

PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL QUIET

POMP LACKING FOR COOLIDGE UPON ARRIVAL

Official Party Welcome New President at Washington Station at 9 o'clock Friday Night

CONFERENCE CALLED WITH SECY. HUGHES

Final Arrangements for Harding's Funeral Discussed at Meeting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Calvin Coolidge today grasped the helm of the ship of state as it fell from the lifeless hand of his captain, Warren G. Harding. Quietly he took upon himself the duties of pilot. When the funeral is over the new president of the nation will shoulder in earnest the heavy burden of responsibility which has passed to his keeping.

He arrived in the capital at 9:02 a. m., to be met at the station by an official party including Secretary Hughes and Mr. New. Then turning, he conferred with Secretary Hughes and Senator Curtis of Kansas, and Republican Whip. Tomorrow, the new chief plans a busy day. He intends to remain in Washington until the body of Mr. Harding arrives from San Francisco, Tuesday, and go to Marion, Ohio for the burial.

Reception Solemn
None of the pomp and circumstances which usually welcome incoming presidents to Washington awaited Mr. Coolidge on his arrival tonight to take up his new responsibilities and except for the solemn demeanor of officials and the sorrowing faces of little groups who gathered before bulletins boards to read details of the tragedy on the far-away Pacific coast, there was little to show that one chief executive had passed and another had taken his place.

Hughes Kept Busy
Throughout the day Secretary Hughes, as ranking official of the government present in the capital, devoted himself almost entirely to the preparation of funeral plans and data on urgent matters of state to be laid before the new president on his arrival. The conference between the two was arranged for the new Willard hotel, where Mr. Coolidge had lived as the president and where he will maintain his residence and will be out of the groundwork of his administration while the legislative offices at the White House are being put in order for him. Being repair work is in progress there and in deference to Mrs. Harding, it will be several days before the president and the new first lady of the land take charge of the legislative mansion.

Details Discussed
One of the subjects discussed between Mr. Coolidge and Secretary Hughes was the detailed program for the state funeral of Mr. Harding, but the plans had not reached a stage tonight where they were ready for announcement. Upon its arrival the body is to be taken to the historic east rooms of the Whitehouse and later thence to the rotunda of the Capitol where Lincoln lay in state and where but a few short months ago President Harding placed a wreath on the casket of the unknown dead.

All to View Remains
It is assumed that when the plans are in final form they will provide for a funeral amid the impressive evolutions of a military guard of honor and that when the casket passes along Pennsylvania

THE WEATHER
OREGON—Fair Saturday, moderate westerly winds.
LOCAL (FRIDAY)
Temperature, Max. 71.
Minimum 52.
Wind, S.
Atmosphere, Cloudy.
Wind, West.



THE COOLIDGES
In the picture below are President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and their two sons, John and Calvin, Jr., while the not so very oddish-looking man standing is John Coolidge, the president's father, who administered the oath of office to his son at 2:47 o'clock yesterday morning at Plymouth, Vt.

Nation Safe With Coolidge at Helm, Declares Representative Hawley; Equipment is Thorough

"President Calvin Coolidge will prove to be one of the best fill-in presidents the nation has ever known," is the substance of a statement made by Representative W. C. Hawley at his office Friday morning.

"He has had the rare faculty of making friends and of keeping himself wrapped up in his job instead of blazoning his own name all over the outside of whatever he does. He is a hard, clear thinker, a man of few words, but a doer of deeds in the shortest, quickest way they can be done.

Training Exceptional
"He has had an exceptional training for the presidency—better, probably, than any other man in the history of the nation. As a close friend of the president, and as a junior partner in the greatest governing job in the world, he has been in almost as close touch with affairs as if he himself had been the executive. He has sat in with the cabinet and all important councils, things that other vice presidents never dreamed of doing. It is a fine measure of Warren G. Harding's splendid calibre, and of Coolidge's capacity that the one could invite and the

other accept unreservedly such an unusual invitation.

"President Coolidge is prepared by nature, by education, by experience, to fill the place of chief executive. There never was another presidential death that did not instantly arouse the thought that a change, even a revolution, impended through the accession of the unknown vice president. This time, there will not be a ripple of anxiety, of doubt or fear. The nation profoundly regrets the passing of a wonderfully capable executive and of a friend without flaw, but in the coming of Coolidge, there is no shadow of apprehension, for he is of the right sort. He has all the courage and all the iron that any man could ever have, but he has the personal and political balance that gives even to radical acts the stamp of justice and integrity.

Will Make His Way
"President Coolidge will make his own way with the people. They have not heretofore known him, because he and his job were in the background. But as he now becomes known through his works, all America will acclaim him."

VETERANS MEET AT SILVERTON

Annual Picnic Thursday Enjoyable Affair With Many Taking Part

Two hundred members and guests participated in the Marion County Veterans' association picnic at Silverton Thursday. The association was started by the Grand Army and the Women's Relief corps, but it was soon enlarged to include all the patriotic organizations, and now there are members from a dozen different societies taking part in the association activities.

The election of officers was one of the important incidents in the day's program. Mrs. Frances E. Gourlie of the WRC, whose home is in Silverton, was elected president. She is recognized as a capable executive. J. M. Watson of Turner, a veteran of the Civil war, was chosen as vice president. He is a member of Sedgwick post, G. A. R. of Salem, and was at one time its commander. Mrs. Norma Terwilliger of Salem was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Helen Wohlhuter of Woodburn was named treasurer. She has served as a state department officer for the

THOUSANDS VIEW FUNERAL SPECIAL

Groups, With Heads Bared, Stand Silently as Train Speeds Eastward

ON BOARD HARDING SPECIAL, Roseville, Cal., Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The sorrow in the hearts of the American people over the death of their leader was exemplified today by silent groups along the railroad side as the train bearing the body of Warren G. Harding traversed western California and the wide reaches of Nevada.

With bared heads they stood, sometimes in groups of hundreds, sometimes only a score, and sometimes singly. There was none too poor, none too rich, none too mighty, or none too humble to pay their mark of respect to the memory of President Harding. They were conscious only of showing their sorrow, but to those on the funeral train they typified the American people as a whole.

WHEAT MEETING CALLED

SPOKANE, Aug. 3.—The wheat growers' mass meeting, scheduled to be held in Spokane August 6, has been postponed until August 13 at request of Governor Hart.

WHITE HOUSE WILL RE-ECHO SCRAMBLING

Two Lively American Youths, the First Since Roosevelt's Term, Move in

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The White House, with Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and their two sons, once more will become the home of some American boys.

Neither President Wilson nor President Harding had sons to recall the days when the scrambling of the lively Roosevelt youngsters.

John and Calvin Coolidge, Jr., 16 and 15 years old, respectively, will be away at school in Mercersburg, Pa., part of the time, but while they are at home at the White House there will be a noticeable change from the atmosphere of recent years.

ONE LOT LEFT IN ADDITION

Erixon Urges Someone to Snap it Up, So Deal May Finally Be Closed

Only one lot remains to be sold in Highway addition in North Salem. There were three, but two of them were taken over the first of this week. Fred Trixon, the trustee, who fought for this highway opening scheme for almost four years and has brought it this near to a successful conclusion, is looking for the lucky or patriotic Salemite who will buy this last tract of land and make it unanimous.

"There will be some money coming back to all the present lot owners as soon as the last sale is made and the deal can be closed up," said Mr. Erixon. "I don't know just how much, but it will be good hard money, and it can be turned over as soon as the papers are cleared. I've worked a long while on this deal to open North Capitol street, and I believe I've earned a vacation. The road is being put through, the paving will soon be in, it's a non-profit division of acreage into fine city property at acreage valuations, and it ought to be a good investment, as well as a community benefit to have it closed up and the road opened."

The official state highway down Capitol street was never changed, though a temporary route was declared down Summer street, because of the awkward and dangerous double turn around the Highway addition tract in question. When the new road is opened through this property the old state highway route down Capitol street will be restored, but with this one fine remedial section of two blocks that make it both safe and attractive.

JUDGE WHO NOMINATED MR. COOLIDGE WILL SPEAK AT MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, the man who nominated Calvin Coolidge indirectly for the presidency that he now occupies, is to speak at the memorial services to be held at Willson park Sunday afternoon in honor of the late President Harding.

Judge McCamant, one of the most eloquent and scholarly orators of the northwest, placed the Coolidge name before the Republican national convention as a candidate for the vice presidency. The action liked the man, and the convention went wild over his presentation by so gifted a speaker as Judge McCamant of Oregon. Coolidge received the nomination, the election, and now falls heir to the presidency, through Judge McCamant's eloquence.

Judge McCamant, when called by long distance phone, said that the coming to Salem would be at a personal sacrifice of his own earlier plans, but he appreciated so keenly the honor of the invitation, and the obligation to pay a humane debt to a great and worthy American, that he accepted the call, and will speak as announced.

The memorial service is to be substituted for the regular union church service at Willson park. The exact program has not yet

WORLD SENDS MESSAGES TO MRS. HARDING

Sympathy During Bereavement Extended Through Medium of the Press From Foreign Countries

MANY TRIBUTES PAID TO FORMER PRESIDENT

High Officials Throughout Nation Tell About His Fine Qualities

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 3.—Governor Louis F. Hart today sent the following telegram to Mrs. Harding expressing the sympathy of himself and his family:

"Mrs. Hart and Louella join me in sincerest sympathy and while a nation mourns for a noble man and a revered chief executive, your grief is for him who from boyhood days never ceased to be a lover. We wish you could realize that we mourn with one we love and earnestly hope that a merciful God and the ministrations of true friends will in time assuage your agonizing grief. The memory of your life's association with your loved one is a priceless heritage which God himself may not take away."

BERLIN SENDS NOTE
BERLIN, Aug. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—"I deeply deplore that President Harding was called from the world political stage at the very moment when grave, complex problems dealing with the world's economic condition and reconciliation of nations and peoples are awaiting urgent solution," President Ebert said to the Associated Press today.

Herr Ebert expressed the belief that history would associate President Harding's name with the Washington disarmament conference. Chancellor Cuno and Baron Von Rosenberg, the foreign secretary, sent messages of condolence to the American ambassador, Alanson B. Hughton.

FROM FREE STATE
DUBLIN, Aug. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—On motion of Sir Thomas Esmond, the Free State Senate today adopted a resolution expressing the deepest regret at the death of President Harding and sympathy with the people of the United States. Lord Glenavy, chairman of the senate, said that Ireland was grieved at the news of the president's sudden death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—From Marion, Mrs. Harding re-

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MARION RITES WILL BE HELD AUGUST 10TH

Train Schedule Rearranged, Advancing Funeral Services One Day Ahead

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Re-arrangement of the schedule of the funeral train bearing the body of President Harding, so as to bring it into Washington next Tuesday instead of Wednesday, was announced late today.

The new schedule will allow funeral services to be held in Washington in the capitol rotunda late next Wednesday afternoon and services in Marion, Ohio, next Friday, which will be proclaimed a day of national mourning.

Under the new arrangement the funeral train leaving here at 7 o'clock tonight will arrive at Ogden, Utah, at 9:05 p. m. Saturday; at Omaha, Neb., at 2:15 a. m. Monday; at Chicago at 3:30 p. m. Monday, and at Washington, by way of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

HOSPITAL WORK WILL PROCEED

Board Going Ahead in Belief Remaining \$1500 Will Be Forthcoming

The Salem hospital fund is still almost \$1500 short, but the board has decided to go ahead in the belief that will all be provided in the near future, and that it will be safe to contract for the various units of finishing work.

Following this action, contracts were let Friday for the interior hardware, the door and window stops and all miscellaneous finishing material, and for the interior painting. Doughton & Marcus were the low bidders on the hardware, and J. R. Kennedy will do the painting. The two contracts aggregate about \$3300. Other items of finishing and equipment will be contracted for as soon as the money is assured.

The campaign committee met last night for one last heroic effort to land enough subscriptions to close up the list. But if it doesn't get enough money, the committee will establish another last ditch, and yet another and another, until the last cent is won and the hospital is a reality. It is believed that the required sum will be secured within the next few days, and the harassed committee can draw a long sigh and take a well-earned rest.

FRIDAY WILL BE DAY OF MOURNING

Proclamation of Governor to-Follow Lead of Federal Edict Yesterday

Governor Pierce announced last night that he will proclaim Friday, August 10, as a day of mourning in Oregon for the late President Harding. The governor had intended to designate the day of the funeral, but in making it Friday he is following the federal proclamation. On that day all public offices in the state will be closed.

Guard Shows Disrespect for Harding; is Fired

William Setak, a guard at the state penitentiary, was discharged by Warden Johnson S. Smith yesterday because he remarked concerning the death of President Harding that "the country hasn't lost much."

Setak has been on the state payroll for some time. He is a farmer and is said to be in comfortable circumstances financially.

ZILLAH MARSHAL DIES

YAKIMA, Aug. 3.—W. J. Hillier, city marshal of Zillah, who it is alleged was shot last Monday in that town by J. F. Pearce, a farmer, died this afternoon. Pearce will be charged with first degree murder tomorrow.

WEST BIDS FAREWELL IN DEEPEST SORROW TO BODY OF LEADER

Thousands Line Streets of San Francisco as Cortège Leaves Hotel For Train That Will Carry Party Back to Washington; All Traffic Halted to Pay Final Respects to Former Chief Executive.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—In sorrow unutterable, San Francisco tonight bade good bye to all that was mortal of Warren G. Harding, who until a few hours ago was president of the United States. To his widow, Mrs. Harding, the city said farewell with a compassion unwitnessed here since those days of the earthquake, when San Francisco had unassuageable sorrow of her own.

The outpouring of this compassion came at sunset tonight when the city's thousands lined the streets leading from the Palace hotel where he died last night, to the Southern Pacific station where his body was placed on board a special train to be taken to Washington, D. C.

Military Furnishes Escort
Escorted by a cortège of army, navy and marine detachments, led by men high in official life in city, state and national, the body of the late president was carried to the railway station through which he entered the city last Sunday morning to be for a few days its guest of honor. The body was placed in the car he occupied on coming here and started on the final journey from which none return.

The same sun which he saw set behind the golden gate in a halo of mist last night from his hotel window, tonight burnished for a few brief moments the metal of his bier.

TEACHING PLACES ARE ALL FILLED

Some Vacancies Possible, However, Before Opening of Schools

Practically every place has been filled for the Salem school teaching force for the coming year. It might not be impossible that an occasional vacancy might occur between now and the opening of school, but these are not expected. The places have been filled earlier than in any season for some years past.

An interesting census of the teaching force, as it was made up last year, has just been made in Superintendent Hug's office. It shows that the average teaching time of the high school teachers in Salem has been 3.29 years; teaching experience elsewhere, 4.18 years, or a total teaching experience of 7.47 years for the high school grade. For the junior high schools, the average experience in Salem is 3.39 years, and elsewhere 4.7 years, and for the elementary schools the average in Salem is 4.56 years and 5.6 years elsewhere, or more than 10 years for each teacher.

These averages, however, are a bit misleading in that there are several teachers in the grades who have been there for a long time—much longer than any in the higher grades. The high school has 11 teachers with more than 10 years total experience. The junior high also has 11, and the elementary schools have 21 who have taught for more than 10 years. But the juniors have one teacher, D. K. Luthy, arithmetic teacher in the Washington school, who has 50 years of teaching experience, seven in Salem and 43 elsewhere.

There are several in the grades who have had exceptionally long teaching careers, though none other with so long a period of service as Mr. Luthy.

These figures do not include the

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Before the body was removed from the hotel brief services were held in the presidential suite, conducted by the Rev. James S. West, pastor of the First Baptist church here. Mr. Harding was a member of that denomination.

The body of the dead president reposed in a drab brown steel coffin, lined with white silk. The only inscription, engraved on a silver plate was "Warren Gammaliel Harding."

Flower Offering Profuse
The coffin was banked with flowers and floral tribute from citizens, consuls general of many nations, filled the sitting room of the presidential suite where the simple religious ceremony was conducted.

The setting sun poured through the lower portion of the windows and flooded the flower-bower with sunlight, which gave the room the appearance of an outdoor flower garden.

Mrs. E. E. Rensberg, sister of the late president, and Attorney General Daugherty were the only persons in the room who were seated during the ceremony. The attorney general was helped into the room by Lieutenant Commander Boone, one of the late president's physicians, and was assisted from the room by Commander Boone after the ceremony.

Widow Adds "Amen"

Mrs. Florence Harding, widow of the late president, standing between Mr. and Mrs. George H. Christian, Jr., as the Reverend S. West read the prayer over her late husband here today, nodded her head slightly as the pastor raised his hand and said:

"God is our refuge and strength."
As the minister ended his prayer Mrs. Harding said "Amen." When Rev. West concluded his Bible text and bowed his head for prayer, Mrs. Christian stepped from the side of the room and stood on Mrs. Harding's right. Both Mr. and Mrs. Christian held the widow's arms throughout the entire ceremony.

Gazes at Husband
Mrs. Harding, dressed in deep mourning, with a black cape reaching to her shoe tops, was veiled. She held her gaze on the minister while he read his text, but bowed her head as he raised

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