

FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 85: 1913 (NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CONVENTION/RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE)

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The National Fire Prevention Convention held in Philadelphia in 1913 included the development of resolutions for the assembly to hear and express their opinions. The development of these resolutions was assigned to a committee. The following is a list of the members of the Resolutions Committee for the Convention:

“COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman, Mr. Powell Evans; Chairman, Fire Prevention Commission of Philadelphia; and Fire Waste Committee, Chamber of Commerce of United States of America, Philadelphia.

Dr. S. W. Stratton, Director, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Mr. H. M. Wilson, Engineer, Experiment Station, Bureau of Mines, Department of Interior, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. A. Lindback, Fire Commissioner of Manitoba, President Fire Marshal's Association of North America.

Col. Lewis T. Bryant, Commissioner of Labor, State of New Jersey, Trenton, N.J.

Mr. Charles H. Cole, Fire Commissioner, City of Boston.

Mr. William Guerin, Acting Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau, City of New York.

Mr. Lawrence Veiller, of the Charity Organization Society, New York City.

Mr. Henry Bruere, Director, Bureau of Municipal Research, New York City.

Mr. Charles E. Meek, First Vice-President, National Association of Credit Men, New York City.

Mr. Robert D. Kohn, of American Institute of Architects, and President of National Fire Protection Association, and of Committee of Safety, New York City.

Mr. John R. Freeman, of Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Providence, R. I.

Mr. W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager, National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City.

Mr. C. M. Goddard, Secretary, New England Fire Insurance Exchange, Boston.

Mr. Oscar B. Ryon, General Counsel, National Board of Fire Underwriters, Chicago.

Mr. R. S. Newbern, Superintendent of Insurance, Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Philadelphia.

Hon. C. A. Lantz, President Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Fire of Insurance Companies, Lebanon, Pa.

While the names of the Resolutions Committee for the National Fire Prevention Convention are unfamiliar to us, it is worth noting the names of the organizations represented and, in particular, the area of the country from which these gentlemen came. The list of committee members clearly indicates that interest in fire prevention/fire prevention was dominated by men from the northeastern part of the country.

Source: "Official Record of the First American National Fire Prevention Convention", Powell Evans, Editor, page 7, 1914.

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