

# EVENING LEDGER'S DICTOGRAPH FEAT WINS APPLAUSE

Public Amazed by Instantaneous Report of President's Speech

DECLARED REAL TRIUMPH

Ad Men and Other Visitors and Philadelphians Comment With Enthusiasm

President Wilson's words were hardly uttered yesterday before they were being set in type.

As distinctly as the reporters who sat in front of him could hear, so could the stenographers in the Executive Lodge office, for the President's words were being carried over the dictograph in the room.

A great deal of the credit for the triumph of what was practically instantaneous reporting, is due the General Acoustic Company, of New York, which installed the dictograph.

The arrangements for the instrument were made shortly before noon yesterday, and Joseph Stern, chief installer for the company, with Philadelphia offices at 1008 Commonwealth Building, had everything ready long before the President arrived. Tests were made by several men, and the ease with which they were heard in the Executive Lodge office gave certain assurance that when the President spoke his finely modulated voice and perfect enunciation would carry as easily into the editorial room as it would to the reporters immediately below him.

This was borne out in fact. The advertising men were full of praise for the enterprise, with which the Evening Ledger handled the coming of President Wilson. They said it was right in keeping with the progressive spirit of the convention. Many were amazed.

"VERY, VERY WONDERFUL."

W. W. Cullen, of the San Francisco Chronicle and president of the Pacific Coast Advertising Association, praised the dictograph service. Mr. Cribben, who inspected the Ledger buildings and saw the dictograph in use, exclaimed, "Very, very wonderful. This is a most extraordinary stunt. The idea is 100 per cent good. The Evening Ledger has my congratulations."

Many of the convention delegates who had heard the President's address were greeted with EYE-WITNESS LENSES containing his speech as they entered the lobbies of their hotels a few minutes after the closing of the exercises in Independence Square.

One of the most popular features of the convention was the dictograph. From the dictograph, business manager of the New Orleans Daily News. When he learned of the success of the dictograph as a reporter, he said, "That was a splendid thought. I remember it for future use. I am impressed with the progressiveness of the Evening Ledger."

ENGLISH VISITOR PLEASED.

Leo Scheff, special commissioner of the London Graphic, an illustrated weekly, when told of the new method of news service, said it was another example of American efficiency.

Robert S. Coryell, president of the Toronto Advertising Club, and William M. Fox, president of the New York Advertising Club, both expressed their approval of the rapid service.

Henry J. Fries, representing the Erie Evening Times, said: "It was great work. I got your paper as I was leaving the Square and the speed and accuracy amazed me."

Daniel M. Chambliss, president of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar, said before his departure today:

"The use of the dictograph by the Evening Ledger in reporting President Wilson's address was an instance of remarkable enterprise. It has established a new precedent in speed for the reporting of speeches of big men. I believe that it will have a tremendous influence on the newspaper enterprise."

"The dictograph incident did not surprise me much, however, for it was to be expected from a newspaper of the Evening Ledger's enterprise. The manner in which this newspaper handled the convention from start to finish, was cause of wonderment, even on the part of delegates who are familiar with the speed of modern newspapers."

J. L. Bowles, secretary of the Knoxville Club, was also enthusiastic in his praise of the idea and the way it was carried out.

"A masterly achievement and one worthy of praise," said Charles J. Weer, of the Anderson Herald.

"It marks a new epoch in daily journalism and worthy of what I have noticed about the Evening Ledger," said R. Lynn Bulker, of Shreveport, La.

"It was truly a splendid thing to do and a real tribute to the ad men themselves," said Frank J. McGrann, of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York city.

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## NO INDEPENDENCE HALL TABLET

Refusal of D. A. R. Request Upholds Unwritten Policy

With Mayor Smith opposed to granting permission to the Caesar Rodney Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to place in Independence Hall a bronze tablet in memory of Charles Rodney, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Councils will make no further effort to alter the intention of the building.

In vetoing a bill granting permission to place the tablet, the Mayor said: "This room should be preserved intact and in a condition as nearly possible as it was when occupied by the Continental Congress. It has been an unwritten policy of the city to prohibit the placing of tablets on this building and to permit this tablet to be erected would establish a precedent, and other organizations would endeavor to place other markers. Councils in refusing later requests could be accused of discrimination."

## \$750,000,000 FOR U. S.

MILITARY PLANS THIS YEAR; VAST INCREASE

Jump From Usual Appropriation of Quarter Billion—War Stamp Tax Will Not Be Repealed

## \$280,000,000 FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, June 30.—From the usual quarter billion dollars, military appropriations, this session of Congress will amount from three-fifths to three-fourths of a billion, Congressmen estimated today as the Army bill, part of the great measure, neared completion.

Leading expenditures, as compared with previous largest appropriations, are: Navy, \$214,287,543; \$149,763,564 (1898). Army, \$280,000,000; \$101,974,195 (1898). Deficiency act, \$27,859,348.

Total, \$667,066,891; \$261,754,899 (1898). This year's Army bill is not yet completed, but the figures given are those estimated by committee members who are drafting the measure.

In addition, there are many minor bills which have passed separately. These probably will easily total \$100,000,000. The pension act for the year calls for \$158,000,000—\$8,000,000 less than last year's figures.

Preparedness leaders say the tremendous increases of this year are due largely to Congressional neglect of appropriations in previous sessions. Part of the extra cost, too, is declared to be due to the Mexican situation.

The Administration has decided to pay the whole bill from current expenses, relying on vast increases in the income tax and the imposition of munitions and inheritance taxes.

The proposed bond issue which House Leader Kitchin favored, to pay Mexican bills, is definitely dropped at the request of the President.

## HEAVY EXPENDITURES AHEAD.

The plan of administration leaders to repeal a portion of the war stamp tax July 1, has been abandoned. The unlooked-for development in the Mexican situation, promising a need for heavy expenditures in the Congressional neglect of appropriations in previous sessions, said it was responsible for the change in plan, it was said at Secretary McAdoo's office. It was asserted, however, that the tax act which expires by limitation December 1 will not be re-enacted.

The Administration leaders had planned to take the stamp tax off deeds, notes, stock certificates, wines, tobacco, theatres, banks and brokers and cosmetics and perfumery, by repealing a portion of the emergency revenue bill. So much revenue would have to be sacrificed that the Treasury cannot afford to carry out the plan, it is said now.

## RED CROSS AID URGED

AS DUTY ON "FOURTH"

Ambler Suggests One Dollar Contributions as Means of Expressing Patriotism

Charles A. Ambler, chairman of the Independence Day Celebration Commission, today suggested that the best way to celebrate Independence Day this year is by making one dollar contributions to the American Red Cross, either at national headquarters in Washington, or at any local chapter in Pennsylvania.

"This will be our best token of appreciation, of admiration and solicitude for our honored soldiers of today," he declared.

An effort is being made to get a Red Cross chapter in every town in the country. In the last few months 100,000 new members have been added. One dollar entitles the donor to membership.

The Independence Day Celebration Commission has in charge the celebration of Fourth of July at Valley Forge in honor of Revolutionary soldiers.

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## HOTEL MEN, UP IN AIR, DINE WELL AND TALK LONG ON PROSPERITY

Atlantic City Entertains 200 Visitors on Twelfth Story of Property Representing Outlay of \$1,200,000

## CONVENTION FACILITIES

ATLANTIC CITY, June 30.—Co-operation in hotelmen, no less than in other lines of business, and Atlantic City's astonishing growth, both as a pleasure resort and a convention centre, were themes last night of addresses at the prosperity dinner given by hotelmen in honor of hotelmen.

The guests were Joel Hillman, lessee; Charles R. Myers, owner, and Arnold S. Ruckeyser, manager of the Hotel Breakers; and Newlin Haines, president of the Newlin Haines Company, owners of the Hotel St. Charles. The dinner celebrated the completion of fireproof fronts for the two hotels, which represent an investment of nearly \$1,200,000.

It is believed to have been the highest dinner ever served on the Atlantic seaboard for 200 hotelmen, representing three States, and added another large meeting hall, with a seating capacity for 1000 delegates. The enlarged convention hall of the St. Charles will seat nearly, if not quite, as many.

Walter J. Bush, owner of the Hotel Dennis, pictured the growth of shore hotels from small boarding houses to magnificent skyscrapers in conveying the good wishes of the hotel interests of the resort. He attributed Atlantic City's wonderful development to the fact that hotel men had been staunch friends as well as competitors, and always had stood together for the common cause.

"The years 1915-1916 have been notable indeed for Atlantic City," he said. "During a great part of this period, when general business was badly shaken by uncertainty, there have been brought into being three splendid hotels, costing millions of dollars, and which are unequalled in any resort in the world—the Traymore, the St. Charles and the Breakers. In the erection of these two latest hotels, the centre of Atlantic City now stands from New Jersey avenue to Michigan, and the hotel district from the inlet to Albany avenue. It is a wonder people come to Atlantic City when they can find hotels like these, so splendidly built, so modern in equipment, with every novel amenity and up to the minute in every respect."

"All hail to such men as Edwin Roberts, of the Shelburne; Joseph H. Borton, of the Dennis; the elder Mr. Hemmley, of the Brighton; Eliza Roberts, of the Chalfont; Edwin Lippincott, of Haddon Hall; Charles Evans, of the Seaside, and a few years later, Walter Green, of the Traymore, and Josiah White, of the Dennis. We are happy indeed, to have with us one of the earliest of these pioneers, Charles Evans, who established the Seaside in 1885 and was its owner and proprietor for 40 years. Mr. Evans still is hale and hearty; is president of the strongest bank in New Jersey, which he established 35 years ago, and has held the position of president since its organization."

"The erection of the Marlborough-Blenheim, the Traymore, the St. Charles and the Breakers indicates that we have some who are worthy of their stars. With this splendid start, and situated as we are, with the Atlantic Ocean on one side of us and 10,000,000 people residing within 200 miles on the other side of us, if we do not have success it will be entirely our own fault."

William M. Bunn, president of the Clover Club, and James S. McCartney, manager of the Hotel Majestic, spoke for the clubmen and hotel men of Philadelphia, and Joseph C. Pennington, of DuPont, Pa., for the hotel men of Pennsylvania. John McGlynn, name from Troy, N. Y., to bring the congratulations of the New York State Hotel Men's Association.

## WILL PUBLISH WILSON NOTE

Carranza to Make Public Text of June 20 Ultimatum

MEXICO CITY, June 30.—Announcement in Mexico of the Foreign Office, President Wilson's recent note answering the communication of General Carranza demanding the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico will be published tomorrow.

The American note was made public here on June 29, the date on which it was sent to Mexico. It was in this note that the Mexican Government was informed that the United States would not withdraw its troops from Mexico, despite the threat of General Carranza to defend Mexican territory by an appeal to arms, until Mexico had performed its duty with regard to bandit raids.

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GEN. P. ELIAS CALLES  
Mexican commander in State of Sonora, who has moved his troops so as to be within striking distance of General Pershing's forces on the west.

## LAWYERS OF STATE ELECT C. G. DERR, OF READING, PRESIDENT

Bar Association Ends Annual Meeting at Bedford Springs With Selection of Officers. General Clement Honored

## ASK AUTO LAW CHANGE

BEDFORD SPRINGS, Pa., June 29.—Cyrus G. Derr, of Reading, has been elected to the presidency of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The conferring of this honor upon a lawyer who for years has been a member of the Executive Committee virtually closed the 22d annual meeting.

An eloquent tribute to Mr. Derr's services to the association since its inception was voiced by J. B. Colahan, of Philadelphia, in the nominating speech. The nomination was seconded by former Judge Robert Gray Rushong, of Berks County, and Frank McGirr, of Pittsburgh. The election was by a standing vote. Mr. Derr is a leader of the Reading bar, and is counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the American Iron and Steel Company. He has been practicing law for 40 years and is a native of Lebanon, Pa.

Prior to the election of Mr. Derr the Committee on Nominations, of which Alexander Simpson was chairman, offered its list of candidates for all positions except that of president. When it became known that Major General Charles M. Clement, one of the association's oldest members, in command of the National Guard at Mount Gretna, had been named to the Executive Committee, Mr. Simpson was interrupted by cheers. The association sent the following message to General Clement at Mount Gretna:

"Your brethren of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, in annual meeting assembled, extend to you and those under your command their hearty greetings and the assurance of their prayer for the divine guidance in the performance of your patriotic and responsible duty."

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