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NEWLY INAUGURATED PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

HARDING STEPS INTO PRESIDENCY

Wilson Adds Dramatic To Simple Ceremony

NORMAL NATION BIG AIM

New President, Like Washington, Has Early Conference With Senate.

CABINET CHOICE CONFIRMED

White House Grounds Thrown Open to Public for First Time in Four Years.



Warren G. Harding



Calvin S. Coolidge

BROKEN, WILSON RETIRES SMILING

Ex-President Gives No Hint of Regret.

CHEERY MOOD FAILS ONCE

'Senate Has Thrown Me Down,' Invalid Executive Tells Senator Knox.

COOL GREETING FOR LODGE

Harding Shows Predecessor Utmost Courtesy During Brief Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eight storm-tossed years in the presidency, filled with moments and scenes that will live forever in human history, ended today for Woodrow Wilson. "Just plain Woodrow Wilson now," as he smilingly asserted.

Under his own roof again as a private citizen, he rested tonight with his burdens of state transferred to other shoulders and the shouting and tumult of public placed behind him. And through a day that had taxed his broken physical powers greatly, he came smiling with no hint of regret in his retirement.

There was but one incident when that cheerful mood seemed to fail. Mr. Wilson had been telling Senator Knox that he would not witness the inauguration of Vice-President Coolidge, as he doubted his ability to negotiate the few steps he must climb.

"The senate has thrown me down," he said to the Pennsylvania senator, in reference to battles in the east, and the peace treaty, "but I am not going to let that fall down."

A moment later someone called his attention to the fact that Senator Lodge had arrived as head of the joint committee to inform the president that the 66th congress stood ready for adjournment.

Mr. Wilson turned toward the man who led the fight against the treaty. His face lost its smile as he listened to the senator's formal report and there was in his tone a touch of cool formality as he said:

"I have no further communication to make. I appreciate your courtesy. Good morning."

Wilson's share in the ceremonies remained in doubt to the last. It was not until he had finished the business of the senate that he yielded to the entreaties of his physician and Mrs. Wilson to spare himself the ordeal his physical condition would make of adherence to precedent.

From the moment he emerged from the White House, he carried them to the capitol. Mr. Wilson was shown utmost courtesy by Mr. Harding. As he started the painful descent of the White House steps Mr. Wilson was aided by the secret service men. After he sat back into his seat, Mr. Harding stepped in and they rode side by side, neither in courtesy to the other, responding to the cheers or salutes that greeted them.

At the capitol the car drew up first at the senate wing entrance. Mr. Harding and others in the car, except Mr. Wilson, alighted and here the crowd waited. Evidently it had been prearranged that there should be no public comprehension to be drawn between the big strong figures of the old, for Mr. Wilson rode on alone to a little-used door where he had but two steps to mount.

Rolling Chair Ignored. Mr. Wilson was lifted out of the car and on the two steps by Arthur Brooks, negro custodian of the White House. At the top he paused and then, grasping his cane, but alone and unaided, he moved through the door to plod slowly over the 20 yards of stone flagging to the elevator. He passed without heed a big rolling chair.

The crowd at the other door set out to find Mr. Wilson. They caught up with him as he turned toward an elevator. There were murmurs of sympathy as the spectators caught sight of the gray-haired figure going so slowly and with such evidence of bodily powers driven to their work only by a mastering exercise of will; but Mr. Wilson nodded and smiled as he forced himself on.

Lifted one floor in the elevator, Mr. Wilson still alone, made his way to the president's room and the business before him. He greeted the senators waiting there, exchanged humorous quips with some, and signed or waved away bills laid before him.

Harding Expresses Appreciation. As he said good-bye to Mr. Wilson, the incoming president again displayed the sympathy he felt for his stricken predecessor. They clasped hands and Mr. Harding said: "Good-bye, Mr. President. I know you are glad to be relieved of your

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HARDING BECOMES PRESIDENT AT SIMPLEST INAUGURATION.

Wilson Capital's Pathetic Figure on Day That Marks Change in Administrations.

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The sun shone brightly today, and when that happens the weather is the feature of the occasion because of the presence about the capitol of the pathetic figure of Woodrow Wilson, who came to sign a few bills as the windup of his eight years in the office which he turned over to his successor. Only a comparative few had the opportunity of seeing the retiring president.

And for the first time the multitude that crowded into the plaza on the east front of the capitol and over the parks and streets, as far as the highest steps of the congressional library could hear, the inaugural address. And there were not less than 75,000 persons in reach of Mr. Harding's voice, made possible by two rooms full of machinery connected with an amplifier, concealed beneath a flag above the new president's head.

MRS. HARDING MAKES INAUGURAL TRIUMPH

AMERICAN WOMAN TYPIFIED AT SOLEMN CEREMONIAL.

Personal Charm and Originality Win Recognition of Rare and Gifted Personality.

BY ZORA GALE. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The whole world of women loves the Cinderella legend—the legend of any obscure woman who becomes a distinctive and romantic figure. Today American women see the charming, feisty tale come true in the person of Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

The first announcement was the general of the army of the United States. "This meant General Pershing. The chief of naval operations" and "chief of staff of the army" who is General Peyton C. March. "Next was 'major-general' commandant of the marine corps, who is General Lejeune. As Edward Douglas White appeared at the door, the doorkeeper announced, 'the chief justice of the United States and the associate justices of the supreme court.'

MILITARY PREPARING FOR GERMAN REFUSAL

Belgians Send Artillery, British Division Ready.

Cabinet Fall Considered Possible and Papers Call for Firm 'No' to Lloyd George.

LONDON, March 4.—Hints that discussions were going on between the allies regarding the possibility of bridging the gulf between them and the Germans were heard last night. Nothing tangible developed, however, and members of the German delegation told newspaper men at midnight they had heard nothing from Berlin relative to the address made yesterday by Premier Lloyd George in presenting an ultimatum to Dr. Walter Simons.

The Daily Mirror today said it had information that the British war office was ready to place a division of infantry at the disposal of Marshal Foch. A dispatch from Brussels stated a battery of artillery had been dispatched to German territory occupied by Belgian troops. None of the newspapers professed to believe that Germany would yield. Some writers thought the position of Dr. Simons had become so difficult that he might be replaced, while others expressed belief that the German cabinet would resign and another government more amenable to the allied demands would be formed.

SENATORS CONFIRM HARDING'S CABINET

President Presents List; Body Acts Quickly.

Custom Inaugurated by Washington Revived When New Leader Attends Executive Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—President Harding presented his cabinet nominations to the senate today in person and they were confirmed by that body in less than 10 minutes. The president later signed the commissions of his ten official advisers, who will enter tomorrow upon their new duties.

In appearing before the senate in executive session, President Harding revived a custom inaugurated by George Washington, but in disuse since the days of Thomas Jefferson. He explained that during his administration he wished to "maintain close and amicable relations with the legislative branch and for that reason had appeared to present his cabinet selections."

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- The Weather. YESTERDAY—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; northwesterly winds.
- Sports. Franklin wins high school basketball title. Baseball game ends in near-tie. Oregon track team is considered good.
- Commercial and Marine. Coast butter markets declining to spring levels. President's speech, export trade and crop reports strengthen wheat market.
- Portland and Vicinity. Creamery butter declines 4 cents a pound in Portland. Senate confirms Harding's cabinet appointments.

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