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## A HISTORIC JOURNEY

CAESAR RODNEY'S GREAT HORSE-BACK RIDE IN 1776.

How the Declaration of Independence Was Saved by a Vote in the Session of the Provisional Congress in Philadelphia.

It happened on that famous Fourth of July, 1776, the day on 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 today.

The provisional 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 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 dispatched in hot haste to summon him to Philadelphia, and then for four days the "patriots of '76" talked and maneuvered to delay the final vote. On Thursday, July 4, congress was to vote on the momentous question.

On the afternoon of the 3d the messenger found Caesar Rodney in Sussex county, more than eighty miles from Philadelphia. General Rodney was at that time forty-six years old, with 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.

Eighty miles away from congress, which was waiting for him to declare the independence of the colonies. The thought caused him to drive his spurs deep into his horse's flanks and sent him flying along the long, dusty highway that stretched away toward the Quaker City. It was one of the great rides of history. That black steed bore the destinies of America, and his rider knew it, and there was neither halt nor delay.

The sun went down, and the stars came out one by one in the blue vault of heaven, and that solitary rider rushed on his way. All through the cool summer night Caesar Rodney kept up his reckless pace.

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. His horse was jaded, and he was travel worn and covered with dust, but the patriot did not slacken his rein. He must be there to vote for the independence of America. And he was there. 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 into the yard. Its dusty rider leaped to the ground. Booted and spurred and 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.

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 tone: "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 the Fourth of July.

### He Ate Often.

Doctor—You must take a quarter of an hour's walk before every meal. Stout Patient—But, doctor, you surely don't want me to walk all day long!—Flegende Bletter.

Affection soothes, it hollows, elevates, subdues and bringeth down to earth its native heaven.—London.

## JAPAN'S LITTLE MOTHERS.

They Are Quaint Features of Life in the Mikado's Empire.

Not the least interesting and picturesque feature of Japanese life is the "little mother," as the matron of fair Japan is sometimes called. Japanese women are so small, as a rule, that a group of them would often be taken by foreigners for girls of ten or twelve were it not for the babies on their backs. As is well known, the Japanese mamma ordinarily carries her little boy or girl "pickaback," and she calls the baby "treasure flower." Sometimes even girls of seven or eight carry baby brothers or sisters on their backs, and as soon as a little miss can toddle she has her doll and goes about with it slung over her shoulders as if it were a real baby.

Like the Indian mother, who carries her papoose slung over her back in a



A JAPANESE LITTLE MOTHER.

baby frame while she attends to the often arduous duties of her sphere, the Nippon woman who has a "treasure flower" does not allow it to interfere with the performance of household labors. She goes about her toil in the house or the garden or shop with the baby on her back, and young Japan learns early to take everything as it comes. One sees little girls in the streets of Japanese cities running and jumping about, playing at skipping the rope and such children's diversions, the infants on their backs all the time and not only making no protest, but sleeping peacefully through it all.

## THE WAR LORD.

Emperor William and His Interest in Military Affairs.

The German emperor is as fond of martial display as President Roosevelt, and, like America's chief magistrate, he knows every detail of war preparation. He has made a very careful study of military matters, loves to ride at the head of his troops and would doubtless lead the German army into the field if his empire made war.

During military maneuvers he often talks with private soldiers. "What is your name?" he said recently. The question was addressed to a soldier of huge proportions and with a face that spoke of good humored simplicity and honesty.

"I am called Johann Andree, your majesty."

"Andree!" said the emperor. "Then



EMPEROR WILLIAM PLANNING A SHAM BATTLE.

you are the namesake of a very celebrated man. Did you know that?"

"Your majesty means Andree, the polar explorer?"

"Of course! How did you come to hear of him?"

"My captain told me that my name was the same as his, your majesty."

"And what else has your captain told you about him?"

"Very little, your majesty. He only said that he wished the other Andree had taken me with him."

"I don't think your captain meant that to be taken quite seriously," laughed the emperor, and, slipping a coin into the man's hand, he went on his way. The point of the joke is, of course, that Explorer Andree never came back.

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Our cut cash prices on groceries went into effect January 15, and our business since shows the people are appreciating the saving we are making them in our line. These are only a few of the many bargains we are offering:

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7 bars White Russian Soap	.....	.25
8 bars Swift's Pride Soap	.....	.25
XXXX and Dixie Coffee, per lb	.....	.15
25c K. C. Baking Powder	.....	.20
15c K. C. Baking Powder	.....	.12½
10c K. C. Baking Powder	.....	.08
Eagle or Lewis Lye, per can	.....	.08
Arm and Hammer or Cow Brand Soda, per package	.....	.08
Can Corn, per can	.....	.08
Walter Baker's Cocoa	.....	.25
Fancy Lemons, per dozen	.....	.25
2 cans Red Salmon	.....	.25
Horseshoe Tobacco, per lb	.....	.45
Pumpkin, per can	.....	.10
Sauer Kraut, per can	.....	.10

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**DANBURY.**  
Samuel Graham and George Plummer have excavated new cellars for themselves.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rousch, January 13th.

Mrs. Leveque has returned to her home in Indiana, after a visit of seven months here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Hawkins of Marion died on last Saturday of consumption. Funeral was held on Monday.

E. B. Stilgebouer has finished putting up 200 tons of ice. Ben Murphy has begun putting up his supply.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Axtell, January 15th.

Mrs. Millie Billings has returned from McCook for a visit.

The box supper at Shiloh, last Saturday night, was well attended and liberally patronized. The proceeds amounted to \$47.10, which will be devoted to library purposes.

Mrs. Milford Pew is improving from a serious attack of typhoid fever.

Hermon Wintjen is hauling lumber from Marion for new barn. Frank Mustgrave is working for Noe & Sargent.

The Farmers' Elevator association has bought the coal sheds of Sims & Newman.

Dorothy Clouse and Mrs. Lafferty are among the ailing ones.

George Bastain was a McCook visitor, this week.

Arthur and Oscar Everist are going to move southwest of Atwood, Kansas.

Mrs. Eva George has decided to move to Atwood, Kansas.

The stock shipments from Danbury, this week, are: J. E. Dolph one car of hogs and two of cattle; J. B. Dolph one car of hogs; J. L. Newman one car of hogs.

Ray Cathcart of McCook is a new clerk in G. B. Morgan's store.

Clifford Burbridge has resigned his place in Morgan's store and is working for Stone & Plummer now.

George VanPelt left, Sunday, for Chicago, to attend school.

Niss Lydia Stelgebouer is expected from Shelbyville, Illinois, this week, on an extended visit to relatives.

Mrs. E. J. Bull is here from Boulder, Colorado, visiting old-time friends, this week.

J. E. Noe is digging himself a new well.

Nick Wyckoff was a McCook pilgrim, last Saturday on business.

### CEDAR BLUFFS, KANSAS.

Robbie Rushton of this place died in Jennings, Kansas, of typhoid fever, January 11th, 1906. Mrs. Rushton died in Cedar Bluffs, December 27th, 1905, of typhoid fever, and Robbie is the six-year-old child. Three more of the children have the fever.

T. J. Relph and Howard Wade went to Kansas City, Sunday night, with cattle.

Harry S. Kennedy, county commissioner, was in Oberlin, last week, on county business.

Frank Bell, Mr. Holliday and E. B. Carter, carpenters, have finished J. Lawthers' house, and are now at work on the addition to J. E. Lawthers' hotel.

Miss Edna Cathcart spent Sunday in Oberlin visiting.

Mrs. French of Herndon is visiting Mrs. A. L. Nichols.

R. H. Cathcart and a Mr. Wilson of McCook were Cedar Bluffs visitors, close of last week.

### For Sale.

Kershon oats—about 100 bushels—to sell in five or ten-bushel lots for sale at fifty cents a bushel. J. A. Brinton, McCook, Neb., R. F. D. No. 2.—1-19-3ts.

### Hard Lines For Bachelors.

"Korea's the wrong place for bachelors," said a traveler. "Bachelors in Korea are considered as children and have only children's privileges. You, a Korean bachelor, get thirsty. You enter a rest house and call for palm wine. The pretty little amber colored waitress says:

"Married?"

"No," says you.

"Heraus, then," says she. And out you go unslaked.

"You want to vote, but they won't let you if you are not married."

"You apply for a job somewhere. 'How many children have you?' is the first question you're asked."

"And as soon as you say you're unmarried they laugh in your face to think that you should presume to apply for work anywhere."

### Where Babies Swim.

"I spend my winters in Samoa," said a traveler. "It is always summer there. There the babies swim. Can you imagine a quainter, a more charming sight than a host of babies, none over two years old, laughing and crowing and swimming like fish in pools of clear sea water? You will see this sight in Samoa. Samoan women believe sea baths benefit babies, and in that equable climate they bathe their little ones daily the year around. The youngsters soon learn to swim. They can swim before they can walk. And to see these pretty brown babies swimming in the sea is well worth a 5,000 mile trip to Samoa."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### Baby Cests Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize as he romps with the child what years of wifely suffering must be set against the baby's laughter.

Chronic invalidism is a high price to pay for the painful joy of maternity, yet it is at such a cost that many a woman becomes a mother. Such a price is too much because it is more than nature asks.

By the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription maternity is made practically painless, and a quick convalescence is assured in almost every case.

### \$500 Reward for Women Who Cannot be Cured.

The proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"There are thousands of sick women dragging out a weary, miserable existence, who would be well and happy did they but have my experience with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. Annie Letman, Lady Commander Star of Bethlehem, Lodge No. 27, of 106 Jackson Street, Atlanta, Ga. "Four years ago I was nearly dead with inflammation and ulceration. I endured daily untold agony, and life was a burden to me. I had used medicines internally and externally until I had made up my mind that there was no relief in sight for me. A friend of mine endorsed your 'Favorite Prescription,' and I determined then to give it a trial. It took patience and perseverance for I was in a bad condition, and had to use your medicine for nearly four months before I was cured, but what a change it brought! from despair to happiness, from misery to the delightful, exhilarating feeling that only health brings. I would not change back for a thousand dollars. Your 'Favorite Prescription' is a grand medicine. I wish every sick woman would only try it and be convinced."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains no alcohol and is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics.

The dealer who offers a substitute for "Favorite Prescription" does so to gain the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines. His profit is your loss; therefore, accept no substitute.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets regulate the bowels.

### INDIANOLA.

Mrs. Joe Harrison has been quite sick. W. H. Powell's big sale commenced, Saturday the thirteenth.

Miss Sarah Jensen returned to Cambridge, Monday morning.

Rodney McDonald has sold his house and lot and will move to Michigan shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheets and children visited in Bartley, Sunday.

R. E. Smith came over from Danbury, Thursday, having finished his work there.

Mr. Fiddler of Bartley was in Indianola, Wednesday.

Mrs. Bobst has purchased the Rodney McDonald property, near the Christian church.

Rev. Wilson of the Christian church who has been away most of the winter is with us again greeting old friends.

John Harrison has bought the Rodney McDonald blacksmith shop.

Work on the club room is progressing favorably and in a short space of time it will be ready for use.

J. R. Brown of Danbury was an Indianola caller, Wednesday.

Frank Fritch is courting in the county seat, this week.

Preston Rollins, one of the high school pupils was taken suddenly ill in school, Wednesday morning, and was taken home.

Miss Roxy Brown of Missouri Ridge was an Indianola visitor, Saturday.

Word comes to Indianola that Charlie Beardslee, formerly of this place, is very sick in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Last Wednesday was the worst day of the season, for wind and dust.

W. H. Powell had thirty clerks employed in his store several days, last week, and they were all kept busy.

John Broomfield left, Thursday night, for British America, where he will prospect for awhile through the winter months in view of locating a home in that land.

John Bull and George Bell drove over from Danbury and spent a few hours in town, Wednesday last.

Miss Lena Hill is making an extended visit with her parents in Indianola.

Mrs. Wilson is here from the east visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saxon.

Charlie McCullum was up from Bartley, Tuesday.

Frank Teel went to McCook, Tuesday, and came home Wednesday morning.

John G. Ervin of Missouri Ridge was in town, Wednesday.

John Glantz has gone to Minden to take the place of the section boss who has a lay off.

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