

# THE GLORIOUS FOURTH



The American Flag.  
When Freedom from her mountain height  
Unfurled her standard to the air,  
She tore the azure robe of night  
And set the stars of glory there.

She mingled with its gorgeous dyes  
The milky halberd of the skies  
And striped its pure celestial white  
With streakings of the morning light.

Then from his mansion in the sun  
She called her eagle bearer down  
And gave into his mighty hand  
The symbol of her chosen land.  
—Joseph Rodman Drake.



By Fred Myron Colby.

**M**ENTION is appropriate at this time of a famous ride back in the early days of the Revolution. The story ought to be familiar to our young folks. They have all read of Paul Revere's ride, but this was a greater ride than that. Paul Revere's ride on that long ago April night was to save the military supplies at Concord and Lexington to the patriotic cause; but this other ride was to save the Declaration of Independence. It happened on that famous Fourth of July, 1776, the day in which the American colonies were declared free and independent States. If Caesar Rodney had not made his historic ride, there might not have been any free America to-day.

The Provincial Congress was in session at Philadelphia, each of the thirteen colonies having representatives there. It was a great Congress, and a momentous question was before the distinguished body. The great charter of our freedom had been written by Jefferson; and Benjamin Harrison (father and great-grandfather of Presidents) had presented it to Congress on Monday, July 1. What would the Continental Congress do?

In order that our country should be free and independent, the Declaration must be adopted. This could be done if only the colonies stood united for freedom, but not if the colonies were divided. And there were some good men who did not believe it best to take this step at this time. Four of the seven delegates of Pennsylvania were opposed to it; and of the two Delaware delegates present, Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, but George Read was opposed to the measure. Caesar Rodney, the other member, was in the southern part of his State, in the capacity of a brigadier-general, organizing and drilling troops for the coming struggle.

Two of the opposing Pennsylvania delegates were persuaded to absent themselves, and thus the "Keystone State" would favor the Declaration; but the vote of Caesar Rodney was necessary to carry the State of Delaware. A messenger was despatched in hot haste to summon him to Philadelphia; and then for hours the "patriots of '76" talked and manoeuvred to delay the final vote. On Thursday, July 4, Congress was to vote on the momentous question.

All that hot, sweltering July day the delegates of the Colonial Congress were talking and voting in Independence Hall. The session had begun. The president, John Hancock, was in the chair; and the clerk, John Dickinson, was calling the colonies one by one. Virginia had voted, and Massachusetts, and the great State of New York and the little State of Rhode Island; and now New Jersey was voting, and Caesar Rodney had not come. Anxious and worried, Thomas McKean went out to the door of Independence Hall. Would his friend and compatriot be too late? His face brightened as he heard the sound of hurrying hoof-beats coming up Chestnut street. A foaming, panting steed dashed up into the yard. Its dusty rider leaped to the ground. Booted and spurred, the dust of his long ride thick on his long-flapped coat and iron-gray hair, Caesar Rodney entered the hall of Congress, leaning on his friend McKean's arm.



A DELICIOUS MOMENT.

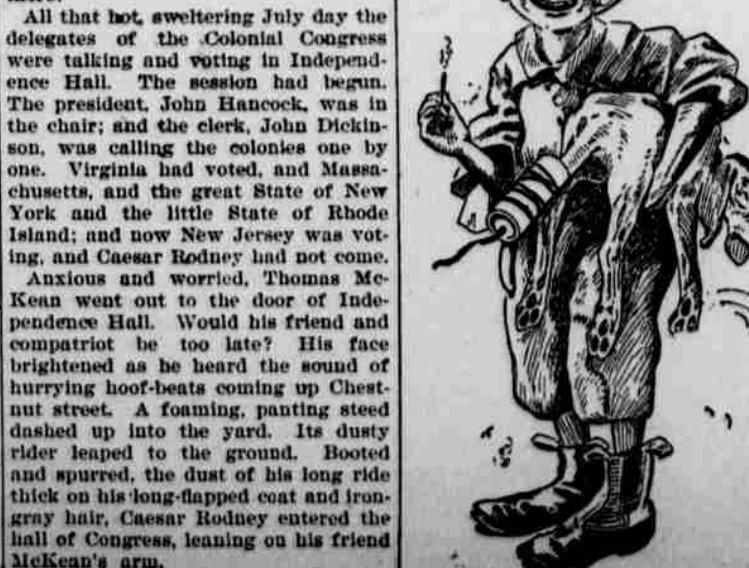
On the afternoon of the 3rd the messenger found Caesar Rodney in Sussex County, more than eighty miles from Philadelphia. General Rodney was at that time forty-six years old, was a tall, lean, worn figure, his face scarred by a cancer that was finally to cause his death. The brave patriot did not hesitate. "Saddle the black!" he commanded, and in ten minutes he had mounted his faithful steed, and was galloping as if for life to the northward.

## YOUNG AMERICA CELEBRATING.



Inmates of solitary farm-houses, awakened by the clatter of his horse's hoofs, wondered at that hurried flight. The stars faded out of the morning sky and the sun came up, red and fiery, the herald of a sultry day. And still Caesar Rodney kept on his way. He was yet many miles from Philadelphia. Would he be in time to make his country great and independent? His horse was jaded, and he was travel-worn and covered with dust; but the patriot did not slacken rein. He must be there to vote for the independence of America. And he was there!

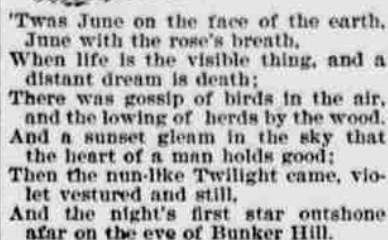
But he like the Concord slain, and the slain of Lexington, martyrs to Freedom's cause. Ah, how at their deeds we thrill. The men whose might made strong the height on the eve of Bunker Hill. —Clinton Scollard, in Youth's Companion.



Wasn't I?

He was just in time. The vote of Delaware was being called. George Read voted "Nay." "Aye!" called the clear voice of Thomas McKean. It was a tie. All eyes turned to Caesar Rodney. The famous rider cleared his throat; and many a patriot heart beat with pride as he declared in firm tones: "The voice of my constituents and of all sensible and honest men, I believe, is in favor of independence; and my own judgment concurs with them. Therefore, I vote for the Declaration."

And so Caesar Rodney, by his famous ride and by his noble vote helped to settle the question of Independence, and insured the future celebrations of July 4.



'Twas June on the face of the earth,  
June with the rose's breath,  
When life is the visible thing, and a distant dream is death;  
There was gossip of birds in the air,  
And the lowing of herds by the wood,  
And a sunset gleam in the sky that the heart of a man holds good;  
Then the nun-like Twilight came, violet veiled and still,  
And the night's first star onshone afar on the eve of Bunker Hill.

Then a deep voice lifted a prayer to the God of the brave and the true, and the heads of the men were bare in the gathering dusk and dew; The heads of a thousand men were bowed as the pleading rose— "Smile Thou, Lord, as of old Thou smote Thy people's foes! O nerve Thy servants' arms to work with a mighty will!" A hush, and then a loud "amen!" on the eve of Bunker Hill!

Now they are gone through the night with never a thought of fame, Gone to the field of a fight that shall win them a deathless name; Some who shall never see the set of another sun.

## The Real Uncle Sam.



**R**ATIFYING it should be to us all that the "Uncle Sam," whose cadaverous form and countenance, fierce pointed beard and striped and starry costume we have seen for a generation on every Fourth of July standing guard over all things American is not the "Uncle Sam" of history and tradition. He is both a caricature and an anachronism. He is not typical of any period or people in the world's history. The masquerade of a costume he wears in cartoons was never worn on earth, save by some other masquerader who sought to imitate the ideal of the caricaturist.

The real "Uncle Sam," the Uncle Sam of history and tradition, who watched over the birth and early youth of the Republic, is quite a different personage. Charles H. Haswell, the veteran civil engineer, by the aid of whose recollections and long study of the early days of this century the accompanying picture of "Uncle Sam" was drawn, thus describes the real "Uncle Sam's" costume:

"The hat was high and slightly bell-crowned, of felted fur; the collar of the shirt high and connected with it; the bosom frilled, projecting well out, with a jeweled pin or brooch in it; cravat white and very wide, stiffened with what was termed a 'pudding.' Waistcoat single breasted, buff cloth, with gold or gilt buttons. Coat blue, swallow tailed, with high, rolling collar and a lapel of peculiar shape, and very high waisted, showing the waistcoat underneath it. Pantaloons close fitting, with a narrow fall in front, and fitted below the knee for the wearing of the boots outside, with a tassel in front. Watch carried in a fob in the pantaloons and attached to a ribbon with a seal appended to it. In the spring and autumn, in place of an overcoat, a spencer or jacket was worn over the coat.

"The anachronisms of the figure as universally given are many; thus colored skirts were not known until about 1829, striped pantaloons were of a later date, and straps under the boots did not appear until about 1825, and they were a part of the pantaloons fashioned over the boot in front and buttoned under it, and known as 'a la mode de Paris,' and a gaiter or imperial was not worn until very late in the thirties."

Mr. Haswell also says that Uncle Sam was a well-dressed gentleman, and not the caricature of one. The gaiter, he remembers, preceded by some few years the imperial, introduced by Napoleon III. Uncle Sam, he insists, should have a smooth face. There were no mustaches or beards in those days.

For the rest the picture tells its own story. The face is modeled upon that of Henry Clay, who had, in Mr. Haswell's opinion, a face typical of American manhood in its highest perfection.

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## KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

**PENSIONS GRANTED.**  
California Pioneers' Association Annual Reunion—A New Coal Company to Operate Along the Allegheny River.

Pensions granted last week: John Gruden, Emlenton, \$10; John Arnold, Sharpsburg, \$10; Gad C. Cooper, Conneautville, \$8; Mary J. Jones, Homestead, \$6; James Bush, Verona, \$8; Thomas Wheeler, Indiana, \$14; Fletcher E. Chalfant, Brownsville, \$10; Samuel Greelmar, Wilkensburg, \$8; Samuel Burkhardt, West Newton, \$17; Thomas J. Korsteter, Franklin, \$24; Adolphus Lavine, Sharon, \$24; Elizabeth Kearney, Monongahela, \$8; James M. Campbell, West Elizabeth, \$12; Charles Snyder, St. Marys, \$8; Daniel Schoonover, West Franklin, \$10; George F. Lukens, Rochester, \$8; Samuel C. Hill, Blairsville, \$8; Eliza Campbell, West Elizabeth, \$8; Francis Powell, Rural Valley, \$8; Lewis Martin, West Freedom, \$17; Michael Hutzel, Sand Patch, \$10; Benjamin Henderson, Elderton, \$8; Dennis McSweeney, Indiana, \$12; John A. Murray, Beaver Falls, \$8; Samuel W. Fryer, Pleasantville, \$8; minor of John E. Ganster, Etna, \$10; Rhoda Eschenbaugh, Rochester, \$8.

Noble F. Sanford and Jesse H. Sanford, of Carnegie, formerly the owners of the Moon Run Coal Company, have purchased 1,000 acres of Washington county coal lands from James A. Phillips, of West Brownsville, at \$275 an acre. The property lies along the Monongahela river, near Fredericktown, and eight miles above Brownsville. The value of the property is shown in the fact that Mr. Phillips realized about \$168,000 on his investment. The coal from the Sanford tract will reach the market by way of the river, excellent facilities being present for shipping.

Crops and fruit were greatly damaged throughout Ligonier valley Monday afternoon by the heaviest hail storm that has visited that section for years. The storm was accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning and a number of buildings were struck. The residence of Frank McConaughy, of Ligonier, was considerably damaged by the lightning and several members of the family injured.

Frank Brown, an engineer on the Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Ashtabula railroad, had both legs amputated in a wreck some time ago, caused by the air hose being defective and the train running wild. Brown brought suit for damages against the company and the case was settled by his accepting a voucher for \$12,000, the company paying all costs. Brown is a resident of Mahoningtown.

A new coal company, to be known as the Allegheny Coal Company, has been organized by Pittsburgh and Cleveland capitalists. About 1,000 acres of land along the Allegheny river, from Lutz to Springdale, has recently been optioned through Magistrate Charles Uhlinger, of Hite, and it is expected that all arrangements will be made for active operations to begin about July 15.

The annual reunion of the California Pioneers' Association was held at Ponce de Leon springs, near Meadville, Friday. The membership of the association is composed of men who left this section between the years 1849 and 1852, and journeyed to California to dig for gold. The address was delivered by James Sheakley, of Greenville, ex-governor of Alaska.

A new rival to the kissing bug is doing a lively business at Pottsville. The insect resembles the kissing bug in form, but is only about as large as a honey bee. A score of persons have been bitten within the past few days. The bite produces excessive itching and inflammation, followed by a great swelling of the injured part.

A cable from Skibo castle, Scotland, announces Andrew Carnegie's willingness to erect a public library in Huntingdon at a cost of \$20,000, provided the citizens will guarantee \$2,000 annually for its maintenance. A petition will be presented at the next meeting of councils asking that the offer be accepted.

Three Italians held up Pauline Howard and Juliet Conner, of Uniontown, near New Salem, Friday. One of the ruffians reached for Miss Howard's purse when Miss Conner dealt him the blow with the butt of a whip, knocking him down. She then whipped up the horse and escaped.

James Pettigrew, one of the best known men in the eastern portion of Armstrong county, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn at his home. Mr. Pettigrew was about to become entangled in a long civil suit and was brooding over the affair.

The tinner at the Humbert plant of the American Tin Plate Company at Connellsville, struck because one member of the newly-organized union had been discharged, and because of an over stock of raw plate, the whole plant had to be shut down.

Some time during the night thieves broke into the store and postoffice at Green Tree borough, and after breaking open the money drawer in the store, and finding nothing, they ransacked the postoffice, securing about \$1.50 in small change.

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## THE MARKETS.

**PITTSBURGH.**  
Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	70 1/2
Do—No. 3.....	65
CORN—No. 2 yellow.....	48 1/2
Do—No. 2 yellow, shelled.....	46 1/2
Mixed ear.....	45 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white.....	29 1/2
No. 3 white.....	28 1/2
FLOUR—Winter patent.....	3 90
Fancy straight winters.....	3 90
HAY—No. 1 timothy.....	14 50
Clover, No. 1.....	11 50
FEED—No. 1 white mid., ton.....	17 00
Brown middlings.....	15 00
Bran, bulk.....	14 50
STRAW—Wheat.....	8 25
Oat.....	8 00

**Dairy Products.**

BUTTER—Elgin creamery.....	22 1/2
Ohio creamery.....	19 1/2
Fancy country roll.....	13 1/4
CHEESE—Ohio, new.....	9 1/4
New York, new.....	9 1/4

**Fruits and Vegetables.**

BEANS—Green 7 bushel.....	97 1/2
POTATOES—Fancy White.....	4 1/2
CABBAGE—per crate.....	2 00
ONIONS—per bu.....	1 25

**BALTIMORE.**

FLOUR.....	4 10 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	84 1/2
CORN—Mixed.....	47 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white.....	30 1/2
EGGS.....	21
BUTTER—Ohio creamery.....	21

**PHILADELPHIA.**

FLOUR.....	4 10 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	84 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	47 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white.....	30 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	19 1/2
EGGS—Pennsylvania firsts.....	13 1/2

**NEW YORK.**

FLOUR—Patents.....	4 10 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	84 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	47 1/2
OATS—White western.....	30 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	19 1/2
EGGS—State and Penn.....	13 1/2

**LIVE STOCK.**  
Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.

CATTLE.	
Prime heavy, 1400 to 1800 lbs.....	5 73 1/2
Prime, 1200 to 1400 lbs.....	5 50
Medium, 1000 to 1200 lbs.....	5 09
Fat heifers, 800 to 1000 lbs.....	4 50
Common to fair.....	4 35
Oxen, common to fair.....	3 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows.....	2 50
Milch cows, each.....	20 00
Extra milch cows, each.....	40 00

**HOGS.**

Prime medium weights.....	5 40
Best heavy Yorkers and med.....	5 40
Good to choice Yorkers.....	5 29
Good pigs and light Yorkers.....	5 19
Skip pigs.....	3 25
Heavy hogs.....	5 20
Common to fair.....	5 00
Rough.....	4 25
Stags.....	3 25

**LAMBS.**

Lambs, good to choice, spring.....	5 00
Lambs, common to fair, spring.....	4 50
Extra, clipped.....	5 85
Good to choice, clipped.....	5 50
Medium, clipped.....	5 00
Common, clipped.....	3 00

**CALVES.**

Veal, extra.....	6 00
Veal, good to choice.....	5 75
Veal, common to fair.....	5 50
Veal, common heavy.....	3 00

**REVIEW OF TRADE.**  
Reported Damage to the Northwest Wheat Crop Has Bugged Prices—Reduction in Steel Figures.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: The damage to the wheat crop of the northwest is the event of chief importance. How extensive the loss may prove, in view of widely conflicting accounts, can only be judged from the speculative markets, in which information gathered at the West has caused a remarkable advance, at Chicago 15c in 10 days, and the price here has advanced 11 cents per bushel, though for the September option only 9 cents. The belief is that so large a part of the spring wheat has been killed as to reduce a yield expected to be close to the largest on record to considerably less than the world has required during the crop year now ending. In iron and steel the structural producers a week ago reduced the prices of beams to 1.20 and angles to 1.80 at Pittsburgh, leaving only rails and tin plates which have not been reduced from the highest point. The rail works are crowded far ahead, and the question in tin plates depends largely upon wages. Eastern bar is reduced to 1.55 cents, and steel bars to 1.50 at Pittsburgh, with a general shutting down of works expected July 1. Hoops are quoted there at 2.25, and No. 27 blacksheets at 3 cents, buyers asking only for small lots. There is a wide range of quotations for merchant steel, and the lower prices named for pipe have only started the demand a little, as buyers expect yet lower quotations. Minor metals are also quiet, with little transactions. Failures for the week have been 179 in the United States, against 178 last year, and 25 in Canada, against 18 last year.

**Youthful Murderer Caught.**  
The youngest prisoner ever arrested in the State of Virginia for murder is Arthur Waddell, a negro boy, eight years old, who is now in jail at Independence. Arthur, who lives in Grayson county, enticed Bettie Hampton, a three-year-old colored girl, to the woods, killed her with a rock and hid the body under a tree.

The boy does not appear to realize the enormity of his crime, and said he killed the girl because he did not like her mother.

**Germany to Fight England.**  
At Berlin a sensation has been caused by a declaration of Herr Mertel, a member of the reichstag, and editor in chief of the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, the Agrarian organ, who, in the course of a political speech at Ebernburg, said: "Our next war will be naval and against England. Of this we have been quietly assured by the government and it was because of this assurance that the Agrarians voted for the naval bill."