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**Mayor's Fourth of July  
Committee**

**1910**



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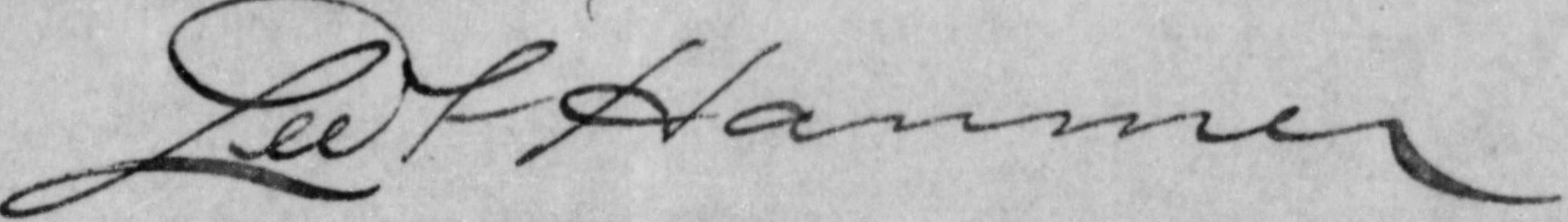
May 7, 1910.

Hon Samuel Marx-Alderman  
261 Broadway  
New York N Y

My dear Alderman Marx,

The enclosed list of names <sup>for</sup> ~~from~~  
the Independence Day Committee is arranged in the  
order which you suggested. If names are to be  
omitted from the list, they should be taken from  
the bottom.

Sincerely yours,

  
Associate Director.

MY

Enclosure



William H. Maxwell, City Superintendent of Schools  
Alderman Samuel Marx, Author of Independence Day Resolution  
Luther H. Gulick, M.D. President of the Playground Association of America.  
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New York City.  
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Mrs. Valdimer Simkhovitch, Head Worker, Greenwich Neighborhood House.  
Bishop David H Greer  
Nathan Strauss, Banker & Merchant  
Mrs. Clarence Mackey, Member of the Board of Directors, Girls' Branch of  
the Public Schools Athletic League  
Howard Bradstreet, Secretary of the Parks and Playgrounds Association of  
New York City.  
John H. Melish, D.D. Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn  
Ralph Jonas, Lawyer  
J. L. Streever, Business Man  
John W. Alexander, President of the Art Society  
W. G. Wilcox, Lawyer (Richmond)  
Percival Chubb, Ethical Culture Society  
Frank Damrosch, People's Choral Union  
W. W. Niles, Lawyer (Bronx)  
Lee F. Hanmer, Associate Director, Department of Child Hygiene, Russell Sage  
Foundation.

*Miss Alice Lawrence*



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK CITY.

### The Committee

This should be a committee of about 25 appointed by the Mayor

An office should be provided for the committee, and authorization to employ a secretary and the necessary stenographic help.

The committee might later increase its own membership if desired.

### Parades

There should be at least two parades, one in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn. It probably might be well to have a parade in each borough/

The National Guard, the Police and Fire Departments, all civic and patriotic organizations, and groups of children should take part in the parades.

The parades should take place from 10 to 12 A. M.

### Local Celebrations

There should be a celebration in each of the 46 school districts of the city.

In each district there should be a local committee, the chairman of which should be a member of the enlarged ~~central~~ committee.

If possible the Districts Superintendents of Schools should be chairmen of the local committees with members of the local school boards and others on these committees.

As the parade passes through or near a district the children of that district might fall in line and march with the parade to the next district, where they should give place to the next group of children. Or, if this does not seem expedient, there might be parades of children in each district; these parades lining up along the routes of the large parades.

Following the participation in the parades there will be time for lunch before the local celebrations, which might take place at 2 P.M.

These local celebrations might consist of tableaux, drills, flag salute, recitations, addresses, patriotic music, folk dances, and athletic games.

A place for each district celebration should be provided, either by assigning a section in a public park, or by closing certain streets, or by allowing the use of the recreation piers.

### Fireworks

A display of fireworks should be provided by the city in the evening. These should take place on floats in the rivers and bay, and from bridges between Manhattan and Brooklyn.



Funds

There should be a city appropriation to be used for the office expenses of the committee, for the parades, and a fixed sum apportioned to each local committee.

There should also be contributions solicited by each local committee for the celebration in its own district.

General contributions should be solicited by the central committee for the expense of the fireworks display, thus making a definite object for which contributions are to be secured.

The following twenty-five names are suggested for the central committee:

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Gen. George W. Wingate, President of the Public Schools Athletic League  
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Commissioners

Parks. Boats & Ferris. Water Police Fire





4th of July Committee

Sept. 5th of N. Y.

to

Jan 27-1910

Orders.

I. The ~~H~~onorable William J. Gaynor, Mayor of the City of New York, having appointed a Committee, now known as the "Fourth of July Committee" to arrange for a "safe and sane" celebration of Independence Day, the said Committee extended, through our Department Commander, Maurice Simmons, an invitation to the United Spanish War Veterans to participate. On behalf of his comrades in Greater New York and vicinity, he deemed it both patriotic and expedient to accept this invitation.

II. In the first place, he is heartily in sympathy with the proposal to have a safe and sane celebration of the anniversary of our Country's Independence. In the second place, he believes it to be our duty as good citizens, to render our heartiest co-operation to the Administration of this City in its effort to revive the old spirit of patriotism that inspired our forefathers.

III. No sane citizen can sympathize with the substitution of <sup>the</sup> noise and glamour that has in recent years, taken the place of common sense and patriotism in the celebration of the Nation's natal day. The Mayor, having deprived the small boy of the doubtful enjoyment which he might obtain from the burning of his fingers and even greater injuries, has deemed it wise to supply a suitable outlet for his enthusiasm by way of compensation. It is incumbent upon



every soldier, whether in active service, or on the veteran roll of honor, to lend his best efforts to make this revival of patriotism a signal success. The marching of ~~the~~ military bodies has ever been an inspiration to the youth of our Country, and no more appropriate day, historically speaking, can be selected for such celebration than the anniversary of the Declaration of our Nation's Independence. It is unfortunate in the eyes of some delicately constituted mortals that our forefathers saw fit to proclaim their independence in so arid a season as July, but it is safe to say that the American people have not become so blasé or degenerate as to quibble over the weather when it comes to a question of paying their tribute of respect and veneration to an event of such stupendous importance as the proclamation of our Country's Independence. It would constitute a serious indictment of our courage, our virility and our patriotism if the United Spanish War Veterans, with their record of service in the camps and battle-fields of the tropics, paled at the prospect of a two mile hike down Broadway in the City of New York.

IV. Therefore, a meeting of the Comrades of Greater New York and Westchester was held at the 22nd Regiment Armory on Sunday, June 26, for the purpose of making suitable arrangements. At this meeting, the undersigned was duly elected as Grand Marshal and in accordance with said election and the confirmation of the Department Commander, I hereby assume command.

V. Staff officers and camps will assemble with colors on July 4 at 9 A. M. on West 28th Street, with right resting on Fifth Avenue. Comrades will wear the official U S. W. V. or the Khaki



uniforms, whichever prevail in their respective camps. Comrades not in uniform will wear campaign hats and white gloves with the badge of the Order. THE LINE OF MARCH will be, Fifth Avenue to Fourth Street, to Broadway, to City Hall, where the column will be reviewed and disbanded.

By order of

Anthony J. Griffin,

Grand Marshal.

Chief of Staff.

I hereby confirm the foregoing order and direct that the same be forwarded to every comrade. Let no comrade fail in this duty.

Dated New York, June 27, 1910.

Official  
Ernest T. Larkin, Adjutant.

Maurice Simmons,

Department Commander



CITY OF NEW YORK  
INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE

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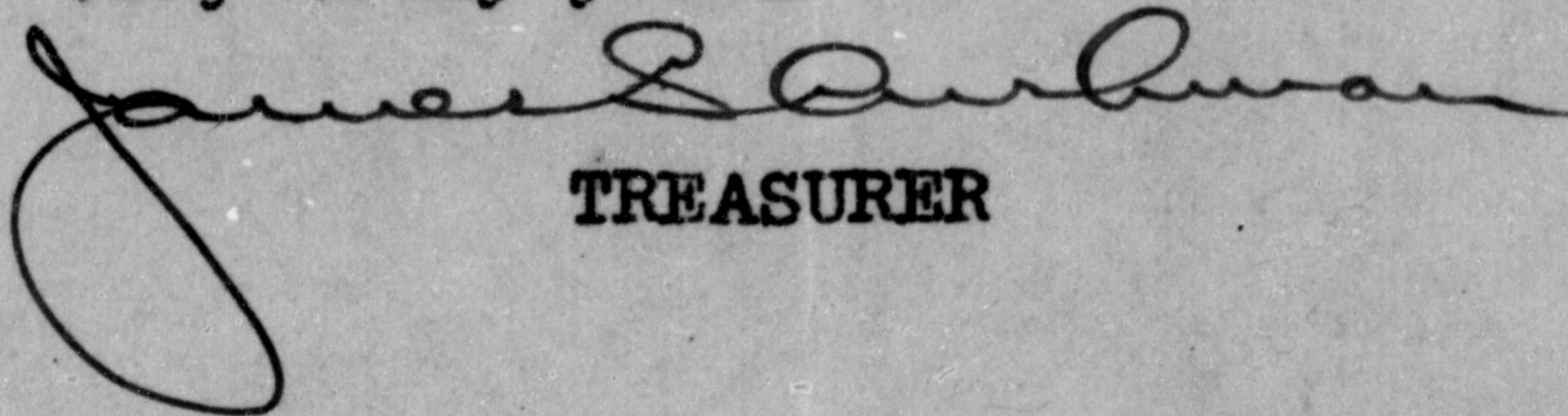
New York, June 28, 1910.

Robt. Adamson Esq.,  
Office Of The Mayor  
City Of New York.

Dear Sir:

We are duly in receipt of your favor of  
June 27th, enclosing two checks for Fifty Dollars  
(\$50) each, from L. M. Josephthal and W. H. Black,  
which have been duly entered and acknowledged,  
and thanking you for your attention to the matter,  
I am,

Very truly yours

  
TREASURER