

PRESIDENT'S WIFE SEEMS IMPROVED

Patient's Fever Drops and Relief Is Notable.

DR. MAYO AT BEDSIDE

Crisis of Case Expected to Be Past by This Morning, Says White House Bulletin.

(Continued From First Page.) condition at 3 o'clock this afternoon, although it had been prepared at noon. It showed that the patient's condition was easier and that the fever had dropped, although she had not rallied sufficiently to be out of danger.

Patient Is Examined. At the time this bulletin was issued Dr. Mayo had not consulted with Dr. Minney. He had, however, accompanied by Dr. Sawyer, made a thorough examination of Mrs. Harding and directed that several laboratory tests be taken.

At 4 o'clock Dr. Mayo and Dr. Sawyer emerged from the White House for a few minutes' airing. They were immediately surrounded by photographers and good-naturedly submitted to an ordeal of posing for the movies.

Before returning to the White House Dr. Sawyer talked with waiting newspaper correspondents. He denied a persistent report that had been circulated in the afternoon that an operation had been performed on the White House patient. The 2 o'clock bulletin had served to arouse general hope for Mrs. Harding's recovery, inasmuch as it showed quite a decided gain in her fight against the toxic condition created by the kidney affliction which had become so alarming yesterday. Later reports, however, which indicated that an operation might be necessary, again occasioned general anxiety.

Sympathy Is Extended. The White House throughout the day was flooded with messages of sympathy from persons in official and social life and from all parts of the country. In the churches throughout the nation prayers were said for Mrs. Harding's recovery. The president spent the entire day in the White House, most of the time at the bedside of his wife. The strain of the critical emergency in the wake of the heavy load of responsibility he has been carrying throughout the industrial crisis is well wearing upon him, but physicians are reported to be bearing up very physically.

PRESIDENT IS AT BEDSIDE

Mr. Harding Appears Worn by 48-Hour Vigil.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, wife of the president of the United States, spent a "fairly comfortable day," the official bulletin from her attending physicians at 9 o'clock tonight said, and the decision relative to whether it would be necessary to operate has been postponed until further consultation tomorrow morning. Throughout the day an air of suspense pervaded the White House. Mrs. Harding appeared to be holding her own and in some respects her condition seemed more favorable, but the findings of the physicians in attendance were awaited by the president and others with considerable anxiety.

At no time was the president away from the bedside of his wife. Worn by his vigil of the past 48 hours, he spent much of his time in the study nearby for a conference with the physicians.

Clifford King, of Marion, Ohio, a brother of Mrs. Harding, arrived at the White House shortly after eight o'clock this morning. Two hours later Dr. Mayo, accompanied by his wife, reached the capitol, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer meeting their train and taking them immediately to the White House.

The day was marked by a lack of activity outside the mansion, although a number of persons called to inquire about Mrs. Harding's condition. Hundreds of telegrams of sympathy reached the executive offices.

During the afternoon a group of photographers clustered around the front door of the White House in intent on snapping pictures of the physicians in attendance. They succeeded in several instances, but their presence was brought to the crowd of curious folk into the White House grounds that policemen finally chased them away.

The executive offices were deserted today except for the presence of a group of newspaper men awaiting the latest word from Mrs. Harding's bedside. When Secretary Christian gave out Dr. Sawyer's afternoon bulletin, he assured them that the press would be immediately notified of any change.

Those in touch with the case were encouraged somewhat by the drop at noon today, as compared with last night, in the patient's temperature and the decrease in pulse and respiration. Last night's bulletin gave temperature 102.5, respiration 36 and pulse 112, while today's noon report was, temperature 100, respiration 32 and pulse 112.

In an effort to eliminate from the system as far as possible waste products which could not find passage through the kidneys, physicians in attendance continued to keep Mrs. Harding swathed in heavy blankets and hot towels as a means of promoting perspiration.

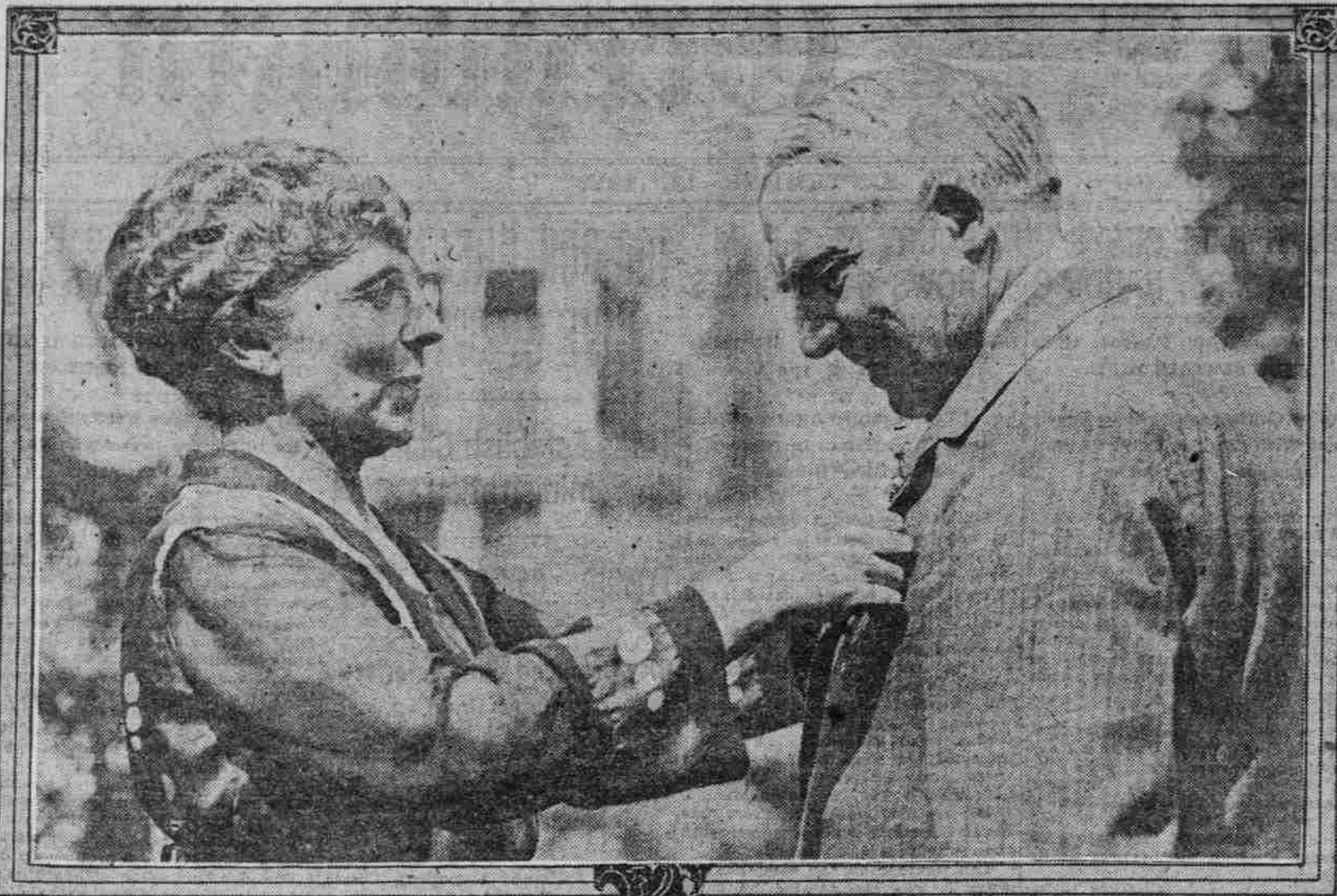
It was reported that despite pain she continued to show tremendous strength and fortitude and was able to give expressed confidence she would quickly be restored to health. In the event of an operation, it was regarded as certain it would be performed at the White House, rather than have the patient removed to a hospital.

Dr. Sawyer, accompanied by Mrs. Sawyer, left the White House for a short ride soon after the night statement was issued for the first time in more than a week. It was learned also that, for the first time since Mrs. Harding's illness became critical, only one nurse was kept in the patient's room tonight.

Canneries in Need of Help. MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—There is need of help for the cannery at Talent. That and the local cannery bought a large portion of the valley's fruit crop and now they cannot get sufficient help to can all of it, despite earnest pleas sent out for men, women, boys and girls.

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CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. HARDING.



Top—Characteristic snapshot of President and Mrs. Harding. Below, left—Mrs. Harding reading message brought to her from New York. Right—Recent portrait of Mrs. Harding.

MRS. HARDING'S FRIENDS HERE PRAISE HER CHARM

First Lady Said to Have Won Many Hearts During Stay in National Capital—Portland Prays for Recovery.

MRS. WARREN G. HARDING, who is very ill and in the nation's capitol, has Portland friends who have had the privilege of knowing her personally. Mrs. Harding is considered by them to be the most hospitable and gracious mistress the White House has ever had and those who know her share the opinion of Mrs. William E. Borah, wife of Senator Borah, expressed on her recent visit here, when she characterized her as "the most genuine and democratic woman he had met in social life in Washington, D. C."

The privilege of knowing Mrs. Harding since their childhood together in Marion, Ohio, belongs to M. Idelman, Portland attorney, who has just returned from Washington where he lunched with the president and his wife at the White House. "I had not seen her in 20 years looking as well as she did that day," said Mr. Idelman yesterday. "and I told her so. There was no indication of her approaching illness at that time."

"Mrs. Harding has always been a leader and a woman of magnificent character, vigorous mind and quantities of energy," Mr. Idelman declared. "She is wonderfully devoted to her husband and has been a great help and comfort to him. They are two of the most congenial people I have ever known," he said. Mr. Idelman entertained President and Mrs. Harding when they came west shortly after their marriage 20 years ago in the fall of 1892. At that time Mr. Harding was editor of the Marion Star and had some idea of settling in the west.

Beloved by every woman of the diplomatic set in Washington, Mrs. Harding makes it her personal duty to insure the happiness of everyone with whom she is associated, added Mrs. Robert N. Stanfield, wife of Oregon's junior senator, who also praises her as a woman who could never be replaced. A total lack of selfishness in any form is one of Mrs. Harding's charms, as enumerated by Mrs. Stanfield who said, "When Mrs. Harding took the 75 senators' wives to the Potomac, she did not miss a personal chat with each one, and instead of us waiting on her, she attended us. I marvelled at those qualities which have contrived to make Mrs. Harding, who has never been a mother, even more beloved by those who know her. An instance related by Mrs. Stanfield is that of the occasion of a

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LAKE BOOTLEG SEIZED

State and Federal Officers Are Patrolling County.

BEND, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—State and federal officers made a large dent in the supply of moonshine liquor intended to enliven the spirits of guests at the Lakeview round-up, Jack Cassidy, state prohibition officer, reported here today on his return from Lake county. Cassidy was accompanied by J. J. Conlon, deputy sheriff of Multnomah county.

Joe Garske was taken with 23 quarts of moonshine while making a sale, and was released on bonds. Fred A. Bliss, Jr., was arrested after officers had helped him up Tucker hill, near Paisley, and had been offered a drink in acknowledgment of their services, and William Haynes and W. R. Hodges, both of Madras, were arrested by federal men. Haynes and Hodges had more than ten gallons of liquor with them, and Bliss had three gallons, Cassidy reported.

After Bliss had been placed on trial, had pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession, and had been fined \$300 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, Cassidy, Conlon and Sheriff Woodcock of Lake county, followed his automobile tracks and found two complete stills of aggregate capacity of 25 gallons.

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SINGER FIGHTS EVICTION

Landlady of Apartments Objects to Vocal Gymnastics.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Her friend opera soprano voice called "a nuisance." Mme. Marie Rappold will fight eviction from her \$450 apartment once again on October 18. A dispossession summons was served on the ex-Metropolitan opera prima donna yesterday by her landlady, but Mme. Rappold was singing in her apartment this afternoon.

The present attempt is the seventh in three years by Mrs. Isabella Vernon Cook, owner of the house in which the singer has her apartments, to oust Mme. Rappold, alleging that her singing disturbed other tenants. The soprano's lease expires October 1, but she said today that she would stay on.

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