

POOR RICHARDS' HONOR FRANKLIN

ay Homage Tonight to His Memory on 213th Anniversary of Birth

NATIONAL THRIFT DAY Admiral Henry Mayo Will Be Chief Speaker and Baker May Attend

What would he say? This is the question that will be asked a thousand times tonight when an assembly of nearly 900 men and women gather in the Grand Ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford to pay homage to the memory of Benjamin Franklin.

Today is the 213th anniversary of Franklin's birth. Poor Richard could return to earth tonight and step into the brilliantly lighted room where the Poor Richard Club is playing host his attention would be arrested by myriads of electric lights.

To him it would be the realization of a dream concerning that mysterious current that he snatched from the heavens more than 150 years ago.

Statecraft and literature have made wonderful advances since Poor Richard was summoned to his fathers in 1790, but science has made greater strides, and of all the miracles achieved in that field none compare in importance with the utilization of electric power.

And as the host of diners open the annual folder of the Poor Richard Club they will recall that simple little story of how Franklin with his little snatched electricity from the skies.

Keep His Memory Alive What would he say? Certainly that question will be uppermost in the minds of those who by attending the Poor Richard Club functions do a great deal toward keeping his memory fresh and green.

Every year the Franklin birthday celebration assumes greater importance. This year it is to be the biggest ever, and a great share of the credit must be given to the Poor Richard Club.

For fourteen years the city has extended to this organization the privilege of staging the Franklin Day festival and not once has the organization failed to put on a celebration worthy of Poor Richard's memory.

Tonight's affair will eclipse all former events and also draw the curtain on Philadelphia's most notable Franklin Day.

Franklin's home city will not have the honor of holding the Franklin Day festival; the federal government has intervened and for the purpose of launching the 1919 thrift stamp campaign and paying full honors to the great philosopher, has designated this as National Thrift Day.

Poor Richard was America's original thrift advocate, and by applying his own thrift rules swelled a fortune of one Dutch dollar, which represented his holdings at the age of seventeen, to the handsome sum of \$250,000, his fortune when he died at the age of 84.

While building this fortune, considered large for that period, Franklin applied himself to statecraft, literature and science and had time left to coin some golden axioms on thrift.

These have been handed down to succeeding generations and are as fresh today as when "Poor Richard" penned them in his Philadelphia printing shop a century and a half ago.

Recall Franklin's Axioms The element of thrift was an obsession with him, and today the national government, emerging from a great war, is endeavoring to inculcate in the minds of its 110,000,000 citizens the same idea.

Through the thrift stamp it hopes to reemphasize the Franklin axioms to emphasize its value. "Scarlet, silk and velvet have put the lichen fire out."

"If you know how to spend less than you get you have the philosopher's stone."

"He that goes a-borrowing goes a-borrowing."

"A patch on your coat and money in your pocket is more credit than a writ on your back and no money to take it off."

But to revert back to the Poor Rich-

Poor Richard's Maxims Recalled on Natal Day

If you'd lose a troublesome visitor, lend him money.

Laces too gently are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed.

Most people return small favors, acknowledge middling ones and repay great ones with ingratitude.

To bear other people's afflictions, every one has courage and to spare.

Here comes Glib-Tongue, who can outtalk a dedication and lie like ten epithets.

Sal laughs at everything you say. Why? Because she has fine teeth.

He's the best physician that knows the worthlessness of the most medicines.

He that can travel well afoot keeps a good horse.

Poor Richard Maxims.

ard Club affair, the program promises something out of the ordinary.

To begin with, the Strimmers' Band of eighty pieces will furnish music, and for other entertainment features the club officials have drawn upon the best in the fields of music and drama.

George Arliss, the actor, has promised to be present. Myriam Segal and Carl Randall, Helen Bolton and Constance Binny, also stage folks, will appear in something novel; and members of the Mask and Wig Club will stage a marionette dance.

The banquet, coming in soon after the Allied victory, will take the form of a victory celebration and, besides our own army and navy, the fighting forces of France, England, Italy and Belgium will be represented.

Admiral Henry T. Mayo will be the chief speaker. Major General George Barnett, of the marine corps, and Captain William D. Harrigan will also address the gathering. Among the guests will be Lieutenant David Constantini, of the Italian army; Lieutenant Cesare Michaux, of the French army; L. P. E. Gifford, of the Belgian military mission, and several British officers, headed by Major W. Miller and Captain Peter Latham.

Secretary of War Baker has promised to attend if it is possible for him to get aside his duties for a few hours.

NO SMOTHERING OF CHARTER Revision Advocates Will Fight Any Attempt at Trickery

Charter revision advocates will fight any attempt to smother the proposed charter legislation in committee during its course through the Legislature.

A fight may be staged to prevent the charter revision measure from coming to the Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs, which Senator Edwin H. Vore will be the chairman.

The charter revisionists will look to Governor E. A. Dickerson to see that the measure is given fair consideration by the Legislature.

The Governor-elect virtually pledged himself to such action at the Clover Club dinner last night.

"As far as I am concerned," he said, "all the influence I have will be used to get a new charter for Philadelphia which will be just to a majority of the people and which will accomplish those things which it is conceded the city needs."

Dr. George Woodward, who represents the Germantown district in the Senate, will probably be chosen to introduce the charter revision bill.

TO SELL WOODEN SHIPS U. S. Expects 100 Per Cent Return, Says Piez

The Government expects to get a 100 per cent return on the construction of five of its wooden ships by a deal which is being arranged with private shipping interests in Washington, according to Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Each ship cost the Emergency Fleet Corporation \$275,000 to build, Mr. Piez said. He added that when he left Washington Wednesday night it looked as though the negotiations would go through to sell the five ships for \$275,000. He declined to disclose the names of the buyers.

Bonfire Burns Fatal to Child Eleanor Murray Four Years Old, who was badly burned late yesterday afternoon, while playing around a bonfire, near her home, 238 Line street, Camden, died this morning at the Cooper Hospital, Camden.

ENGINEER TALKS OF FATAL CRASH

"Enough to Unbalance Mind," Says Regular Pilot of Scranton Flyer

GITHENS NEAR COLLAPSE

Condition of Injured Delays Inquest—Victims of Wreck Are Buried

"I think it would have killed me had I been at the throttle of the engine which killed and injured my own fellow townsmen. The thing is terrible enough to unbalance the mind of any engineer."

This statement was made today by David H. Hendricks, of North Wales, the regular engineer of the Scranton flyer, which on Monday night crashed into the rear of an accommodation train on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway near Fort Washington, causing fourteen deaths and injuries to thirty persons.

Hendricks was stricken with influenza about three months ago and his run was turned over to P. C. Githens who is what is known in railroad circles as an "extra man." Hendricks, who is one of the veterans of the Bethlehem branch, says that a man on the "extra" list may be just as capable as an engineer on a regular run. The matter of the disaster is largely a matter of seniority of service.

Githens, who piloted the flyer at the time of the disaster, is thoroughly familiar with the road and had been running over it for several years as an "extra man," railroad officials said.

Praise for Fireman Hendricks, who is stunned over the disaster, says that Frank Coulton, his regular fireman and one of the best he has ever known.

While the railroad investigation has placed the blame for the disaster on Githens, neither District Attorney J.

Grey Anderson nor Coroner Neville completed inquiries. The inquest, ending to Coroner Neville, is being held up because some of the more important witnesses are in hospitals.

Funerals of Three Victims North Wales residents paid final tribute today to three victims of the wreck at Fort Washington, when E. Frank Scullion, Frank G. Frey and Hugo A. Julius were buried. At Ambler a double funeral was conducted this afternoon—that of Lawrence Pottelger and his sister-in-law, Miss Ella A. Stone.

Business was virtually suspended in the two suburban boroughs during the hours for the conduct of the funerals.

The total of dead in the wreck is now fourteen, of whom eleven were persons living in North Wales. Miss Ada C. Allebach, nineteen years old, died in the Chestnut Hill Hospital last night.

Two more names have been added to the list of injured. They are Miss Laura C. Tyle, of Ambler, and Edward J. Schloss, of North Wales. Both were slightly hurt, went to their homes after the wreck and their names were not included with the early official lists of wounded.

TWICE WOUNDED, FOUGHT ON Congressman Donohoe's Son Cleaned Out Machine-Gun Nest

After being twice wounded on October 30, Private Edwin M. Donohoe, son of Congressman Michael Donohoe, former of the Girard Avenue Trust Company, refused to quit fighting until he had cleaned out a German machine-gun nest and captured the weapon.

Private Donohoe's name has twice appeared in the official casualty list, once as wounded and once gassed. In recent letters home he has confirmed both the unfavorable decision and that he had recovered and rejoined his unit. He is a member of the Headquarters Company, 215th Infantry, and has served in the army since the beginning of the war. He is 22 years old.

At the outbreak of the war Private Donohoe was engaged in important government work, and his employers wanted him to remain, but he would not listen to them. He wanted action. "All of my ancestors fought and so will I," he told his mother. He is now in Germantown with the army of occupation.

A cousin, Frank Donohoe, 2291 Highmond street has served on an American submarine since the beginning of the war.

TWINGING WILL CONFER ON TRANSIT PROBLEM

Rejected Lease to Be Taken Up With Officials of His Department

William S. Twining, Director of City Transit, is expected to confer today with officials of his department over the proposed transit lease which was disapproved by the Public Service Commission.

Director Twining was out of the city when the commission's decision was announced. He is expected to reach at once with Assistant Director Atkinson and other department officials.

The next move in the transit situation will be the introduction of a bill at Harrisburg designed as a substitute for the Sains bill defeated at the last session of the Legislature.

This bill, according to Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, will seek to compel the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to establish a physical connection between the uncompleted Frankford "L" and the Market street subway elevated.

The city already holds a certificate of convenience authorizing the joining of the two lines. It was issued a few days before the unfavorable decision was handed down on the lease.

The proposed transit bill, Mr. Noppel asserts, will empower the commission to make arrangements with the transit company for a uniform five-cent fare applicable to both lines.

"It is essential," he said, "to get some basis of agreement which will make the Frankford 'L' effective. It should be possible for riders from Frankford to go to the end of the elevated line in West Philadelphia, if they choose, for one five-cent fare."

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TEXTILE EMPLOYEES ASK 48-HOUR WEEK

Demands Sent to Managers of All Mills—Manufacturers Oppose the Request

Demands for a forty-eight hour week in all textile mills in the city were made in a letter sent today to managers of all Philadelphia mills after a meeting of textile workers last night at the Kensington Labor Lyceum, 1500 Chestnut street above Cambria.

It was announced today by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers that textile manufacturers in all branches of the industry are in the belief that there should be no change in the hours of labor at this time.

It was further stated that at a recent conference of representatives of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, the Silk Association of America and the Knit Goods Manufacturers of America, resolutions were unanimously adopted rejecting the demand made by the United Textile Workers of America for an eight-hour day or a forty-eight-hour week, effective February 2.

Boy Dies From Auto Injuries Ten-year-old John Driscoll, 504 Arch street, Camden, died in the Cooner Hos-

EASY FOR GERMANTOWN Skillful Passing Too Much for Trades School Five

Germantown High School won its second straight basketball game yesterday afternoon, defeating the passers from Trades School, 39 to 19. The contest was too one-sided to be very interesting, for although the Cliveden attack slowed up perceptibly in the concluding half Trades failed to uncover anything worth while.

Irishly and Hechtie, the Germantown forwards, were well fed throughout and four and six goals represent their respective ability. At half time the count favored the home five, 16 to 8.

Trades also lost the second-team contest, the score here standing 28 to 3. Hoban's ten points were balanced by Dick Ash's guarding as regards features.

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