

Captain Thomas Lloyd Reported Washington Oath

Catholic Soldier Recorded First Inaugural, Called 'Father Of American Shorthand'

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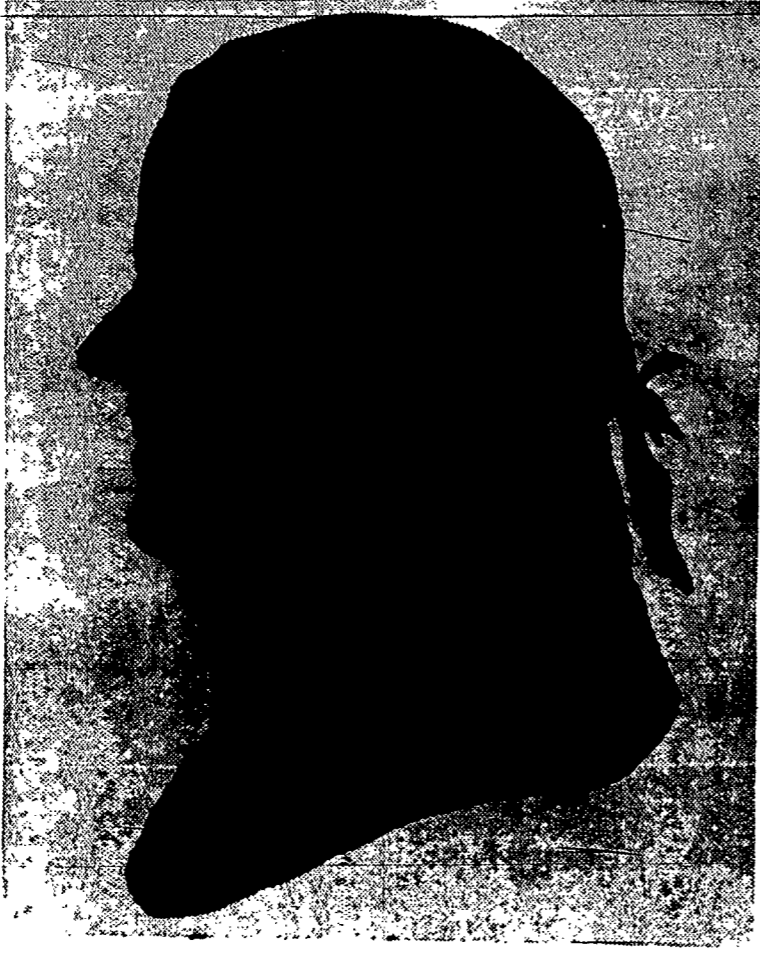
Washington, D. C. (N. C. W. C. News Service) — The 43rd presidential inauguration today recalls the fact that the ceremonies of the nation's first inauguration and the early proceedings of the Continental Congress and the First Congress of the United States were recorded for posterity by a Catholic officer of the Revolutionary War.

ON THE BALCONY of Federal Hall in New York City, April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office as first President of the United States and declared, "I humbly implore that the success which will be the result of our mutual endeavors for the general happiness."

Present on the balcony and in the Senate Chamber when President Washington delivered his inaugural address was Capt. Thomas Lloyd, who has been called "The Father of American Shorthand Reporting." He reported the first inaugural address and the next day had a copy of it before the House of Representatives and released it to the Gazette of the United States, where it was published on May 2, 1789.

Official reporter for both the Pennsylvania and the Federal Congress, and founder of the Congressional Record, Thomas Lloyd has been honored by the history books and the encyclopedias. It remained for the Catholic historian, Martin J. J. Griffin to unearth the facts and present them at the ceremonies commemorating the centennial of the nation's first inaugural April 30, 1889 before the American Catholic Historical Society in Philadelphia.

THOMAS LLOYD was born in London, England August 14, 1756, the son of William and Hannah Bidle Lloyd. At the age of seven he was sent to St. Omer's College, in Flanders, where he studied till the age of 14 under the English Jesuits. He stated that it was at this school that he learned not only shorthand writing but his republican principles.



CAPTAIN THOMAS LLOYD

Our Nation's first inaugural was recorded for posterity by a Catholic officer of the Revolutionary War, Capt. Thomas Lloyd, who has been called the "Father of American Shorthand."

Among his teachers at St. Omer's were two Jesuits who later played an important role in the history of his adopted country. Fathers John Carroll and Leonard Neale, who became the first and second archbishops of Baltimore. It was upon the advice of Father Neale that young Lloyd emigrated to St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1771. His parents remained in England, where his father was a builder.

WITH THE ADVENT of the American Revolution Lloyd, at the age of 19 volunteered to serve in St. Mary's County Fifth Company and later served as an ensign in the Third Maryland Regiment. On September 11, 1777, in the Battle of Brandywine he was wounded, bayoneted and taken prisoner. He was soon thereafter liberated in an exchange of pris-

Protestants Aid Catholic Cathedral

Hartford, Conn. — (N. C. W. C. News Service) — The congregation of Asylum Hill Congregational church here donated \$500 to a fund for rebuilding St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral recently destroyed by fire.

The gift was made public by Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford. The prelate also announced gifts of \$5,000 from Cardinal Spellman, \$500 from New York Auxiliary Bishop Philip J. Furlong and \$1,000 from Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former U. S. Ambassador to Italy.

Asylum Hill church stands directly across the street from the ruined cathedral. Both buildings were designed by the same architect.

"We know by the measure of love we have for our structure how deeply the loss of the cathedral must affect all who worshipped there," the Rev. Dr. Bernard T. Drew, minister of the Congregational church, said in a message of sympathy to Archbishop O'Brien.

Communist Minority Rules Poland - But Cautiously

This dispatch was written by Father O'Connor, veteran N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent, during a two-week reporting assignment in communist Poland.

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, Warsaw (N. C. W. C. News Service) — Lights seem few and dim below you as you fly across Poland in the winter dusk. Among snow-covered fields, the farm houses and villages make dark patches in which you rarely see a gleam.

Warsaw, a city of more than a million people, does not form lights as do other great cities, seen from the air after dark. The airport has the lights necessary for operations but little more.

ONE OF THE first things I noticed in the airport room, while waiting for passports to be checked, was a copy of Moscow's daily, Pravda. Now I was inside the Iron Curtain from Amsterdam that day's starting point. I was separated by three and one-half hours' flight and the Communist Manifesto.

"The Acts Passed at a Congress of the United States of America begun at the City of New York and also the acts of the second session of Congress," in December, 1790, as "chief of the stenographers of the House of Representatives" he reported the Philadelphia sessions of the Congress.

IN 1791 HE went to London with his wife on business, planning to spend two years there with his parents. However, the following year he was imprisoned there for failure to pay some debts and it was not until 1795 that he returned to the United States to become the official recorder of the proceedings in Philadelphia and Washington.

IN SUBSEQUENT years Lloyd taught shorthand in Philadelphia and continued his work of reporting the proceedings of state assemblies, the Congress, and important court trials in various parts of the country. Among these was the 1805 impeachment trial of Thomas Chase, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

On January 10, 1827, Thomas Lloyd died in his Philadelphia home in his 71st year. He is buried in the graveyard of St. Augustine's Catholic Church there, where his grave remained for many years unmarked and known to but a few.

As a result of a resolution passed at the convention of the National Shorthand Reporters Association, held in Boston in 1902, a memorial was placed over his grave, recognizing him as "The Father of American Shorthand Reporting."

'One Stands Among You Whom You Know Not'

Pius XII Was Planning Switzerland Trip On Eve Of Papal Election, Says Reporter

Vatican City — (N. C. W. C. News Service) — In his preface to the book, "Activities of the Holy See in 1956," a staff member of L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, recounts two previously unpublished episodes in the life of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Both events, told by Cesidio Lolli who has been attached to the newspaper for 31 years, demonstrated that the then Cardinal Pacelli refused to believe that he would be elected Supreme Pontiff of the Church.

DURING THE last consistory held by Pope Pius XI in December, 1937, Cardinal Pacelli presented the new Cardinals to the Pope. Pius XI then said that since he felt he had not much longer to live, he wanted to repeat what St. John the Baptist had said in his role as Precursor: "One stands



POPE PIUS XII 'No Vacation'

among you whom you know not!" (John 1, 24).

The following day, Pope Pius XI revealed privately that he had referred to Cardinal Pacelli.

Recalling this event in March, 1939, Journalist Lolli went to see Cardinal Pacelli the day before the papal elections. He wanted, he said, biographical material in preparation for the conclave which was soon to elect a new pope.

Cardinal Pacelli refused, stating all the reasons why he thought he would not be elected pope. Besides, he said, he was ready to leave for Switzerland, where he would rest a few days after the labors of the "sede vacante" (interim between the death of a pope and the election of his successor). He even showed Lolli the pass-

port which had been brought up to date for the trip. "That may be," the journalist replied, "but I have the impression that your 'Switzerland' will have to be limited to moving simply from the first floor to the second and third (papaal apartments) of the Apostolic Palace."

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