

A properly appropriate memorial in the broadest sense which will be placed upon the flagstaff in Fort McHenry, at Baltimore, which stands on the exact spot where stood the old Star Spangled Banner, the battle in 1814, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times. It was the sight of the Stars and Stripes floating from the old flag which incited Francis Scott Key, a prisoner in the hands of the British and detained on a vessel, which commanded a full view of the scene to compose the immortal "Star Spangled Banner," now the national anthem. Key was born and lived in Maryland and was an ardent young patriot, and his temper is indicated plainly in the verses which have given him fame. The memorial is authorized by congress, will be of all shades and properly inscribed and will be the only memorial of the kind in Baltimore. The Sun evidently regards this as a reproach upon the city, and remarks: "Although Key was a native of Maryland and wrote the national anthem while he was out on the river at the time Fort McHenry's batteries repulsed the British fleet as he was attempting to bombard the heavily garrisoned fort, Baltimoreans have never given much thought to honoring the man who was inspired by the city's gallant defense to write the ode which has since been the tune that has stirred the nation's heart more than any ode. The Sun points out that while monuments and statues have been erected in honor of every other hero Maryland has neglected the memory of Key has been strangely neglected. This is the more notable because Key has been signally honored in various other places throughout the United States, particularly in far-off San Francisco, which has a beautiful monument, that cost \$60,000. So the Sun calls upon Baltimore to do its duty, and doubtless the summons will be obeyed."

THE NEW REPUBLIC

From the United States, Made Good and Cuba is Free.

After more than two years in the brood of American interventionism, the Cuban ship of state overhauled and brook of the damages of the revolution of 1906, was launched as a noon and all day when Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez took the oath of office as president of the republic on a balcony of the palace.

At the ceremony was completed a new bill, flattered from the palace. The Cuban minister of foreign affairs, 21 years in which the United States joined the band played the Himno de Bayamo and the crowd cheered madly, while the steamships in the harbor stretched and rockets were discharged from all sides of the plaza.

Mr. Magraw was the first to congratulate the new president. He embraced Gen. Gomez in true Cuban style and called out to the crowd, "Viva la Republica. Viva Gomez." Gomez and the others of the party entered the red room, where Mr. Magraw read a proclamation in the name of President Roosevelt, turning over the government and declaring his administration ended.

Mr. Magraw then replied briefly, saying in regard to taking the oath on the balcony, which was an innovation suggested by Mr. Magraw, "I have given the taking of this oath gratifies the vehement desire of my country to assure you this directly that in the discharge of the duties with which you have honored me I will be inspired with a high spirit of duty and to the very end I shall strive for the good of all. Long live the Republic of Cuba! Long live the United States of America!"

Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies Mr. Magraw, hastened from the palace, accompanied by nearly every one who had attended. Then he walked through the lines of Cuban soldiers, who saluted him, while the crowd cheered. President Gomez walked by his side. As they passed along flowers were showered upon them by many of the spectators.

Remarkable Reconciliation. The British dominions of South Africa, so recently the scene of bitter war between England and Boers, are now the stage of a movement for unity which promises to be one of the most remarkable reconciliations in history, and to do the British empire a great favor, ranking almost with Australia and Canada in importance.

Representative of four colonies—the Transvaal, Cape Colony, Natal and Orange River—have been in conference for several weeks at Pretoria to form a plan of union. The conference, which is called the closer union convention, met first at Durban and afterwards at Cape Town. There its sessions are now being held.

Weeds Political Gamblers. Six hundred Cuban government employees have already been discharged by the new administration, either as incompetent or superannuated. President Gomez will continue until all government offices are in competent hands; it is developed today that the amount of money turned over to the new government by Gov. Magraw was \$1,700,000.

THE MARKETS. Detroit—Cattle—Extra graded steers and heifers \$12.00, 12.50, and heifers \$10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 71.00, 71.50, 72.00, 72.50, 73.00, 73.50, 74.00, 74.50, 75.00, 75.50, 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