

# VICE PRESIDENT SHOWS CONCERN OVER COAL STRIKE

Calvin Coolidge Reticent About Politics and Expresses No Anxiety About Rail Situation.

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walkout. "Wherever we go we always hear that conditions are worse than where we are."

"There had been every prospect for a speedy settlement of the rail strike before we left Washington but—" and the vice president's voice trailed off.

After a long period during which his gaze was focused at a bit of thread which he held in his fingers he voluntarily changed the subject to the coal strike, saying:

"We had rather looked for an adjustment of the coal strike by this time, too. So far as the railroads are concerned, they have a tribunal, but the coal mines have no such body to handle adjustment questions. So far as I know there is no national law that can be invoked to aid in the settlement of the coal strike, but I have seen a statement in the newspapers that the president likely would take up this matter with congress soon."

The vice president seemed to have in mind the fact that the administration should have some law to invoke in the matter of the coal strike and he repeated that he knew of no way for the government to reach into the situation.

"The mining of coal has been considered a local matter, under the jurisdiction of the state, and the government has no control until the coal is on cars and moving in interstate commerce."

### CAUTIOUS ON POLITICS

Questions in regard to tariff legislation and politics were answered deliberately and cautiously by the vice president in much the same manner as he discussed the strike situation. He said that he understood that the tariff would come up for a vote this week. He said from commenting upon the Pennsylvania primary, the result of which, he said, "came from a split in the conservative Penrose organization" and merely touching upon the Indiana primary by saying that Beveridge was a man of long-standing reputation who was placed against a man who was not on the ground. Mr. Coolidge would not discuss the Progressive movement further.

This man, who is second in rank only to President Harding assured the interviewers that business conditions throughout the country were good despite the strike. He said that trade publications and statistics bore out this belief and that there was in reality a shortage of labor willing to work for a fair wage in the country.

Mr. Coolidge expressed keen interest in the politics of this state and questioned about the split existing in the Republican party here. He lauded the state representatives, particularly Senators McNary and Stanfield, and said that he had seen the same material in touch in a slight way with conditions in the Northwest. Employment and business conditions in the strike and Portland's shipping were other questions which he desired answered.

The train was 40 minutes late, a part of which time was due to a special stop along the line in Oregon. He appeared and shook hands with crowds at Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and Salem. The vice president characterized his trip through the state as pleasant and refreshing and the temperature as remarkably comfortable. He said that he had been further west than Arizona before this trip and said that he had been trying to get out west for two years. The party left Boston a week ago Friday.

The Coolidges will be here until Wednesday morning. The three days will be fairly busy days for the boss of the senate, with dinners, luncheons, speeches and status-ceremonies.

### EUGENE GIVES COOLIDGES

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME Eugene, Aug. 12.—Vice President Calvin Coolidge and his two sons were the guests of Eugene for a brief time this afternoon, while heading through the city en route to Portland, where they will spend the next three days.

Greeted at the depot by a crowd of 500 or 600 people, they were shown the city from the top of Skinner butte, immediately north of the depot. From that eminence they got a glimpse of Eugene, the University of Oregon and the fruitful upper Willamette valley. The trip was made by automobile with motorcycle escort, while the Shaasta Limited, through courtesy of Southern Pacific officials, waited about 30 minutes in the yards, although a half hour late arriving.

Coolidge was slated for a speech from the observation platform of the train, but because of a mixup in trains on the tracks by the depot, this was not delivered.

The noted visitor expressed himself as pleased with the reception, and with the mess of 20 fine red-side trout fresh from the McKenzie river, which he was presented with.

Mrs. Coolidge was made happy with a bouquet of choice blooms. The reception was under the auspices of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

### ROSEBURG GIVES COOLIDGES

A CRATE OF STRAWBERRIES Roseburg, Aug. 12.—Vice President Calvin Coolidge and party were greeted here this afternoon by a large crowd and presented with a crate of Umpqua valley strawberries.

Mrs. Coolidge was presented with a basket of old-fashioned garden flowers by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Although asked to make a speech, Mr. Coolidge refused and shook hands with about 200 people.

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# MRS. COOLIDGE AND SONS



Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and two sons, John and Calvin Jr., photographed on their arrival in Portland Saturday evening.

# Mrs. Coolidge Is Gracious Vivacious in Conversation

Mrs. Coolidge and the vice president present a fine "study in opposites." She is delightfully vivacious and an animated conversationalist, but she is said to have been wooed and won with fewer words than ever before on record, for the vice president is known as the master of brevity.

An ideal second lady of the land—such is the impression gained in meeting Mrs. Coolidge, for as she stepped from the Shaasta her face lit up with pleasurable anticipation and she greeted everyone presented to her with a warmth and cordiality that immediately won them. A charming type of the twentieth century New England matron, she was becomingly gowned in a smart tailored suit of rust colored cloth with which she wore a wide brimmed brown straw hat feather trimmed. A large corsage bouquet of sweet peas completed the costume.

Mrs. Coolidge is conceded to be one of the best dressed women in Washington, but she tacitly admits her distinguished husband deserves much of the credit.

**QUESTION IS PARIED**  
Mrs. Coolidge parried the direct question, "suggested by journalists Washington gossipers at the time of the presidential election—as to whether her husband actually picks out her clothes."

"That's really a leading question," she laughed. But she did not deny it.

The vice president declares that his wife's favorite pastime is eating lobster—will Portland hostesses to Mrs. Coolidge please take notice.

Although her official position requires much time, Mrs. Coolidge is devoted to her two sons, John and Calvin Jr., and both she and the vice president are real chums with the boys.

**TRIP MUCH ENJOYED**  
"We have had a delightful trip across the continent and were most cordially entertained in San Francisco," said both Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Stearns, who with her husband, is of the Coolidge party.

Courtesy will be extended to Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Stearns. The local chapter of Pi Beta Phi will welcome Mrs. Coolidge in some way, the plans not having been perfected.

### Do You Know the Vice-Presidents?

Calvin Coolidge is the 29th vice president of the United States.

The vice presidents and the dates they entered office follow:

John Adams, 1789; Thomas Jefferson, 1797; Aaron Burr, 1801; George Clinton, 1805; Elbridge Gerry, 1813; Daniel D. Tompkins, 1817; John C. Calhoun, 1825; Martin Van Buren, 1833; Richard M. Johnson, 1837; John Tyler, 1841; George M. Dallas, 1845; Millard Fillmore, 1849; William R. King, 1853; John C. Breckenridge, 1857; Hannibal Hamlin, 1861; Andrew Johnson, 1865; Schuyler Colfax, 1869; Henry Wilson, 1873; William A. Wheeler, 1877; Chester A. Arthur, 1881; Thomas A. Hendricks, 1885; Levi P. Morton, 1889; Adlai E. Stevenson, 1893; Garrett A. Hobart, 1897; Theodore Roosevelt, 1901; Charles W. Fairbanks, 1905; James S. Sherman, 1909; Thomas R. Marshall, 1913; and Calvin Coolidge, 1921.

Three of them, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Van Buren, were elected president following service as vice president.

Five of them, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur and Theodore Roosevelt, succeeded to the presidency upon the death of the president.

# CALVIN COOLIDGE IS STURDY SON OF NEW ENGLAND

Vice President Rose to National Fame Through His Record as Massachusetts Governor.

Calvin Coolidge is just what his name implies—a sturdy son of New England, unassuming, almost taciturn, endowed with a singleness of purpose and the same determination that gave his ancestors, John and Mary Coolidge, the courage to make themselves a home in the wilderness of forest that was Massachusetts in 1630.

Born on a farm, the son of a prosperous farmer near Plymouth, Vermont, Coolidge spent his early youth much as any other farmer's son, in doing the chores about the farm. His ambitions, however, did not lead him to follow the footsteps of his father, and the latter, with the wisdom of one who understands the advantages of education, encouraged young Coolidge in his plans to enter college.

Coolidge was born on Independence day, 1872, a coincidence which his admirers say gave him the singleness of purpose and Yankee obstinacy characteristic of the man.

### STUDIED AT AMHERST

History and affairs of government were subjects of intense interest to Coolidge even when a boy. He specialized in these subjects at Amherst college and graduated in the class of 1895. In his senior year he won first honors, a gold medal offered by the Sons of the American Revolution, for the best essay by an undergraduate of an American college on the principles of the War for American Independence.

After studying law for less than two years in a small office at Northampton, Mass., Coolidge was admitted to the bar. He took a prominent part in the city government, being elected to the city council, and later was elected to the Massachusetts house of representatives. He was mayor of Northampton in 1910 and 1911, and later was elected to the state senate, in which he served four years. His participation in the government of his state was the first step in Coolidge's political career. After serving in the senate, he was elected lieutenant governor and held office for three years until he was elected governor in 1919. He was re-elected in 1920.

His firm stand for law and order during the police strike in Boston brought Coolidge national recognition, and was the most significant incident in his career and the first step toward the place of honor to which he has been elected.

### A CLEAR THINKER

Coolidge does not answer the description of the popular conception of a politician. He is reserved, even shy. As a speaker it is what Coolidge has to say and the very apparent air of personal conviction that holds his audience and makes up for what he lacks in tricks of oratory. As a politician he showed none of the traditional traits—bluster and extravagant promises—nor did he indulge in bitter personalities. His criticism is calculated to be constructive rather than destructive and he propounds his ideas of government upon his principles and the results will come out of government what is put into it.

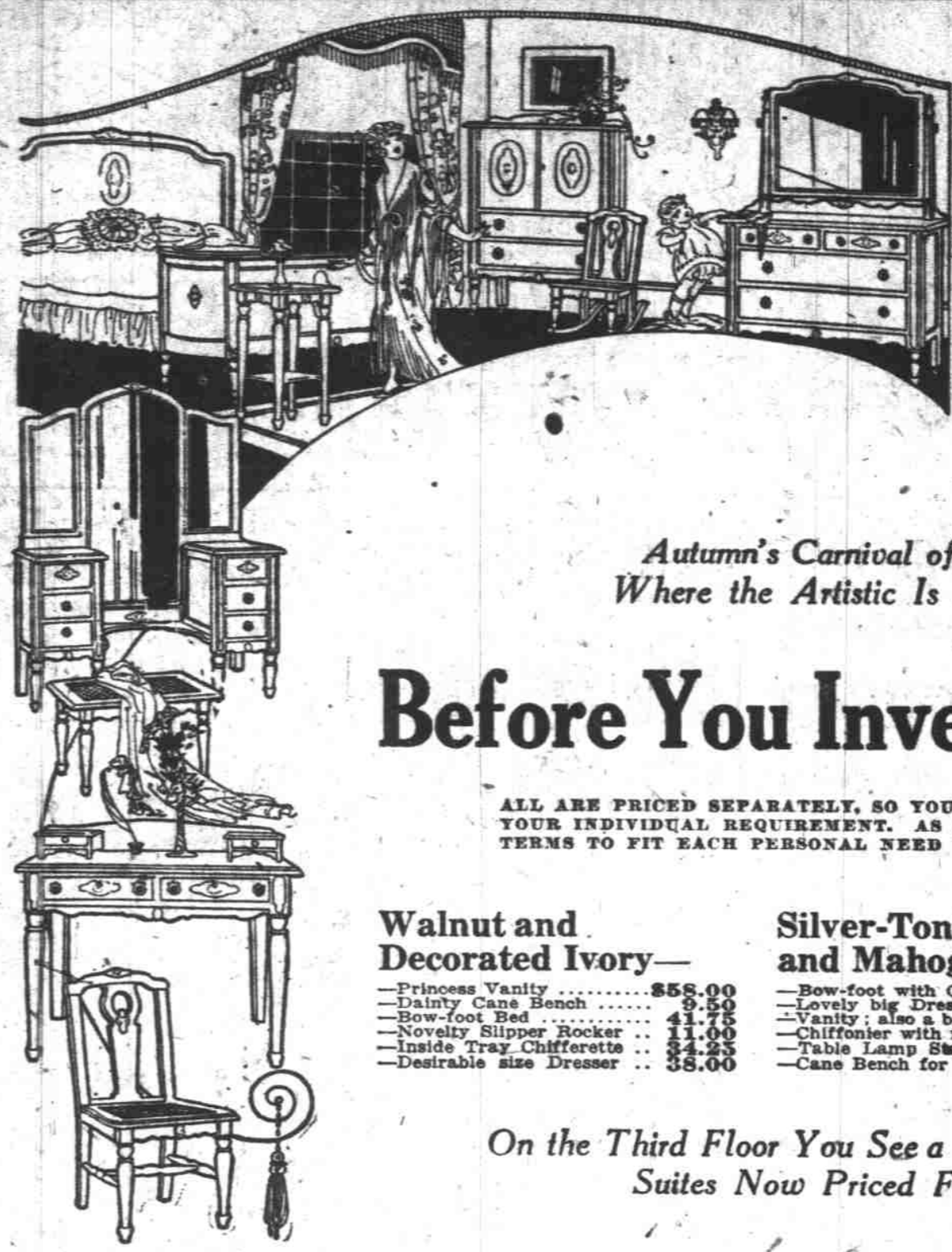
Away from the glare of public life, the vice president is the quietest of the average American citizen. He is devoted to his home and family, and is the most important member in the councils of his two sons.

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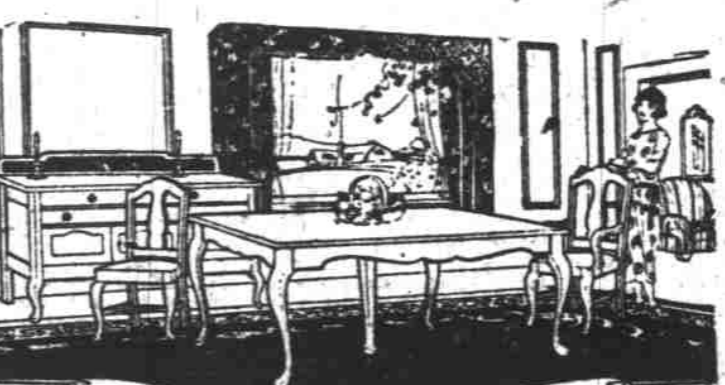
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