### PASSING OF TWO GREAT AMERICANS



## Adoption of Declaration by Congress

(From Jefferson's Autobiography.) In Congress, Friday, June 7, 1776.
The delegates from Virginia moved, in obedience to instructions from their constituents, that the Congress should declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; that measures should be immediately taken for procuring the assistance of foreign powers, and a confederation be formed to bind the Colonies more

closely together.

The House being obliged to attend at that time to some other business, the proposition was referred to the next day, and the members were or-dered to attend punctually at 10

Saturday, June 8. They proceeded to take it into consideration and referred it to a committee of the whole, into which they immediately resolved themselves, and passed that day and Monday, the 10th, in debating on the

subject.

It was argued by Wilson, Robert
R. Livingston, E. Rutledge, Dickinson and others—

That, Though they were friends to

the measure themselves, and saw the impossibility that we should ever again be united with Great Britain, yet they were against adopting them at this time;

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That the conduct we had formerly observed was wise and proper now, of deferring to take any capital step till the voice of the people drove us

till the voice of the people drove us into it;
That they were our power, and without them our declarations could not be carried into effect;
That the people of the Middle Colonies (Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, the Jerseys and New York) were not yet ripe for bidding adieu to British connection, but that they were fast ripening, and, in a short time, would join in the general voice of America.

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On the other side, it was urged by J. Adams, Lee, Wythe and others, that no gentleman had argued against the policy or the right of separation from Britain, nor had supposed it possible we should ever renew our connection; that they had only opposed its being now declared.

That the question was not whether, by a Declaration of Independence, we should make ourselves what we

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are not, but whether we should de-clare a fact which already exists. That, as to the people or Parlia-ment of England, we had always been

ing them, and that so far our connection had been Federal only and was now dissolved by the commencement

of hostilities.

That, as to the King, we had been bound to him by allegiance, but that this bond was now dissolved by his assent to the last act of Parliament, assent to the last act of Parliament, by which he declares us out of his protection, and by his levying war on us, a fact which had long ago proved us out of his protection; it being a certain position in law that allegiance and protection are reciprocal, the one ceasing when the other is withdrawn.

It appearing in the course of these debates that the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and South Caro-Delaware, Maryland and South Caro-lina were not yet matured for falling lina were not yet matured for falling from the parent stem, but that they were fast advancing to that state, it was thought most prudent to wait a while for them, and to postpone the final decision to July 1; but, that this might occasion as little delay as possible, a committee was appointed to prepare a Declaration of Independence. The committee were John Adams, Dr. Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert R. Livingston and myself. Committees were also appointed at the same time to prepare a plan of confederation for the Colonies and to state the terms proper to be pro-siderable carriers of them to others. state the terms proper to be proposed for foreign alliance. The committee for drawing the Declaration of mittee for drawing the Declaration of Independence desired me to do it. It was accordingly done, and being approved by them, I reported it to the House on Friday, the 28th of June, when it was read and ordered to lie on the table. On Monday, the 1st of July, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the original motion made by the delegates of Viroling means the consideration of the state of the whole and the consideration of the original motion made by the delegates of Viroling and the consideration of the state of the consideration of the original motion made by the delegates of Viroling and the consideration of the original motion made by the delegates of Viroling and the consideration of the original motion made by the delegates of Viroling and the consideration of the original motion and the consideration of the original motion. the consideration of the original mo-tion made by the delegates of Vir-ginia, which, being again debated through the day, was carried in the affirmative by the votes of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachu-setts, Rhode Island and Georgia. South Carolina and Pennsylvania voted against it. Delaware had but two members present and they were two members present, and they were divided. The delegates from New New York declared they were for it themselves and were assured their constituents were for it; but that

constituents were for it; but that their instructions having been drawn near a twelve-month before, when reconciliation was still the general object, they were enjoined by them to do nothing which should impede that object. They, therefore, thought themselves not justifiable in voting on either side, and asked leave to withdraw from the question; which was that object. They, therefore, thought themselves not justifiable in voting on either side, and asked leave to withdraw from the question; which was given them. The committee rose and reported their resolution to the House. Mr. Edward Rutledge of South Carolina then requested the determination might be put off to the next day, as he believed his colleagues, though they disapproved of the resolution, would then join in it for the sake of unanimity. The ultimate question, whether the House would agree to the resolution of the committee, was accordingly postponed to the next day, when it was again moved, and South Carolina concurred in voting

NOBLE PILE ON SITE OF JOHN HANCOCK HOME

ware counties and turned the vote of that Colony in favor of the resolution. Members of a different sentiment at-tending that morning from Pennsyl-vania also, her vote was changed, so that the whole twelve Colonies who were authorized to vote at all gave their voices for it; and, within a few days, the convention of New York days, the convention of New York approved of it and thus supplied the void occasioned by the withdrawing of her delegates from the vote.

Congress proceeded the same day to consider the Declaration of Independence, which had been reported and lain on the table the Friday preceding and on Monday referred to a committee of the whole. The pusilanimous idea that we had friends in England worth keeping terms with lanimous idea that we had friends in England worth keeping terms with still haunted the minds of many. For this reason, those passages which con-veyed censures on the people of Eng-land were struck out, lest they should also, I believe, felt a little tender under those censures; for though their people had very few slaves themselves, yet they had been pretty considerable carriers of them to others. The debates, having taken up the greater parts of the 2d, 3d and 4th days of July, were, on the evening of the last, closed; the Declaration was reported by the committee, agreed to by the House, and signed by every member present, except Mr. Dickinson.



Fraunces' Tavern Relic of Revolutionary Days

Fraunces' tavern, in New York city, was once a meeting place for Revolu-tionists, later a warehouse, and still tionists, later a warehouse, and still later a saloon, but now stands restored to its aspect as a tavern. The Sons of the Revolution in the state of New York bought the old building after it had descended to the status of a saloon. It has been reconstructed, and its interior and exterior conform as nearly as possible to the Fraunces' tavern of Revolutionary days. days.

independent of them, their restraints on our trade deriving efficacy from our acquiescence only and not from member had come post from the Delaber of commerce in America, in 1780.

### CONVICT SCULPTOR CARVES IN HIS CELL

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War Veteran and College
Man Shows Talent.

Raleigh, N. C.—Jack Landingham, a veteran of the World war and a college man, convicted in Buncombe county of forgery and false pretense, and sentenced to serve a total from tent to twelve years, is an artist of merit, with a leaning toward sculpture.

The youth's first work was a model of Amelia Earhart made from a newspaper photograph. The figure was confined to his hand from working so hard a surface, but he created a striking likeness of the young aviatrix.

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few sacks of plaster of paris, and gave his permission to continue his artistic pursuits outside his working hours. A newspaper likeness of "The Hap-py Warrior," Alfred E. Smith, on his

our through the South, caught the eye of the young sculptor. He caught the Democratic candidate in a charac-teristic pose. It is one of the most striking figures that the young man

striking figures that the young man has accomplished to date.

Works in Cell.

When Landingham lays down his pipe wrench at the end of a day of hard work, he carefully lifts a wet tow sack, beneath which is a mass of moistened plaster of paris and a hunk of modeling clay. This material the youth carries to his cell.

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In his cell after supper he takes a pleture and, using it as a model, adds the finishing touches to his clay outline. He places the model above the lump of plaster and starts on his masterplece. His tools are a blunt pocket knife, a five-inch piece of steel spring, a whet stone and a small sponge. Landingham's most recent product is a lion. At times he sat far into

the night perfecting it. He has the permission of the prison authorities to keep late hours.

ness for himself.

Overlooked Formality.

He worked various cities in the West before entering North Carolina. He invaded Asheville, where there is in operation an ordinance that requires each advertising agency to pay a fee of \$80. Landingham started business without attending to this formality.

The Morchants' association got be-

The Merchants' association got behind him. He had by this time invested all his money in the proposition and had none left with which tion and had none left with which to pay his license. An automobile dealer backed out of his contract and took his license off the car. Half the merchants declined to pay their part, while the other half insisted that he carry out his contract.

The merchants threatened to have him arrested on a charge of fraud.

Landingham became frightened and jumped the town. The merchants who had bit on the scheme swore out warrants for his arrest. He thought the fact he ran away would

convict him, so he pleaded guilty.

Behind it all is an unrequited love affair of his college days—a romance which resulted in the other man winning the girl while Jack fought the Huns. Then came wandering over the world to forget memories of brown eyes and laughing lips; to keep his hands from modeling figures of her who first inspired him; to forget the blood-covered fields of France—wandering that landed him finally behind prison walls.

### 19 Skeletons Dug Up in Old Berlin Church

Berlin.—In the course of renovating the Klosterkirche, the oldest church of Berlin, the workmen under their ecclesiastical expert, Doctor Steinberger, discovered a subterranean tomb filled with 18 skeletons of womem that were identified as remains of the Eighteenth century. The skele-tons were exhumed and buried else-

Within the last two centuries the Klosterkirche, built during the latter part of the Thirteenth century, has repeatedly proved a treasure trove for historical relics. Only last year a two-hundred-year-old sepulcher was unearthed, though neither in that nor in the present burial place were any objects of art value found.

### Gently Tapping

Rochester, N. Y.—There was an insistent tapping, as of some one gently rapping, at Mrs. George Ranker's window. It was not a black raven, but a white carrier pigeon, friendly and an utter stranger.

able to be out again and is improving in health.

Ida Cook of Cumberland who spent a week with her parents of this place returned to Cumberland on Monday.

Noah Martz who spent the past few months at Somerset, Corrigansville and Hyndman is at present staying at Samuel Bauman's.

Russel Engleka who spent the past few weeks at M. H. Bauman's left for Meyersdale last Saturday.

Herman Bauman's lady friend of this place visited him at Holsopple one day last week.

Ida Cook, Adaline Werner, Kate, Rose and Herman Bauman paid short visit at Glencoe last Sunday.

Hanna Bittner visited at Wesley Hike and Mrs. Harvey Fike of reversedale took dinner at Mahlon Werner's, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faidley and mrs. Harvey Fike of reversers, Saturday.

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few days at Samuel Bauman's last Betty Bittner who spent three

years on cheese and garlic; but shorter life has its compensations.

were callers at Charles Bird's, Sun-

day. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Grew and chil-

Miss Leota Miller of Pittsburgh is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Miller.

Mrs. Irvin Fike and Mrs. Sarah Miller are on the sick list.

Miss Ella Miller of Meyersdale spent Monday with her grandma, Mrs. Mary Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Aktors Objective meat Sundary Hoel List.

ron, Ohio, spent Sunday at Joel Landis' of Berlin.

widow, two sons and one data Funeral services were held

### **COAL RUN ITEMS**

SUMMIT MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stahl of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hare and Emaline and Kathleen of Nanty-Glo, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George May.

**BLOUGH NEWS** 

### Fall From Tree Fatal To Confluence Man

Falling from a cherry tree when limb broke while he was picking cherries, precipitating him some di tance to the ground, John Seibert, aged 60 years, of Confluence, was fatally injured last Wednesday afternoon on a farm in Henry Clay Township, two miles from Conflue. The victim's neck was brok-He died about a half hour af-

ter the accident.

Mr. Seibert is survived by his weeks at Cumberland returned home last Friday.

Our weather man says he knows of a man that lived a hundred and fifty

dis' of Berlin.

Mrs. A. C. Brenneman and son Paul spent last week in Jerome.

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With burial in the Addison Ceme-

### Airport Company Hold Meeting at Somerset

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Nr. and Mrs. Lither Hare and Mrs. Harry Stahl of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Later Hare and Mrs. Charles and perfected busts of the other Poun children, and one of the youngest son of Dr. J. H. Norman. Another striking example of his work is a copy of the "Dying Gladditor."

Jack Landingham was born in Knorville, Tenn., thirty-two years ago. He spent some time as an art student at the Rice Institute in Texas. Then the war started, and young Landingham has the Rice Institute in Texas. Then the war started, and young Landingham has was sent oversees. He carries seven wounds in his body as the result of contact with a German machine gun nest. His companions on that adventure are fead.

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