

# CABINET OFFICERS TO SPEAK BEFORE POSTMASTERS TO-NIGHT

Annual Convention to Close With Banquet in the Penn-Harris; Business Sessions Held This Afternoon When Many Prominent Men Talk

The banquet at 7.30 o'clock this evening will mark the closing event in the program followed by the Pennsylvania Postmasters' Association which is in convention at the Penn-Harris hotel. The speakers of the evening will be Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the War Trade Board; William B. Wilson, secretary of labor; A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general and Postmaster General Burleson.

The session this morning began at 10.30 o'clock with an address by Postmaster E. M. Hirsh, of Tamaqua, who spoke on the relationship of postmasters with the press. Mr. Hirsh urged greater co-operation and declared that the press had rendered invaluable service in the past strenuous times of war. He was followed by F. W. McFadden, the McKeesport postmaster, who spoke on "Meeting Emergencies." Other speakers this morning were Martin Kingler, Allentown, whose subject was "Parcel Post Distribution and Delivery;" A. J. Palm, Meadville, "Desirable Changes in Postal Laws and Regulations;" W. M. Carter, Punksuawney, "Handling Complaints;" and M. J. Porter, Wayne, "The Postmaster's Salary."

**National President Speaks**  
The principal address of the morning was made by Colin M. Selph, postmaster of St. Louis, and president of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. His subject was "The Progress of the American Postal Service; Its Needs and Requirements for the Future." Mr. Selph began by lauding the work of the present postmaster general, who he declared was the greatest holder of that office that the country had ever seen.

Mr. Selph went on to tell of the progress of the postal service throughout its history, tracing the development and success of the department through the industry and foresight of its leaders, and the loyal support of its employees. He especially dwelt on the service which the department rendered during the great war, when he declared there has never been a department in the government which has performed such efficient public service. Mr. Selph said here in part:

**Second Only to Army**  
"Its history and accomplishment have been second only to that other great organization in heroism which with the sword and the gun upon bloody fields of valorous battle, drove the most terrible enemy of humanity from territory which he never had a right to possess. And to say that we are second only in accomplishment to this organization, which the English language could ascribe to us. In fact, it is freely admitted that we helped to build up the organization which helped to win the war."

"The postal establishment helped to increase the enlistments in the Army, the Navy, and the Marines, which to defray the expenses of these wonderful men of whom we are all so proud. It aided in keeping down propaganda which the enemy initiated in this country. It aided in inspiring enthusiasm and soulful patriotism among a people while participating actually in the hostilities of the war, yet thousands of miles away from these activities. It aided in ferreting out and bringing down those enemies of our own land who sought to destroy us. It aided in encouraging economy, savings and thrift. After our boys had gone overseas and while they were with wonderful efficiency in carrying messages of love and encouragement from the mothers, the fathers, the wives, the sisters and the sweethearts of those same fearless, courageous, self-sacrificing men."

**Telegram to Neilson**  
Mr. Selph went on to speak of the peace time service of the department, of the institution and success of the parcels post system, of the success of motor transportation which has been instituted in all the larger cities instead of the old horse-drawn method, of the aerial mail service, which holds forth such promise for the future, and of the hopes and ambitions of the department for the coming years. He put forth a strong appeal for the masters and employees to accompany the rising costs of living. Mr. Selph concluded with an appreciation of the President's co-operation and support of the department.

It was moved and passed that the Association should send President Horace Lehr, of Easton, together with postmasters from one first, second and third class city to Washington in October to appear there before the Commission on Revision of Salaries and Commissions. A telegram was also sent to President Wilson from the Association which read as follows:

"Greetings: Accept our heartfelt and fullest endorsement of the great objects of your tour, with best wishes for its glorious success. May you return well and happy in our knowledge that the people of our country stand steadily by you."

The Association likewise passed a set of resolutions which they present to their colleagues and to the loyal and faithful employees of the postal service. The resolutions pledge allegiance to the fundamental



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principles of government, persistence in furthering the best interests of the service, appreciation of the work of Postmaster Burleson, A. Mitchell Palmer and the President, and an expression of thanks to the Mayor, Postmaster Sites, the Chamber of Commerce, and all others who had a part in the reception of the visiting postmasters.

**Afternoon Session**  
The afternoon meeting convened at 2 o'clock, and was the closing session of the convention. Addresses were made by John C. Koons, First Assistant Postmaster General, speaking on "The Postal Service;" James I. Blakeslee, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and the Postmaster General, Albert A. Burleson.

After the presentation of the picture of Benjamin Franklin, the crowd adjourned to the Capitol Park, where they expected to witness an airplane flight which was to be staged through the courtesy of Lieutenant-Colonel Kirtland, of the Middletown Depot. In the event of the weather being too thick, the plane exhibition will be called off.

At the last minute it was discovered that Postmaster General Burleson would not be able to be present, and in his absence Fourth Assistant Postmaster General James I. Blakeslee accepted the portrait of Office DDepartment.

Attorney General E. Mitchell Palmer, who was also to be present at the banquet this evening, will be unable to reach this city.

The guests of the Chamber of Commerce in the motor ride through Harrisburg's park system, postmasters from all over the State expressed the greatest admiration for Harrisburg's results in this line.

**Inspect Penn-Harris**  
Last evening the visiting postmasters with their wives were the guests of Postmaster Sites and his employees at the Federal building. Escorted by the postmaster and some of his right-hand men, the guests were taken through the building and shown some of the most recent improvements in use for the handling of mail. In the afternoon the three hundred visitors were the guests of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, which took them for a motor ride through the city parkways. All of them expressed the greatest admiration for the way in which this city has taken up the

park system.

During the afternoon session, Edward M. Hirsh, postmaster at Tamaqua, commented upon the unjust criticism which the Postoffice Department had suffered. He said that the average person does not realize the enormous task of the department.

About 11 o'clock last evening the postmasters heard that the President's special would be in Harrisburg for a short while, so hastily securing a band, they marched to the station to see the chief executive. President Wilson, however, had retired and issued orders that he was not to be wakened on any account, so that the postmasters were forced to give up the attempt.

**Picture of Franklin**  
The feature of the meeting this afternoon was the presentation by Postmaster John A. Thornton, of Philadelphia, of the portrait of Benjamin Franklin to Postmaster General Burleson, who accepted it in behalf of the department.

This picture, which measures 7x7 1/2, is a full length, life sized portrait of the first postmaster general and is generally conceded to be one of the finest portraits of Franklin extant in this country. It is the work of Benjamin A. Osnis, of Philadelphia, who has succeeded admirably in reproducing the Franklin of public affairs, and not of the venerable philosopher type which has been so popular with other painters.

The portrait will be taken to Washington where it is to be hung in the office of the postmaster general beside the portraits of the other postmaster generals of the United States.

**FUNERAL OF MR. MEETCH**  
The funeral services for William B. Meetch, who died yesterday morning, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 1620 North Second street. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, of which Mr. Meetch was a member, will officiate.

The pallbearers were announced today as follows:  
Active pallbearers, A. F. Fortenbaugh, William A. McIlhenny, J. H. Rowe, of Millersburg; J. H. Patton, Colonel Livingston Rausch and Willard S. Young, Honorary pallbearers, Judge George Kunkel, Judges S. J. M. McCarrill, Lieutenant Governor E. E. Beidleman, Major Lane S. Hart, W. Harry Baker, William Jennings, Warwick M. Ogelsby, E. J. Stackpole, E. Z. Wallower, E. S. Hermer, Harry C. Ross, H. L. Hershey, M. E. Stroup, A. S. Cooper, John J. Hargett, John E. Fox, Fox Weiss, George W. McHenry, F. B. Wickham, W. W. Caldwell, E. Z. Gross, Harry M. Stine, A. Carson Stamm, C. C. Cumber, Highspire; B. T. Dickinson, Steelton; A. L. Eker, J. S. Longacker, S. Kelper and F. C. Gerberich and the following pallbearers from Millersburg, J. S. Gilbert, Dr. Marion Ulrich, S. S. Pick, H. L. Lark, J. A. W. Brubaker, H. G. Bogar, R. E. Woodside, and D. Frank Lebo, of Williamstown.

Post 58, G. A. R., will have charge of the funeral services at the grave, which is to be of a military nature. Mr. Meetch had requested that he be buried in his uniform and this will be done, with a volley fired over the grave and taps sounded.

# FRENCH WANT BETTER NEWS

Ask Fuller Information on American Affairs; More Praise For Pershing

By Associated Press.  
Paris, Sunday, August 31—Commenting upon the departure of General

John J. Pershing for the United States (The Temps said to-day: "The Allies passed through a great moral crisis in 1917. In the meantime America had created an army from nothing. In 1918, it was due to this immense reserve of men that Marshal Poch was able to apply the strategy which gained the victory. Then the work being finished, the American soldiers departed, still without thought of lucre or conquest." Then turning to the future, the newspaper lays down as two fundamental truths that France cannot prosper her independence and regain her prosperity unless her policy is not limited to European continental affairs, and that she can exercise a

world policy only by being closely bound to the United States. "Want Better News" "The United States on the other hand, cannot safeguard her rights in the world if she remains a stranger to European affairs," the newspaper continues. "She cannot exercise an European policy without being closely associated with the French." The article concludes with a demand for fuller information for the French of American affairs and proposes that bureaus be established in Paris and New York to supply each country with information. It pointed out that the excerpts of United States Senator Philander C. Knox speech on the Treaty of Peace was received here its way to London."

in such form as to make intelligent comment impossible. **Caproni With Liberty Motors, Flies Alps** New York, Sept. 4.—News of a successful European flight of a Caproni triplane, equipped with Liberty motors, was made public here to-day by D. G. Conti, American representative of the Caproni Company. A telegram received by Mr. Conti from Milan said: "Caproni triplane fitted with Liberty motors and 18 passenger cabin in flew from Milan across the Alps to Lyons, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, on the Treaty of Peace was received here its way to London."

**Nation's Debt on Aug. 30 Was \$26,596,701,648**  
Washington, September 4. — The United States owed \$706,665,111 more at the close of the Treasury business August 30 than on the last day of July, making the total national debt \$26,596,701,648. Issuance of additional Treasury certificates in anticipation of forthcoming payments on taxes and the Victory Loan accounted for the large increase.

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## Advice to the Lovelorn

MOTHER REFUSES CONSENT

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:  
I am seventeen and have been in the show business for three years. When on the road I met a man of forty and our friendship has turned into love. He has plenty of money. My mother is opposed to our marriage and is making my life miserable. She won't let me go with any more shows. I won't even let me secure a position. Is there any harm in loving a man? The reason I think I am old enough to know my own mind is that I was three years on the road with a show. I hate to disobey my mother, but it would break my heart to part from this man. Can I marry without my mother's consent? M. C. R.  
I believe at seventeen a girl must have the legal consent of parent or guardian to marry. After being with a show on the road for three years, I can readily understand that you feel competent to make up your mind about this affair. But seventeen is really very young. Why do you not wait until you are legally of age before deciding to marry this man who is more than twice as old as you are? In the meantime, I hope you will be guided by your mother's wishes.