

NATION HONORS GREAT AMERICAN

Pays Tribute to Benjamin Franklin's Memory—to Erect Great Memorial

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The memory of Benjamin Franklin, statesman, scientist, philosopher and printer, whose birthday January 17 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of alliance with France, was perpetuated in Philadelphia, with the erection of a memorial, the minimum cost of which has been placed at \$100,000.

Announcement of plans for the erection of the memorial, which will be a tribute in character, is expected soon.

On Franklin's birthday, statues of "Poor Richard" were made shrunken and were laid on memorials in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington, Boston and elsewhere. A large statue was again laid this year at the Franklin statue in Paris.

Members of the Poor Richard club of Philadelphia made their annual pilgrimage to Christ church, buried ground where Franklin and his wife are buried. Printers have long been most active in keeping alive the memory of Franklin. President William Green of the American Federation of Labor proclaimed Franklin patron saint of the organization.

President Coolidge wrote the Benjamin Franklin memorial committee of the Sons of the American Revolution:

"No American citizen more deserves the gratitude and reverence of the nation than does that of Franklin. He was one of that marvelous group of Revolutionary leaders each of whom seemed in his particular department to be a supreme genius. His life's story is replete with illumination for the problems of our time."

Some of the principal accomplishments of Mr. Franklin follow: Repealed and of France for America in Revolutionary war. Helped write Declaration of Independence.

His influence kept together the colonies during the many crises of the revolution.

Primarily instrumental in securing repeal of the Stamp Acts.

Organized first Anti-Slavery society.

Founded University of Pennsylvania.

Father of the United States Weather Bureau.

Responsible for charting Gulf Stream.

Established first successful circulating library.

Discovered that lightning is electricity and subsequently invented lightning rod.

First developed principles of magnetism.

Invented Franklin stove, near and far vision spectacles, mangle iron, smoke consuming pipes, and a copying press for taking copies of manuscripts.

Was editor of the first and most successful newspaper of his time.

His cartoon "Join or Die" was the first newspaper cartoon ever used.

Advertising as a fundamental force in business was initiated by him.

He helped create first fire insurance company.

Second Son of King George May Some Day Be Most Important Man in All England

LONDON (AP)—The British public is just beginning to wake up to the fact that the second son of King George may some day be the most important man in the kingdom.

All of which is only another way of saying that Albert, Duke of York, has a chance of being elevated to the throne of England.

And a chance, incidentally, baby girl, the tiny Princess Elizabeth, only child of the duke, may be destined to reign as England's queen.

It is not likely that these possibilities have been discussed for some time. It has only been recently, however, that the public at large has begun to think of them.

Wales: Duke of York. Here is the situation that faces the Duke of York (also Mr. Windsor).

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The Duke and Duchess of York

As now seems very possible, he will have when he becomes king, no son or daughter to inherit the crown on his death.

In such a case, the Duke of York would be next in the line of royal succession. Should Wales, his children, his brother Albert would become king.

This, of course, would make the eldest male child of the Duke of York the next heir to the throne. But the Duke of York's only child is a girl, the Duke's daughter, Princess Elizabeth.

Accidentally, the British public is beginning to pay more attention to the existence and status of the Duke of York.

What sort of child he is, however, this younger brother of the famous Prince of Wales.

To begin with, it is sufficient to say that he would be a very popular man in Wales if he were as well known as he is a modest, rather shy chap of 31, liable in the extreme to be nervous of the responsibility that will be his lot, like Wales, throughout his life.

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Former Fireman Admits Setting Fire to Buildings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—An "irresponsible impulse" is given by the police as the confessed reason why John J. Fisher set two fires of the series that scattered ruin throughout the city yesterday morning.

Declaring that Fisher, 29-year-old former fireman and recently a psychopathic patient, here had confessed to causing the two blazes, police authorities said he had done so after watching firemen battle two earlier downtown blazes. They said he admitted lighting matches in the McDonald and Son's grain warehouse at Lexington place and Q street in the northwest quarter of the city and then to the bank Woodworth company at 4th and W streets northwest.

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California Plane Out For Record

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 (AP)—In her fourth attempt to break the world record for sustained flight by an airplane, the trimotor biplane "Spirit of California" early today was circling over Northern California.

The plane took off here at 8:09 a. m. yesterday and flew over this section of the state throughout the day and last night. With weather conditions favorable, the pilot, Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, British air ace, and Lt. George R. Pond, U. S. N., slowed down the engines late last night to conserve the gasoline supply. The propellers registered only 1520 revolutions per minute.

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