

"The Star Spangled Banner" and Fort McHenry.

"Such a desecration of this noble old fort, the inspiration of 'The Star Spangled Banner,' is an outrage. We will no more submit to it than Massachusetts would submit to a hospital for diseased poultry on Plymouth Rock."

So declared a citizen of Baltimore when it was proposed recently to abandon Fort McHenry, so far as military occupation was concerned, and turn that historic post over to the Agricultural Department, to be used as a cattle quarantine station. Such a hue and cry has not been raised since Secretary Bonaparte suggested that the frigate Constitution be destroyed.

The protests have won the day—Fort McHenry has been abandoned as a government post, but neither destroyed nor desecrated. It has been turned over to the state of Maryland, to be used as headquarters for the naval reserves and militia, and as a public park, while at the wharf a gunboat is to be stationed.

Fort McHenry was erected 116 years ago and named in honor of a surgeon of the Revolutionary war who served under the Marquis de Lafayette and eventually became one of Washington's private secretaries, member of congress and secretary of war under Washington and Adams. But Fort McHenry today is not famous because of the man for whom it was named but because it withstood the onslaught of the enemy a quarter of a century after it was erected, and showed to the straining eyes of a gifted young singer the glorious Stars and Stripes flying from its ramparts after a terrible night of bombardment.

The circumstances which ushered "The Star Spangled Banner" into this world are full of patriotic exhilaration. It was during the darkest days of America's second war for independence. An English army had invaded and occupied Washington and had burned the national capitol. An English squadron was in undisputed possession of Chesapeake Bay. Dr. William Beanes, a prominent citizen of Maryland, who had been arrested in his home charged with some offence, real or fancied was carried off a prisoner.

It was to secure the liberation of his friend and neighbor that Francis Scott Key obtained leave of the President to go to the British Admiral under a flag of truce. He found the British fleet at the mouth of the Potomac. Mr. Key was courteously received by Admiral Cochrane, and it was finally agreed that Dr. Beanes should be released but as an advance upon Baltimore was about to be made, it was required that the party of Americans should remain under guard on board their own vessel until these operations were concluded. Thus it was that on the night of September 14, 1814, Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry.

Some time before day the firing suddenly ceased, but he knew not whether the fort had surrendered or the attack on it had been abandoned. As soon as it was light enough to see, he looked toward the fort and, to his joy discovered the Stars and Stripes still floating over it. His feeling found expression in complete lines of verse, which he wrote upon the back of a letter. He finished the poem, "The Star Spangled Banner," on the boat that carried him ashore and wrote out a clear copy that same evening at his hotel in Baltimore. Next day he read this to his friend and kinsman, Judge Nicholson, who was so pleased that he carried it to the office of the Baltimore American, where it was put into type

by a young apprentice, Samuel Sands by name, and thence issued as a broadside. Within an hour it was circulated all over the city, hailed with delight by the excited people. Published in the succeeding issue of the American and reprinted elsewhere, it went straight to the public heart. It was quickly seized for musical adaptation. First sung in a tavern adjoining the Holliday Street Theatre in Baltimore by Chas. Durang, an actor, whose brother Ferdinand Durang, had set it to an old air, its production on the stage of that theatre was the occasion of spontaneous and unbounded enthusiasm. Wherever it was heard its effect was electrical and thenceforward it was universally accepted as the national anthem.—World Today.

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Differences of English Usage.

When a writer in Harper's Monthly Magazine told us that a London hostess said to him, or to any one, "Good-by—we are going out to Lady Somebody's musical," and when he told us that he heard an old clothes dealer in Houndsditch cry, "Is clothes is robbed from hospitals and made over," and "I discharged him and he feels bad about it," he was telling the thing that was not—albeit intelligently and with best intentions. The phrases represent most truly the things that were said, but the writer was not aware that he had attributed to these English speakers three Americanisms never found on the tongues of the old country—little daily Americanisms are hardly conscious. To "make over" for "remake" is unknown to England; so is "feel bad," so is "musical" for "musical party."—London Chronicle.

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Rap for American Courts.

Interest of the most serious kind has been taken in London the trial of William D. Haywood at Boise. The London Spectator devotes the first header to its consideration. It says: "That which makes the Idaho trial so depressing is the extent to which it reveals the depth of the chasm now visible between the rich and poor, between the employers and the employed. The struggle in truth has all the bitterness of a civil war. It is almost as depressing to see how despondent the best Americans are as to the possibility of finally reforming the great force to which they must look for the prevention of the actual war in which if that force cannot be cheated this bitterness must end.

"The root of the mischief, they cannot but perceive, is the imperfection of the system through which they distribute justice.

"The law itself is as just in America as it is in Great Britain, but in the republic it is not irresistible. So many influences of corruption, of terrorism and of class prejudice are allowed to deflect what ought to be the immutable, serene justice of the courts that their pacifying effect and the confidence of the people in their action are alike destroyed.

"It is distrust in the courts which makes hatred of the millionaires for the workmen so bitter and the fear of them among employees so extravagant; distrust in the courts which induces the toilers to combine for purposes of menace; distrust in the courts which renders verdicts worthless as instruments for preserving or creating peace.

"Something of that distrust may be unjust, for there must be scores of honest judges within the Union and thousands of men who, once sworn as jurymen, would no more suppress or betray their own consciences than the best of British judges would. But allowing for that injustice it is clear that in a great portion of the United States the judicial system fails, while it is not clear that the people, though they acknowledge the failure, will consent to any radical reform. They will not raise their judges above pecuniary temptation, they will not confine the jury box to the classes least likely to be corrupted and they will not accelerate the system of trial till the opportunities either of corruption or terror are reduced to the minimum. Nor, apparently, will they make crime by a combination much more penal than crime by an individual."

How Not to Sleep.

Don't sleep on your left side, for it causes too great a pressure on the heart.

Don't sleep on your right side, for it interferes with the respiration of that lung.

Don't sleep on your stomach, for that interferes with the respiration of both lungs and makes breathing difficult.

Don't sleep on your back, for this method of getting rest is bad for the nervous system.

Don't sleep sitting in a chair, for your body falls into an unnatural position and you cannot get the necessary relaxation.

Don't sleep standing up, for you may topple over and crack your skull.

Don't sleep.—Puck.

A Freak Hen Adopts Pigs.

Trinidad, Col.—"Mechanical impossibility," or no, there is a hen in this town that, after futile attempts to hatch her eggs, has adopted a family of six little pigs for her very own. Every evening at dusk the proud foster mother spreads her wings over her adopted children in Alex McDonald's pigsty, while in the daytime the young rooters follow her around, answering her motherly clucks just as chickens would.

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Railroad Detective Schultz of the Lake Shore railway found the men when the train pulled into Cleveland. He dashed water in their faces and finally poured restoratives down their throats to bring them back to consciousness.

Serious Accident.

Fred, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Warner, living south of Graf, was severely cut on the arm last Tuesday. Fred was playing the granery and fell on a sickle, causing a gash to be made that extended from the wrist to the elbow, laying bare the bone. Dr. Wilson, of Johnson, was summoned, and closed the wound with ten stitches. The little fellow is getting along nicely.—Auburn Republican.

Fell Into River.

While watching the river cut into the banks near Nemaha, one day last week, a piece of the bank on which the young son of J. E. Crother was standing fell into the stream. The young fellow had the presence of mind to grasp a floating tree when he went in was rescued by some of those who were on the bank.—Auburn Republican.

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"Salary" and "Wages."

In deciding that the Winter German opera singers received "salary or wages," Mr. Justice Warrington observed that he preferred the old English word "wages," and pointed out that a judge's pay was so called. The distinction between "salary" and "wages" is a very nice point. Etymologically, their origins are very diverse. "Wages" are really rewards of labor stipulated to be paid, the idea being that the sum is pledged, or "engaged," put under pledge—the same "gage" appearing also in "mortgage" and "wager." "Salary" is simply "salarium," salt money, the allowance for salt given to Roman soldiers, which afterward came to mean a pension, stipend, or "salary" in the modern sense.

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Tpain to pay an old Debt.

A law just passed by the Spanish Cortes and approved by King Alfonso makes provisions for the final payment of a debt to the United States acknowledged in a convention entered into between the two countries February 17, 1834. According to that convention Spain promised to pay to the United States, as a balance of claims for damages to American commerce, about \$600,000.—Kansas City Star.

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