

SPRIT OF BETSY ROSS REJOICES THAT FLAG SHE MADE IS SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR CIVILIZATION

"The Flag" on Betsy Ross House



Happy if Her Painstaking Stitches Help Keep Men and Women of Today True to Democracy

Wraith of Colonial Seamstress Tells of Pride to Girl Visitor to Arch Street House Birthplace of Old Glory Scene Today of Most Elaborate Celebration Ever Conducted There

By SARA LOCKWOOD. AN AIR of excitement pervades today the little shop at 239 Arch street, which, despite its environment of bustling industrialism, has retained such stately staidness that passers usually forget even to glance that way.

To the uninitiated, these cathered flag which has hung for months over the portals has meant nothing more than thousands of other flags floating in the breezes. Even the sign across the narrow building: "Birthplace of Old Glory" evoked little response from any except visitors to the city.

Embroidered on the adjoining wall in all the glories of red, white and blue electric lights is a huge tableau proclaiming "God, Humanity, Democracy" above a service flag denoting that 20,147 Philadelphia boys are doing their bits today under the same standard the Quaker seamstress first made in 1776.

Greater Significance Today. The significance of flag day today is greater than ever before. It is being defended on land and sea—and for the first time in its history is being defended in the air.

Parents of Lieutenant Murray Still Lack Official Tidings of Flyer's Death. Lieutenant Walter Murray, of the Royal British Flying Corps, the former Central High School boy, is still just outside of London when his plane collapsed as he was making the hazardous vertical dive, had been buried for two weeks before his parents, Lieutenant and Mrs. J. W. Murray, of Oaklyn, N. J., knew anything of the accident.

U. S. Ready to Make "Staring Sacrifices". London, June 14.—After recording constantly and deeply increasing reports that more trained Americans have been available to assist the French in their own defense, a London correspondent writes that the American troops in France are being treated with the greatest respect and that the American government is prepared to make any sacrifice for the success of the Allied cause.

PERUVIANS IN ALARM. War Materials Obtained by Chile Cause Perturbation. Lima, Peru, June 14.—Continuous session of the Peruvian House of Representatives has been ordered. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and War explain it because of a presentation to Chile by Great Britain of certain materials of war, which has caused some feeling of alarm in the Peruvian capital and some evidence of public concern.

IN DRAFT PROBE BLOW TO MAYOR

President Has All Facts, Smith Concern Stands to Lose by Annulment of City Contracts

SEEK OFFICIAL RULING SURETY FOR BIG JOBS

Interpretation of Various Classifications of Registrants Is Desired

Adjutant General Frank D. Beary, principal State draft officer, said today that all the facts in the Philadelphia draft probe are now in the hands of President Wilson. Beary is confident that the President will render a decision within the next few days.

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WAR CHEST DRIVE GOING TO GOAL IS ACHIEVED

Minimum of \$20,000,000 Is Reached, It Is Officially Announced

CAMPAIGN NOT ENDED

Average Per Capita Donation Over \$8 for 2,436,000 Subscribers

MUCH "SHOPPING" IN SHORE TICKETS

Rush to Buy Excursion Tickets at Old Rate

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