

PATRIOTIC WOMEN MEET

Breakfast of the Colonial Dames at Sherry's.

GUESTS FROM MANY OTHER SOCIETIES

Elaborate Decorations with the Col- ors of the Colonies, Holland, England, France.

With banners flying the Colonial Dames of the State of New-York yesterday entertained at Sherry's at breakfast guests from brother and sister societies founded to do honor to the founders and builders of the Republic.

For decorations and expressions of patriotic feeling the gathering has seldom been exceeded in New-York.

Sherry's big ballroom was brilliant with flags, bunting, and banners. Around the walls hung the banners of the thirteen original States, mingled with United States flags. The Union Jack of England, hung with small United States flags from the centre of the ceiling, and the balcony at the end of the room, where stood the President's table, was also draped with flags. Here the shield of the United States had on one side the old French flag—a gold fleur de lis on a white ground—and the Dutch flag, and on the other a large English flag and the modern tri-color of France.

The most distinguished visitors were seated at a long table, and the other guests and Dames were grouped at small round tables. On the majority of the tables were yellow daffodils, representing the Colonial buff. Alternating were clusters of crimson Holland tulips.

The parchment menu card was tied with yellow ribbons, and was ornamented with the arms of the thirteen colonies and the seal of the Colonial Dames. The glacé Colonial was served in dainty little blue-ground, three-cornered buff hats, with a tri-colored rosette at one side. Throughout the breakfast and at the close the army band from Governors Island played martial airs.

The decorations were not confined to the breakfast room. The large parlors, in which the guests were received, were thrown into one and filled with beautiful old portraits and quaint Colonial furniture.

The Rev. Alexander Hamilton, Chaplain of the Society of Colonial Wars, was the Chaplain for the day. Frederic J. de Peyster made the address of welcome, and acted as toastmaster. He said:

The patriotic societies gathered here to-day are working with one purpose—to wrest 150 years of American history from contempt and oblivion. No one cared for Greece or Rome until it had made a history that filled the world. The only thing which separates the Society of Colonial Wars and the Colonial Dames to-day is a mere accident of birth. The daughters go to you, the sons do not.

All of us men together have not done so much work as this one chapter of Colonial Dames in New-York.

Charles Dudley Warner, in the absence of Alexander S. Webb, spoke to the toast, "The Colonial Dame, Past and Present." He said:

For myself, I don't hesitate to say that I am tired of looking sadly back into the past. You women of to-day, if you were tested, would be equal to the endurance of the trials of the first Colonial dames. They brought up sons and daughters, feared God, and kept the kitchen clean. They seemed to have a great opportunity, that of beginning; but there were never such opportunities as there are in New-York to-day.

Edward Floyd De Lancey spoke upon "De Mevrouw en Juffers van Nieuw Nederland," and Henry E. Howland, President of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, upon "Our Squires and Yonkers."

Mrs. Howard Townsend, President of the National and State Society of Colonial Dames, made a few remarks, the guests standing as she spoke, and finally drinking her health.

Among those present were:

Mrs. Beekman, Mrs. L. G. Quinlan, Mrs. Ethan Allen, William Milne Grinnell, Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, C. E. Norton, Mrs. Morris K. Ferris, Richard H. Greene Lee, Mrs. William Rhineland, Col. Durcan S. Oliphant, Miss Hannah N. Lawrence, Miss Anna Potter, Mrs. Robert E. Livingston, Mrs. Bacon Stevens, the Rev. Cotesworth Pinckney, Mrs. Benjamin S. Church, Mrs. M. W. Wootton, Miss Turnbull, Miss Sophie B. Rodney, Miss M. D. B. Miller, Miss Julia L. Delafield, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhineland.

Mrs. Howard Pell, Miss Julia Grant, Mrs. Charles E. Pellet, Miss Annie D. Duane, Mrs. S. V. R. Townsend, Miss Madeline Satterlee, Mrs. Johnson Hudson, Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Eugene Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr.; Mrs. Henry B. Livingston, Mrs. John Bleeker Miller, Mrs. Prescott H. Butler, Miss Nicoll, Capt. Dahlgren, Mrs. Charles Sands, Mrs. Bayard Clarkson, Mrs. Philip Rhineland, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Janvier Le Duc, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. J. Wells Champney, Dr. Dougall Bissell, Mrs. Stimpson, Miss Helen H. Shelton, and Mrs. Hilborne Roosevelt.

Members of the Societies of St. Nicholas, Sons of the Colonial Wars, Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Cincinnati were present. With the latter were Col. A. J. Clinton and Morris P. Ferris of the Advisory Board.

Died on a Street Car.

Joshua J. Corneilus, sixty-one years old, of 93 Pineapple Street, Brooklyn, died suddenly from heart disease on a Flushing Avenue car yesterday morning, while on his way to work in the Crescent watch case factory, at Wallabout Street and Lee Avenue.