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U. S. FLAG HISTORY; HOW IT ORIGINATED

FROM CONTINENTAL UNION

Washington Described It Clearly
In Assembly; Was Not an
Inspired Creation;
Modifications

With a few exceptions, the United States flag is the oldest in the world. It has stood substantially the same for nearly 150 years, while in other lands national emblems have changed as empires have fallen and vast political upheavals brought with them new banners to claim the allegiance of the populace.

Contrary to general belief the flag of the United States was not an inspired creation. It was formed from the continental Union flag by substituting in the canton a circle of thirteen stars for the two crosses—St. George's and St. Andrew's—of Britain. The stripes were already there.

Described by Washington
George Washington described its making thus: "We take the star from Heaven; the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her; and the white stars shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

In the coat of arms of Washington there were, curiously, both stars and stripes represented, and many historians have sought to establish a connection between this and the conception of the flag. Except for the coincidence, not a scrap of evidence has ever been discovered to support this theory, however, attractive as it is.

It was a year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence that the first legislation for the flag was enacted. On June 14, 1777, now celebrated by us as Flag Day, congress, sitting in Philadelphia, adopted the following resolution:

The Resolution
"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; and the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

This was the first official step toward the adoption of our national emblem. The resolution was officially published in August and the design first promulgated by congress on September 3. Where it was first displayed is still a question of dispute, but it flew in the breeze at the battle of Brandywine on September 11th, at Germantown on October 4th, and in all subsequent encounters. The connection of Betsy Ross with it is a beloved legend enshrined in the hearts of school children.

In the spring of 1795, two more states having been added to the Union, the circle of thirteen stars was changed to a square of fifteen to include the new states. In this form it remained for twenty-three years, and so it was when it inspired Francis Scott Key to write the immortal anthem of the Star Spangled Banner which has become inseparable from it in the thought of Americans.

Last Modification
The last modification of the flag was in 1818 when, the number of states having grown to twenty, and additional ones foreseen in the future, President Monroe signed an act to the effect that every new state admitted into the Union would be recognized on the 4th of July following its admission by the addition of a new star to the flag.

The bill was signed on April 14, 1818, and in the 108 years that have passed twenty-eight more stars have appeared in the blue field, but otherwise our flag has not changed.

HERE'S SOMETHING
THE CIRCUS TEACHES
Is Always On Time, Which Is
More Than Can Be Said
For Some Folks

Fred Kelly writes in Nation's Business Magazine: I have recently had a lot of experience trying to buy mill work for a farm house I was remodeling. To my surprise and disgust, I could not find a single dealer in my neighborhood who could be relied upon to keep his promises about date of delivery. Everyone excused himself when delays came by saying that unexpected difficulties had arisen. All of which leads me to the conclusion that most business men could profit greatly by traveling a season with a circus. The circus simply doesn't stop for unexpected troubles. It arranges in April to give a show in a town thousands of miles away on a certain day in October and, regardless of storm or disaster, it somehow gets there. The street parade there starts promptly at 10 o'clock. From years of practice, circus men have come to feel that nothing, no matter how terrible, is sufficient excuse to deviate from their schedule. Newspapers have the same spirit. The entire plant may burn to the ground, but the paper comes out on time next morning. I believe more of this get-there-or-bust spirit is needed in most lines of business. Most of us are too ready to think we have done our full part if we arrive at the first snag.

Question rises what will happen when all the farm cart paths are turned into pleasure car boulevards.

CRITICIZES JURY'S ATTITUDE IN CRIME

NEW YORK JUDGE'S IDEA

Declares Breakdown In Enforce-
ment Due to Too Much Sentiment
and Lack of Belief
In Discipline

An unsparing criticism of American juries and of the attitude of the present generation with regard to crime is delivered by Judge Charles C. Nott, Jr., of the Court of General Sessions, New York City, in the January number of Scribner's Magazine, just published.

Judge Nott writes from an experience of 23 years on the bench and, in his article, which is called "The Juror's Part in Crime," he says:

Opinion of Judge
"In my opinion the weak spot in our administration of the criminal law is not so much in our police forces, or our prosecutors, or our courts as in our juries, which is equivalent to saying—in our people's general attitude to the criminal. The tendency of the American jury is not to deliver a verdict according to the evidence, but to pronounce a sort of judgment of Solomon, although the qualifications of the jurors for such a delicate piece of work are usually in striking contrast to those of the monarch whom they imitate. Thus, in a homicide case, they do not decide whether A unlawfully killed B, but whether B had really cheated A out of the \$8.50 which was the subject-matter of the dispute, and therefore ought to have been killed; not whether C stole \$500 from his employers, but whether the latter were paying him an adequate salary in view of his having a wife and eleven children, and also whether the employers were, or were not, using fair methods in competing with the store on the next block; not whether D had criminally abducted the girl, but whether the judge would give him more than one year, if he had so abducted her.

Express Attitude of People
"This quality in American juries," he continues, "is the expression of a wide and underlying attitude in the mass of our people toward the criminal. Of course, every one has, and expresses, a dislike for crime in the abstract, but in dealing with the concrete manifestation of crime, which is the criminal, this attitude of good-natured sympathy and tolerance for him, and of indifference to the evil he accomplishes, goes far toward paralyzing the efforts of judges and prosecutors."

Judge Nott says he advances these opinions with some hesitation because he has been so frequently corrected and contradicted by young ladies "who have taken a six months' course in social uplift."

"Well-Nigh Pagan" Generation
"No word, nowadays, is really more abhorrent to the American people, than the word 'discipline,'" asserts the jurist. "They hate to subject their children to it, they hate to submit themselves or inflict it upon law-breakers."

"Religion and the teaching and practice of religion involve discipline," he continues, "and therefore a generation is now on the stage who are well-nigh pagan, according to any religious standards of the past. But you can have discipline without religion, and the pagan youth of Greece and Rome were brought up with a strict sense of discipline in the home and to the state, while our modern pagans are without discipline of any sort."

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