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THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER CENTENNIAL

Interest in the celebration of the Star Spangled Banner centennial seems to have dropped out of sight, even in Baltimore, and in Carroll county nothing has been done to prepare for carrying into effect a suggestion made by the Sentinel several months ago. That was, practically, that steps be taken to raise a sufficient fund to erect a fitting memorial to the author of the stirring national song, at his birthplace at Keysville, and that the Baltimore celebrants of the centennial be invited to join in a pilgrimage to the place where he was born. It will not be creditable to the county, if the occasion for such a demonstration and action shall be permitted to pass without notice. Francis Scott Key's body lies in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, and at the entrance to the cemetery stands a fine granite monument, surmounted by a figure of the man. Frederick is not slow to take advantage of any opportunity to exploit an event of interest in its history. It will make real, in the minds of future generations, the rather mythical story of Barbara Fritchie, whose name, whether rightly or wrongly, has been immortalized by Whittier. It has removed the remains of the venerable lady from an obscure burial ground to Mt. Olivet Cemetery and has erected, or will erect, a memorial that will tell to future generations what she is supposed to have done to merit the distinction, whether the story be true or false.

Cannot sufficient public spirit be aroused in Carroll county to plant a proper memorial at the birthplace of Key, within its borders? The answer to that interrogatory would be in the affirmative if some citizen, fired with zeal in the matter, would take up the cause and become the leader in the effort. He would, no doubt, find all the assistance necessary to push it to assured success. The people of Carroll county are not sordid and unappreciative of the rightful honor of being the birthplace of the author of the national anthem, and would, without doubt, respond liberally to an appeal coming to them from a legitimate source.

A prominent resident of this city has been contemplating taking action in the matter, but has thus far failed to do so, probably because he has not been able to take the time from his professional duties. The Sentinel hopes he will make some sacrifice of his time in that respect, if the sacrifice be necessary, and take up the project with ardor and make it succeed. It should not fail, it should not fail.

United States Senator Catron, of New Mexico, expresses the opinion that it will become necessary for this country to intervene in Mexico to establish a stable and reliable government in that unhappy and distracted land. He has had opportunities of learning and understanding the conditions existing there, which he describes as most deplorable. A vast amount of property, much of which belonged to Americans, has been destroyed, numberless human beings have been sacrificed and no regard is felt for human life. Intervention in Cuba was, according to Senator Catron, based upon much less cause than exists for its exercise in Mexico.

It is patent, however, that the cases are by no means of the same character. The Cubans were struggling against the oppression of their Spanish rulers, and had been in insurrection for many years. The time had come when Spain had to be notified that this country could not continue to maintain its neutrality and act as a police power to prevent the insurrectionists from receiving arms from American manufacturers. This excited Spanish enmity and, it was supposed, led to the blowing up of the Maine, in the harbor of Havana. How much longer the United States would have refrained from intervention, if that had not been done, is a matter of speculation. The destruction of the Maine was the last straw that led to the Spanish-American war, the liberation of Cuba from Spanish rule, and the establishment of a Cuban republic under an American protectorate.

While existing conditions in Mexico are a source of untold trouble, annoyance and expense to this country, intervention for the establishment of peace would be a stupendous undertaking. There is no element of insurrection in that country that would welcome assistance from an American army. Probably armed intervention to quell the disturbances and conflicts of daily occurrence would probably unite all the warring factions against such action and it would become necessary to send and maintain a large force in that country for an indefinite period, perhaps for years. The time may come when that will become an unavoidable necessity; but that time is not yet. The waiting policy of the Wilson administration is, as yet, the policy which is best under the circumstances.

FOR INCREASED RAILROAD RATES

The railroads of this country are appealing to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the privilege of increasing their freight rates five per cent, and are advancing their reasons, in public bulletins, for making this appeal. They seem, in fact, to be going to the country as well as to the Commission, with these pleas. The Commission, however, is to be the judge of the validity of the claims set up and should be sufficiently impartial as a court to do justice in the premises. It only has jurisdiction over railroad trade through more than a single State, but that gives really the bulk of the railroad traffic of the country. If the justice of the railroad claim shall be conceded by the Commission, and the increase be allowed, it means an additional expense to the people of all classes, as the added cost to dealers in all sorts of merchandise, machinery &c., must be paid, at least, by the ultimate purchaser. Naturally, therefore, the public wants to be assured of the justice of the demand before backing it or refraining from opposing it. The railroads are advancing as an argument the increased cost of operation, largely due to the wage increases several years ago. The argument is logical, provided the roads are not earning a fair income on legitimate stock. The difficulty of reaching a just conclusion lies in the fact that, in some instances at least, a portion of the stock is of the watered variety, or, perhaps, has been created by stock dividends. To get at the facts imposes an immense amount of labor upon the Commission, if a searching investigation has to be made, and this, probably, is the cause of the delay in its final action. Some of the great newspapers of the country advocate the increase and others oppose it, or object to hasty action. In the meantime the roads are clamoring for a decision in their favor and are showering the newspaper offices with bulletins setting forth the causes for the demands.

And now, onerous as such an increase may be to the public generally, it may be that justice requires it. The railroads are not only a great public convenience but a necessity and it would be great injustice to require that they should be operated without the owners getting reasonable compensation for honest investments in their stocks and bonds. It is therefore a matter of right between man and man that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall go to the bottom of the situation and render a decision just and equitable to all concerned.

On the desk of the Sentinel is bulletin No. 15, issued in the interests of the railroads. It simply shows the large increase in the cost of working them. The figures are stupendous, but not entirely convincing, as they do not indicate that the roads, especially those named in the bulletin, are unable to realize dividend making earnings and still maintain their upkeep to the best standard. Following is the bulletin referred to:

December 21, 1913.

The railroads participating in the application for increasing freight rates have filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission statistics showing how wages have increased on these roads during the past several years.

The various railroad companies in this territory paid out $506,000,000 in wages and salaries in the year ending June 30, 1913. Estimates for 29 of the 38 railroad systems concerned show an increase in wages for 1913 over 1910 of $48,618,972.41, due to changes in rates of pay and working conditions.

This figure was obtained as a result of a request to the railroads to take the actual performance for the year ending June 30, 1913, and compare the rates of pay and working conditions prevailing in that period with those in effect in October, 1909, a period prior to the date of the important increases.

In addition to the increases up to June 30, 1913, careful estimates show that the increases in wages recently granted to the firemen, conductors and trainmen will add not less than $8,750,000 more to the expenses of the railroad parties to the respective arbitration proceedings, this estimate being based on the volume of business for the calendar year 1912.

In addition to the wage increases granted in the calendar year 1910, a small portion of which was effective in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, the Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and Trainmen have been awarded increases through Arbitration Proceedings amounting to $10,350,000 per annum on the Eastern Railroads, and increases in rates of pay have been granted to various other classes of labor amounting to large sums in the aggregate in addition to those granted in the year 1910.

Taken altogether, there has been an increase of 10.62 per cent. in the average rates of pay on these railroads in 1913 over 1910.

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Figures for the Pennsylvania System show that during the year 1913 the various companies of the System paid in wages the sum of $189,397,065—an increase for the 1913 payroll of $18,088,673 over what would have been paid to the same number of employes at the rate of wages prevailing in 1909.

Various increases and adjustments in wages from 1901 up to June 30, 1913, applied to the 1913 performance, added over $45,000,000 to the payrolls of the Pennsylvania System companies by reason of changes in rates of pay and working conditions.

The records of the New York Central lines show that wages paid since 1910 have amounted to $10,000,000 more than would have been the case had not the successive increases and adjustments been made.

On the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad the increases amounted in this period to $4,069,014.

THE DYING YEAR

The last hours of 1913 are past. To a great many people they were no different from any other old hours. Nevertheless, the current of time is bearing us all along, and life's scenery changes as all drift out toward the eternal sea.

New Year's is not necessarily sad. It does not principally mean that so much of life is gone, and that the rest should be hoarded as a miser gloats over his coins. No man gets the best of life at either extreme. He must be neither a spendthrift of his days, nor on the other hand should he watch their passing with any stingy cupidity of life.

To people having any imagination, this ending and beginning conveys some deeper meanings. It is naturally a time for the backward look. One should be able to review the months and find some positive gains. In these assets, money should count least. Friendship, health, experience, courage, knowledge, culture, these are the real goods. It is commonly our fault if the year has not brought some such advances.

Certainly mirth and merry making are not inappropriate for the dying year. The new period never looks so hopeful and alluring as when entered to the seductive strains of dance rhythms. Merry making is defined by some in terms of horn blowing and horse play, for one does not become grown-up merely by acquiring the physical stature of manhood. With others, New Year's means a futile yielding to treacherous enticements, with headache, dark brown taste, and empty purse next day.

Certainly the New Year should bring some message of cheer to all. Few people are so shut in or so beaten down that the new page may not be a beginning of better things if through all the storms of life, they have saved the seed of hope and purpose

CURRENCY REFORM AND THE BANKERS

No matter how much security against panics the new currency law may provide the success of any such law depends on good banking methods.

The new law is supposed to provide a remedy for the selfish hoarding of currency. This was a big factor in the 1907 downfall. But there are certain evils of speculative banking that no currency law, no matter how well devised, can stop. A leading banker said recently that in most bad bank failures it will be found that too much money was lent to directors and other officers for personal enterprises.

There are probably too many banks in the country, and competition between them is often very sharp. The idea of taking in a dollar and loaning it over and over again indefinitely to different people, all paying a good rate of interest, is very attractive to many of our financial geniuses.

In some places it seems as if the banks had a runner at the railroad station to meet newcomers on their arrival into town, and get the first bid for their business. Certain it is that when banks get to competing sharply, vague and indefinite hopes are often accepted as security. By and by these hopes are brought to a show down, and a bank's assets are found to be impaired. If these methods prevail over a considerable section, the banks will go down in succession, and there will be a panic, currency law or not.

Only a certain type of men are fit to be bankers. They must be persons who hold very responsible, definite and conscientious ideas about holding other people's money. The new law gives the bankers new powers in dealing with frightened capital. But the need for sound judgment and sense of moral responsibility is thereby greater than ever.

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Wednesday, March the 11th, at 11 o'clock A. M., stock and farming implements, household goods. R. Jacob Wantz, 3 1|2 miles west of Westminster between the Meadow Branch pike and Uniontown road. Wm. Warner, Auct.

March 19, 1914, 12 M.—Live stock and farming implements. J. Charles Halter, on Jonas Bachman farm, one mile from Bachman's Mill.

March 19, 1914.—Horses, Cattle and Farming Implements, on Bloom road, near Bloom postoffice, on farm of heirs of Wm. Y. Frizzell, adjoining Geo. Wolf. Jesse A. Bair. F. A. Crawford, Auct.

GIST

A Happy New Year to the editor and all the readers of this paper.

Seldom if ever has the stores of this place had such a fine display of Christmas presents and toys as was showed in the stores this Xmas. Both of our enterprising merchants had trees and Santa was in town a couple of nights before Christmas to amuse the little ones and a nice treat was given to both old and young. A shooting match was held at this place on the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snider spent Xmas day at Franklintown with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stouffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Smith spent Xmas with Mrs. S's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Murphy are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son December 28.

Mr. Holiday Murphy, of Baltimore, visited relatives here a few days during the holidays.

The members of Washington Camp No. 20, P. O. S. of A., at this place held their election of officers on Saturday night, electing the following officers: P. P., Robert T. Shipley; P., R. H. H. Shipley; V. P., Thomas Snider; M. of F., Chas. W. Allen; T., Allie C Gorsuch; F. Sec., Luther N. Myerly; R. Sec., Jas. W. Buckingham; Con., Geo. A. Grau; Inap. Grove O. Easton; Trustee, R. H. H. Shipley; Chap., A. J. Wagoner.

Miss Myrtle Murphy, of Baltimore, visited friends here.

Mrs. Allie Gorsuch and children visited Mrs. Albert Smith a few days during the holidays.

On Sunday, January 25, there will be held at Bethesda M. E. Church at this place what is called a Church Going Day. Everyone is invited to attend and bring some one with them. The Lodge is cordially invited to be present.

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THEODORE H. HOFFMAN,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers on or before the 31st day of July, 1914, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

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