up Cherryfield. "They won't thank us, you know," said Tenney Cole. "Boys never are ap-

"I don't expect it will be just exactly thanks that we shall get," said True, drily, as he turned the key in the

be no danger that he would go there here to look," replied True. "And my mother said I might stay all night with my cousins over at Borrowsville. She won't expect me home till to-morrow, son, a stout lad of 18, paid a visit to the church. Archie, the son, came out, looking very warm and tired.

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"But when she knows we're lost,

her father to tell that she gave us the key," averred True. "But he'll find out that the key is

gone, and then he'll suspect that we are here," said Tennet, who was deter-

"Next Sunday, maybe! starved to death before then!" Rob, who was not proving himself as brave as his desire for fighting had led his comrades to suppose. "Somebody must have got wind of

what we meant to do, or the tongue wouldn't have been taken out of the bell," said Tenney; "and no one could be mean enough to keep us here for long on the Fourth of July."

"Sandy McVie is mean enough for anything," declared Rob; "and perhaps they have only taken the tongue out to repair it, or something of that kind.

Sandy McVie meanwhile arose at five

and have probably gone over to Borrowsville to do their celebrating," said the sexton to himself, and felt a disap pointment that he should be denied th grim satisfaction of bringing the young Borrowsville by this time."

Borrowsville was a town on the other side of the river, where the boys meant to assist in the college of the river.

If not exactly out of Cherryfield, they were certainly too far above it to inter fere with its quiet. A faint echo of distant Fourth of July noises came tantalizingly to their ears now and then. The minutes dragged along heavily. They had no means of telling time, and ar True, drily, as he turned the key in the lock behind them. "Anybody that's afraid had better back out now."

Nobody backed out. Six hands seized the bell rope. There was "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together." and on means of teling time, and an hour seemed like a day; but night finally eame, the dimness deepened to utter darkness, and, stretched upon the floor, they all fell asleep. Being boys, they could sleep, although the floor was



SANDY M'VIE HAD-BEEN A LISTENER

But no sound followed. They looked, hard and keen gnawings reminded them at each other in silent amazement and tried it again. They could feel that the bell swayed backward and but it did not ring. What could be the

"Somebody must have muffled it!" exclaimed Rob.

"We'll go up and see what's the mat-

ter, anyway," said True.

A long, long flight of steep and narow stairs led to the first landing in the church steeple. Beyond that was a ladder leading to the bell loft. There was a trap door which they pushed to the loft.

"If here isn't a go! The tongue is one from the bell!" cried True. "Nov who do you suppose did that?"

"Rosy must have told on us. I just wish we hadn't given her all that can dy." lamented Tenney.

The great bell hung there empty powerless to arouse any Fourth of J

enthusiasm, and looking as sad as if it realized its dumbness. "I should just like to catch the fellow that did that," said Rob, flourishing his ist at an imaginary foe, as he did so, unfortunately striking the trap door with his elbow, and causing it to fall with a erash. It was somewhat dark in the loft, now that the trap door was clos the only light coming from a little the bell tongue. round window, like a porthole in a ves

sel, far above their heads. "Lift up the door, Rob. We may as well go down. tongue out wouldn't leave it where we could find it, you may be sure," said

But when Rob tried to lift the door, folding, and then with one mighty eflo and behold! it stuck fast. The iron fort, he pushed it off. It came to the ring which had once served as a handle floor with a crash that seemed as if it by which they could get a sufficiently firm hold to pull with any considerable amount of strength. They tried to pry it open with their knives but only sufficiently with the property of the it open with their knives, but only succeeded in breaking them. And time time had now come to fight something. was wearing away, and the Borrows-ville celebration must be getting to-realized that the bell tongue was found.

Fourth in!" said Rob, with a grean.
"How long do you suppose it will be before they miss us at home and come to look for us?"
"Why they'd power think of cavalog."

"Why, they'd never think of coming parce the tongue in the bell, but, after * terday. Golden Days,

that they had gone breakfastless, dinnerless and supperless.

When True awakened, a little shaft of sunlight shone through the small window, away up in the dimness of the steeple. It danced upon the cobwebs that covered the dusty beams until they looked as if made of gold thread. A great, long-legged spider was dragging a hapless fly into his web. The spider's web had been partially torn away, and the dust had been brushed from the beams in the corner near it. There was a little scaffold in the corner covered with shavings and chips, evidently left there when the last repairing was done. But somebody had been up in that corner lately. How otherwise could the spider's web broken? True wondered idly what anybody could have beer there for, and then a sudden thought struck him that sent the blood rushing to his head, and made him for a moment feel faint and dizzy. In another moment he was climbing up those beams nimbly as only a squirrel or a boy could climb. He put his hand under the heap of shavings and chips, and it touched something very hard and cold. He dashed off the chips and shavings with which it was covered, and disclosed

True wanted to shout for joy, but he knew that he needed all his strength just now, and restrained himself. He Whoever took that coald not have lifted the bell even if he had not been obliged to clins to a beam with one hand, but he could draw it along to the edge of the scafbroken off, and there was no way might arouse all Charryfield, and cer ward its liveliest.

"It's of no use to holler. Nobody could hear us." said Tenney, despairingly.

"It's of no use to holler in though to have been smart enough to find it yesterday." True thought that if he hadn't been awake when that suntil "It's a pretty place to spend the Fourth in!" said Rob, with a greau. "How long do you suppose it will be be-

and were making amends by celebrat ng the 5th, and they came hurriedly lriving into the village to see what was the matter. At length somebody more courageous than Sandy McVie insisted upon going into the church to investigate, and Sandy went to get the key. The disovery that it was gone put a new ace upon the matter, and Sandy's suspicions reverted to the boys whose lans he had overheard, and he voluncered to break of an a window and

much lifting and saruggling, it was

done, however. Then they all pulled with a will, and a clang that almost

deafened them came from the bell. Sleeping Cherryfield was aroused in a

very few minutes, and asked, in amaze-ment, what was the matter. The new fire engine was taken out with a rush

and clamor. But where was the fire?

People ran wildly about and nobody

semed to know. The most mystified man was old Sandy McVie, who ran out

of the house in a maze of bewilderment, and declared that the bell was be-

witched. How else could it ring without a tongue? And how could any hu-

man being get into the church when the

door was securely locked, and no witi-

And still the bell rang wildly and amorously, as such a sober-minded

old church bell was never known to ring

Fourths of July seem to possess it.

People on the outskirts of the town began to think that the selectmen had

repented of not celebrating the Fourth,

The spirit of half a dozen

dow broken, as anybody could see?

end the search.

Rosy McVie at that time was pulling the bedelothes over her head, and won-dering what would become of her, and resolving never again to touch a key or anything else that she had no right o, for all the candy in the dy was good, but, oh, how bad was he terror she was suffering now! And Rosy is not likely to forget her resolve. although she was never found out. The oys agreed that they would "never be o mean as to tell on a girl, anyway," and they were always supposed to have the key from Sandy McVie's loset themselves.

When they heard the footsteps of heir rescuers the boys ceased to ring he bell. It was easy enough to open the trapdoor from beneath. While the oys were wondering anxiously whether it ever could be opened, Sandy Me-Vie's head popped up out of it like a Jack-in-the-box. Rob's father came next, and Rob-who meant to fight Inlians--threw his arms around his neck and-cried. Rob's father had suffered ome anxiety about him, but though he had stayed at Borrowsville with

Everybody agreed that the boys had been sufficiently punished by their im-prisonment and the loss of their Fourth of July fun. Even Sandy McVie said "he guessed they wouldn't be apt to do it again." But he may have been omewhat softened by the compliments hiding the bell tongue.

The boys didn't care to say much

about their adventure. They felt as if the trick they had tried to play had been turned upon themselves. When True's Borrowsville cousins asked him what kind of a Fourth he had had, he replied, carelessly:
"Oh, a sky-high one!"

Which was certainly truer than the cousins, who had their own opinion of Cherryfield celebrations, believed. But those three boys will never ring another church bell without leave. Sophie Swett, in Golden Days:

Independence Day.

Fling out the flag, the starry flag,
The banner of the free!
The symbol of the land we love,
The land of liberty!
Our fathers with their willing blood
Bapilized that banner gay,
So let it stream, its stars agleam,
On independence day!

From brave New England's rugged shore Washed by Atlantic's waves,
To western lands whose pebbly strands The fair Pacific laves—
From Minnesota's swamps and swales To southern hummocks gay,
Fling out afar the Bripes and stars On Independence day!

Fling out the flag, the dear old flag, The flag our grandsires won! The emblem of the land we love, The land of Washington! The blond of Washington:
The blond of heroes thrills our hearts
And bids us haste away.
To consecrate with fitting state
Our Independence day!
--Helen W. Clark, in N. Y. Ledger.

Why He Is Happy. To Jacon 1.1

Why does the kid look proud and smile, As to the woodshed he retires? for eighteen fires -Golden Day

"The Night Before the Fourth." sleepless lies with swearing tongue use the old church bell is rung ly some mischlevous elf, thinks he of that olden time n, just as midnight's stroke would chime. chime,
Adown the lightning-rod he'd climb
To ring that bell himself.
-L. A. W. Bulletin.

Taking His Revenge. Rafferty—An' waz it th' Choinese that invinted foircemekers?

OUR FINANCES.

Treasury Deficit for the Year Will Be Less Than \$100,000,000-Som Interesting Figures.

Washington, June 22.—It is regarded as a conservative estimate that treasury deficit for the fiscal year 1899, which closes ten days hence, will be less than \$100,000,000. Already the re ceipts for the year aggregate over \$498, 800,000, with the expenditures barely \$100,000,000 more, with ten days, judg ing from past years, of heavy receip yet to be accounted for. Up to this date the customs receipts amount to over \$200,400,000; from internal revenue 3,550,000 was realized, and from miscellaneous sources there was received \$35,500,000. The total receipts from all sources last year amounted to \$405,-321,335, while the expenditures aggregated \$443,368,582, leaving a deficit of \$38,047,247. From the closest calculation that can now be made, the war revenue act, which, with the exception of a few items, went is to effect July 1, 1898, will realize for the year a little less than \$100,000,000. The two items which have produced more than ten times as much reverue as any two others are those applying to docu two mentary and proprietary stamps. On April 30 last, these items had produced over \$36,500,000, and it is not improbable that by July 1 the total will exceed \$44,-000,000. The tax on legacies will probably produce not much in excess of \$1, 000,000, while the special tax collected from bankers will exceed \$3,500,000.

The expenditures up to this time aggregate about \$600,000,000. Of this amount \$228,000,000 was paid out on requisitions from the war department, \$64,000,000 on account of the navy; \$139,000,000 on account of pensions and nearly \$40,000,000 on account of interest on the public debt; \$12,675,000 was paid to the Indians and \$117,290,000 was disbursed on civil and miscellaneous ac-

At this time it is impossible to state with any degree of certainty what the war with Spain and the troubles in the Philippines have cost, during this year, but an approximation has been made of the actual cash payments on these accounts, which places the amount at \$230,000,000. A calculation has been made at the treasury which shows that leaving out of the reckoning the \$230,-000,000 expended this year on account of the war; the \$100,000,000 produced by the war revenue act, and the \$11,-798,514 received from the Central Pacific, the figures would show a surplus for the year approximating \$26,000,000.

QUIET IN SAMOA.

Mataafa Gives Up His Arms-Malieton Abdicates and Provisional Gov-ernment Is Formed.

Apia, Samoan Islands, June 14, via Auckland, N. Z., June 22.-Mataafa has surrendered 1,850 rifles and the loyalsts have given up 2,000. After June 20 a heavy penalty will be enforced upon natives found with rifles in their possession. Mataafa promises to turn in more weapons. The natives have returned to their homes. Malietoa Tanu was recognized as king by the commissioners of the three powers, and the decision of Chief Justice Chambers in the matter of the kingship was porclaimed valid and binding. Malietoa Tanu then abdicated in favor of the commissioners, who appointed a provisional government consisting of the consuls of the three powers, empowering a majority to act in all cases where unanimity is not required by the Berlin treaty. Chief Justice Chambers continues to hold office, and the various municipal officials are confirmed. Dr. Wilhelm Solf has been authorized to act as president of the municipality of Apia. The commissioners expect to leave on June 28, but they have requested Chief Justice Chambers to remain. Their reports recommend the abolition of the kingship and the presidency of Apia and the appointment of a governor, with a legislative council consisting of three nominees of the interested powers, as sisted by a native house.

A VOTE OF CENSURE.

Minister Who Married Perry Belmont and Mrs. Sloan Punished by His Fellows.

New Haven, Conn., June 22.-Rev. W M. Barrows, the minister who recently married Perry Belmont and Mrs Henry D. Sloan at Greenwich, was on Wednesday severely censured by the general association of Congregational ministers of Connecticut, of which he is a member. Dr. Barrows was present and personally apologized to the ministers, saying that he had been imposed Mr. Belmont and Mrs. Sloan, but in spite of this resolutions were passed censuring him and forbidding any Congregational minister of the association to marry any divorced person who has been shown guilty by the deeree. By passing the resolution the clergymen present bound themselves take a firm stand on the divorce question and use all their power bring about uniform divorce laws. resolution also makes it impossible for them to remarry guilty parties in a di-vorce and parties who were forbidden to remarry by the laws of any state rules of other Christian charches.

Death of a Jurist.

Topeka, Kan., June 22.—C. G. Foster former federal judge of the district. Kansas, died Wednesday evening at six o'clock. Judge Foster was appointed judge of the United States district cour by President Grant in 1874 and served until March of this year, when he was retired and succeeded by W. C. Hook Judge Foster was born at Webster, N. Y., in May, 1837. Last January a bill Judge Foster on full pay, Judge Foster died worth about \$200,000, consisting mostly of valuable real estate holdings in Topeka.

FORCE IS TOO SMALL.

Otis Needs More Troops in Order to Subdue Filipinos.

A Member of His Staff Declares the Situation Is Serious-Eumor That Miles Is to Be Sent to the Philippines Is Denied.

San Francisco, June 22.—Dr. Charles 1. McQuesten, who was on the staff of Gen. E. S. Otis, and who was health officer at Manila, has returned home invalided by the climate.

Capt. McQuesten made a close study of the conditions of the Philippines situation. He is of the opinion that it will take from 100,000 to 150,000 soldiers to properly subdue and hold the islands. He also says that the peace commission was an absolute failure, and that its work from the start was without effect. He strongly supports the military government of the islands except that he thinks more men will be ssary than has been estimated.

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"Unless troops, thousands of them, are sent to the aid of our men there they will be driven back into Manlia in the course of the next few months, during the rainy season. Our men simply cannot stand the climate. Fifty per cent. of them will be incapacitated by sickness and the territory overrun will have to be abandomed. Manila will be in a state of slege again.

"Our officers and soldiers have accomplished wonders and have proved themselves the best soldiers in the world. But nothing decisive has come of it, because our men were not in greatenough force.

"One of the great dangers that our men have to face is the climate. The new-comers will be at a disallyantage, because the volunteers who are returning home are inured to the climate. This will make more men necessary than we would otherwise have to put in the field. As a matter of belief, the Filipinos think they have the Americans licked already.

"One solution of the situation might be to enlist colored men from the gulf states, and this might settle some of the race questions of that section. These men would be better able to stand the climate conditions around Manila, and it has been proven that they are good fighters.

"I want to say a word for the western volunteers. They make the finest soldiers in the world, and their flighting qualities are wonderful. But the volunteers all want to return home, and I hardly think that the plan to enlist three skeleton regiments.

are wonderful. But the volunteers all want to return home, and I hardly think that the plan to enlist three skeleton regiments from the volunteers now in the Philippines will be a success. The men culisted to fight, for their country, and they are not the kind of men who want to stay and fight an insurrection for money or the fun of fighting."

Miles Not to Be Sent.

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Washington, June 22.—There is absolutely no truth in the report that Gen. Miles has made application for or seeks assignment to the command of the army in the Philippines. Capt. Francis Michler, aid de camp to Gen. Miles, said that Gen. Miles had not sought command and that no intimation had passed through the office of the commanding general that he would be designated to succeed or supersede Gen. Otis. Gen. Otis has given entire satisfaction to the president and the secre-tary of war. No change would be made in the command at Manila without con-sulting the president, and nothing has vet occurred to cause him to lose confidence in Gen. Otis. Strong pressure is being brought upon the president to increase the army in the Philippines, but he is sustaining Gen. Otis and has so far refused to ignore his recommendations.

Tell of American Weakness.

Madrid, June 22.—Dispatches from Hong-Kong received in Madrid describe the American situation in the Philippines, while not critical, as greatly weakened through loss and disability from disease. The urgent need of a large number of fresh troops is emphasized.

Takes to the Swamps.

Manila, June 22.—The insurgent army has taken to the swamps and hills be-yond Imus. The largest force is supposed to be in the neighborhood of San Francisco de Malabon, holding a position more toward the lake or toward the coast, according as exigencies demand. Gen. Wheaton returned to Imus Wednesday, bringing three men who were wounded in Tuesday's fighting. The heavy rains that fall nightly make campaigning uncomfortable. The roads ase still good, but the rice fields adjoining them are pools of water. The Filipinos will not fight unless they can meet our troops in positions most advantageous to themselves or take our reconnoitering bodies in ambush. It is impossible to learn what effect the reent defeat has had upon their leaders. This should be disheartening, for they had boasted that the Americans could never conquer the province of Cavite, Aguinaldo's home country, where he lways worsted the Spaniards.

Gen. Otis received a letter signed by ative women of the province declaring that if all the men were killed women would still keep up the fight igainst the Americans.

Copies of the insurgent organ, Inde-

pendencia, show that the Filipinos' nopes of success are kept aflame by political movements in America. The Independencia prints reports of alleged speeches made at alleged meetings in the United States denouncing the war, and it asserts that these represent the dominant American sentiment. It de-clares also that the Filipines will coninue the war until the next presidential campaign, which is "sure to result in a decision to withdraw the American troops from the Philippines."

Seizure of Cigars and Tobacco.

San Francisco, June 22.—Burt Thoras, of the internal revenue service. scized 250,000 eigars and tobacco valued at \$5,000 in the Capital eigar factory. the largest Chinese factory in this city, For some time past Thomas has been trying to connect the firm with the refilling of empty eigar boxes, and at last succeeded in tracing a lot of cheap cigars which had been placed in boxes which had formerly contained imported eigars to the Capital factory. The firm, it is alleged, has also been imitating foreign stamps and in other ways violating the internal revenue laws.