

PRESIDENT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

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Mr. Coolidge Works.
President Coolidge went to his desk at the executive offices five minutes before nine o'clock and began looking over the day's correspondence. Before he left it last night he had cleared up the vast accumulation of legislative business dumped upon him by Congress in its closing hours.

Vice-President-elect Dawes in his apartment at the New Willard hotel, at 9 o'clock. He shaved himself and dressed leisurely.

Meantime President Coolidge had spent the first half hour at his desk at work on correspondence only. He apparently had not yet decided whether to sign the legislative appropriation bill which contains salary increases for the vice-president, members of Congress and cabinet members.

Street is Cleared.
His urgent morning correspondence cleared away. President Coolidge sent out the Director of the budget and, presumably, to talk over again the legislative bill. By this time the hour for General Dawes' departure for the White House was drawing near and the police cleared the Pennsylvania street side of the Willard of traffic. The cavalry escort moved down to a post opposite the Fourteenth street door with their mascot galloping along. The sidewalks of Pennsylvania avenue had been roped off along the stretch from the capitol to the White House, but traffic was not to be barred from the thoroughfare along which the president and his party were to travel.

Just at the moment the congressional inaugural committee headed by Senator Curtis of Kansas arrived at the Willard to escort the incoming vice-president and Mrs. Dawes to the White House.

General Dawes sent word down he would meet them in the hotel lobby. He then donned a cutaway coat and a silk hat and lighted up his famous upside-down pipe.

Mrs. Dawes, attired in a blue silk suit with a fur choker and a black hat, accompanied him as he took the elevator to the street floor.

Mr. Coolidge Leaves.
Meantime President Coolidge had left the White House proper without having signed the legislative bill. There remained a chance he would do so at the capital before Congress adjourned at noon.

The president found that most of his cabinet, who were to accompany him to the capitol, already had reached the White House. They were escorted into the east room.

It was 10:23, eight minutes behind schedule, when the vice-president-elect and Mrs. Dawes, accompanied by the congressional committee, took their places in the motor cars surrounded by the cavalry escort and started from the hotel for the White House.

The party entered the northwest gate of the White House grounds, three minutes after its departure from the hotel. The cavalry troop lined up along Pennsylvania avenue, facing the executive mansion.

Crowd Assembles.
A large crowd had assembled outside the White House gates. They had cheered General Dawes on his arrival and remained to give another cheer to the president when he should emerge a half hour later for the trip to Capitol hill. On the capitol plaza the congregation was growing momentarily although it still would be upwards of two hours before the ceremonies began.

During the wait at the White House, while President Coolidge was greeting members of his official party and preparing to depart, his son, John, and his father, Colonel Coolidge, together with the half dozen others who are White House guests, entered two closed automobiles. They were whisked away to the capitol, where they had seats in the senate chamber to see the inauguration of Vice-President Dawes before taking their places on the presidential inaugural stand outside.

Senate Transformed.
The senate had been completely transformed for the inauguration. Gone were the leather seated swivel chairs, and in their places were stiff bottomed office chairs arranged in circles for the seating of the supreme court, the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, senators and senators-elect and members of the house.

The neat order in which the chairs had been arranged was somewhat disturbed during the confusion of the last hours of the dying senate, which managed to keep up a hubbub of discussion on various subjects, until a few minutes before 11 o'clock when it took a recess.

President Emerges.
The president and General Dawes came out of the White House at 10:55 o'clock. They stopped for a minute to accommodate photographers and then climbed into their cars.

The president wore a black overcoat over his cutaway and a silk hat. General Dawes had stowed his pipe away in a pocket.

Just two minutes after 11 o'clock, the cars moved out and took up a single file through the northeast gate. The escort clattered into position about it, after its buglers had sounded a flourish and the trip to the capitol began.

The waiting crowd at the gate sent up a tremendous cheer but President Coolidge looked straight ahead.

Party to Capitol.
The official party was carried swiftly toward the capitol. All along its way it was accompanied by a surge of cheering.

President and Mrs. Coolidge with Senator Curtis were on the back seat of the first car, with Mr. Coolidge on the right and the senator on the left. It was an open car as was that following with General and Mrs. Dawes and party.

As he rode along, the president repeatedly acknowledged the plaudits of the crowd by touching his hat and General Dawes lifted his clear off his head many times as special outbursts of applause seemed to be directed in his direction.

The president's car came to a stop at the plaza at 11:16 o'clock. The bright sun had disappeared and there was an unmistakable threat of rain. The president helped Mrs. Coolidge to alight from the automobile, while the cavalry and court took up a squadron front, came to attention, presented sabres, and the bugles sounded "To the Colors." With the others the president stood uncovered.

Mr. Dawes Greeted.
President Cummings of the senate greeted the vice-president-elect when he reached the room that he to be his office for the next four years. In the president's room the chief executive turned his attention to a shelf of bills awaiting his attention.

On the plaza outside, the crowd now was mounting to several thousands, streaming up closer about the inaugural stands.

While the president was hard at work, his second in command was taking it easy in a big leather chair before a cheerful grate fire in the vice-president's room. He chatted with Senator Cummings intently, however, about new duties he was about to assume and interrupted the latter-view long enough to receive a gift of

LATEST PHOTO OF MR. COOLIDGE

President and First Lady of the Land Are Shown After the Services For the Late Senator Medill McCormick



This is the latest photograph of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. It was taken in Washington as they left the home of Countess Eleanor Glyzcka after services for the late Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois.

was more hand-clapping and cheering a moment later when the president entered, escorted by the ranking senate leaders. Almost immediately the vice-president took the oath of office.

When the vice-president-elect went up to the dais he at first set down on the right of President Cummings, but upon looking around, arose amid laughter and applause.

The president, meantime, had taken his seat facing the senate and house from in front of the dais. President Cummings read the solemn words of the oath of office and with upraised hand Mr. Dawes responded: "I do."

Senate Adjourns.
Immediately the old senate was declared adjourned, sine die, and the new vice-president calling the new senate to order, with a sharp rap of the gavel began his inaugural address.

He referred especially to the present rules which permit a senator to delay proceedings indefinitely by holding the floor.

Under this rule, the new vice-president said, a minority of even one senator can prevent a vote on a measure which two thirds of the senate has agreed to bring a vote.

Although the constitution gives Congress the right to make its own rules, he said, "this does not excuse customs which might put the power in the hands of individuals to be used in legislative barter."

The address took but a few minutes and the distinguished company and the spectators began to be ushered to the stand outside. The senators applauded only a little at the conclusion of the speech, toward the end of which he shook his clenched hand at his hearers with all the vigor he used to show, when as director of the budget, he lectured cabinet officers on economy. Members of the house seem-

ing to get the most enjoyment out of it.

Proclamation Read.
Before the senate sitting broke up, the president's proclamation calling it in special session was read and oaths were administered to new senators.

After two groups of four senators each had been sworn in under the usual procedure the vice-president got tired of the formality.

"Bring 'em all out!" he shouted amid laughter and applause.

When the president appeared he was greeted by a reverberating cheer. He was surrounded while the occasion continued by the black-robed justices of the supreme court and his close friends.

Then the band played "Hail, The Chief." The crowd stood and cheered again.

Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Dawes appeared together. The vice-president was applauded when he stepped in front with Mr. Coolidge.

President Takes Oath.
Having his head over his grandmother's knee, the president took the oath at one p. m. precisely.

Chief Justice Taft read the words of the obligation, which he himself had once assumed, in a voice that could be heard well by the crowd, as Mr. Coolidge stood with upraised hand. His "I do," at the end was hardly audible outside the stand. Then he bent his head and kissed the Bible and the great throng recognized with a cheer that another administration had been ushered in.

The president began his address immediately, speaking rather more rapidly than ordinarily.

Mrs. Coolidge and other relatives and friends of the president had seats immediately behind him, as he stood before the rail of the inaugural stand, lined with microphones which were

carrying his words into the farthest corners of the country.

Many of those in the throng leaned forward to catch the significance of Mr. Coolidge's words. There was more and more hand-clapping, but the reference to the world court brought only a smattering of applause.

His pronouncement in favor of party regularity was delivered by the president with emphasis, and there was a hearty response from the crowd.

Economy of government and reduction of taxation, the cornerstone of the Coolidge administration policy, drew a prolonged ovation.

Mr. Coolidge finished his address at 1:42 p. m. and his concluding words were left tossing on tumultuous waves of applause as he turned to receive the handshakes of those about him.

He picked up his hat, walked with Mrs. Coolidge to the back of the stand and then moved from the scene of another induction into office, the ninth in his life.

With the departure of the president, the great crowd on the plaza dissolved.

ed, many seeking points of vantage to view the inaugural parade, which already had been drawn up past the south side of the capitol.

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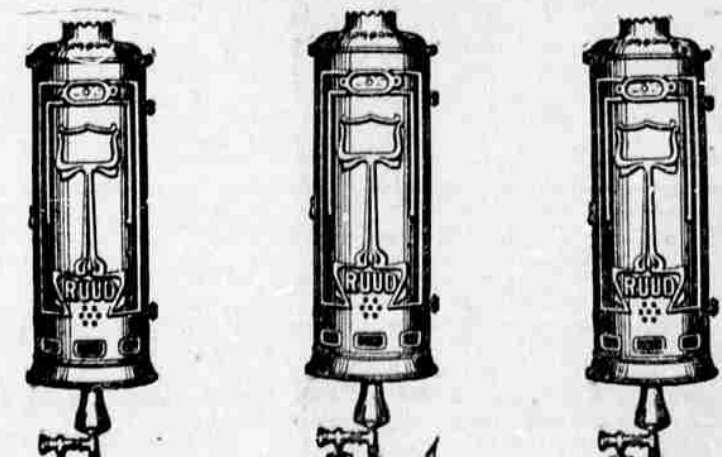
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