

# PRESIDENCY GIVEN OVER TO HARDING

Wilson Adds Dramatic to Simple Ceremony.

## NORMAL NATION AIM

New President, Like Washington, Has Early Conference With Senate. Cabinet Choice Confirmed.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The reins of presidential authority passed from Woodrow Wilson to Warren G. Harding today in an inaugural ceremony at once the simplest and most dramatic of a generation.

The drama centered about the retirement of Woodrow Wilson. Insistent to the last that he would carry out a retiring president's customary part in the ceremonies, Mr. Wilson finally yielded to the warning of his physician that he might endanger his life, and only accompanied his successor to the capitol.

As he descended from the White House portico to enter the waiting automobile, secret service men placed his feet on each descending step; when he left the car to enter the capitol he was practically lifted up a short flight of steps by an attendant.

After a few minutes at the capitol Mr. Wilson went to his private home to become "plain Woodrow Wilson now," as he expressed it.

Before Mr. Harding had been president an hour he had revived a precedent set by George Washington by conferring with the senate in executive session, submitting in person the nominations of his ten cabinet officers. All were immediately confirmed.

Within another hour he had gone to the White House to "hang up his hat and go to work," as he often had said, and unlocked the White House gates, for four years closed to the public.

The public celebrated by actually overrunning the grounds and peeping through the windows to see the new president.

Mr. Harding took the oath of office at 1:18 P. M., exactly eight years to the minute from the time Mr. Wilson took his first oath. The inaugural ceremonies were kept free from almost every show the of pomp and circumstance that usually surround the incoming of a chief executive. Thousands witnessed the oath and cheered the old and new presidents, but the crowd was only a fraction of the customary throngs.

On the Bible used by George Washington at his first induction into office, and on a verse of Scripture extolling the virtues of an humble faith in God, Mr. Harding plighted his best ability to the presidency. In his inaugural address he reaffirmed his reverence for the traditions of the fathers and reiterated his belief that the supreme task ahead was to bring the country once more to normalcy.

The inauguration ceremony was held as usual on a stand erected above the east steps of the capitol, but in marked contrast to previous inaugurations, when thousands of seats were provided, the company had to remain standing. Even the inaugural stand was much smaller and was erected to accommodate a telephonic apparatus which carried Mr. Harding's voice so that for the first time thousands heard an inaugural address.

About the only features familiar to inaugurations were the patriotic decorations that fluttered under a bright sun along Pennsylvania avenue and the usual escort of cavalry acting as a presidential guard of honor in the ride to and from the capitol. The only semblance of a parade was presented by the little group of official motor cars and the hollow square of troopers.

### Coolidge Ceremony Only Hint of Pomp

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Warren G. Harding was ushered into the presidency today with one of the simplest ceremonies in the history of inaugurations. The only reminder of the pomp of other days came in the dignified proceedings which marked

the induction into office of Vice-President Coolidge.

The sun shone brightly today, and when that happens the weather is the feature of the occasion because out of 34 inaugurations, beginning with George Washington's, it is said that only 11 have been favored with fair days.

Next in interest to the ceremonies attending the inauguration of Mr. Harding and Mr. Coolidge was the presence about the capitol of the pathetic figure of Woodrow Wilson, who came to sign a few bills as the wisp 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.

## BROKEN, WILSON RETIRES SMILING

Washington, D. C., March 4.—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 place 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 of the past, and peace treaty, "but I am not going to 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."

Mr. Wilson's share in the ceremonies remained in doubt to the last. It was not until he had finished the business that called him to the capitol that he made known his yielding 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 to enter the automobile that 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 sank 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 comparison to be drawn between the big strong figure of the new president and the crippled form of the old, for Mr. Wilson rode on alone to a little-used door where he had but two steps to mount.

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.

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 burden and worries. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the courtesies you have extended to me."

Mr. Wilson seemed to agree that he was glad to be free, for he even gained in cheerfulness as he moved out of the room, with Senator Knox escorting him.

# WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Night flying by air mail pilots will be instituted between Cheyenne, Wyo. and Chicago, beginning May 1, according to official announcement.

Lloyd's agent at Reval, the capital of Estonia, sent a cable message Monday which was received in London Tuesday, reading: "It is reported—and we attach some credit to the report—that a revolution has broken out in Petrograd and Moscow."

Restriction of discharges and resumption of recruiting were ordered at the navy yard in Boston Tuesday night in instructions from the Bureau of Navigation at Washington, addressed to commanding officers of all ships and stations in this district.

Judgments for \$18,000 obtained by the United States against the Delamar company, limited, a British corporation, for timber taken from public lands in Idaho, will stand as a result of the dismissal Tuesday by the supreme court, of the appeal of the company.

An additional gift of \$2,000,000 from the Rockefeller foundation and the ed Monday by the European relief council. The gift, divided between the Rockefeller foundations and the Laura Spellman Rockefeller memorial fund, is to be used for the starving children of Europe.

The allocation of the island of Yap to Japan was made by the allied and associated powers, and any question concerning its disposition the United States should take up with the supreme council, said the reply of the league of nations council to the American note on mandates.

Indictments were handed down in New York Tuesday by the special federal grand jury investigating an alleged building material combine against 74 corporations and 40 individuals comprising an alleged "cement trust." King Nicholas of Montenegro died in Antibes, France, Tuesday.

Henry Shearer, general manager of the Michigan Central lines, Tuesday night announced that the road's investigation had proved that the engineer and fireman of the Michigan Central train were to blame for the wreck at Porter, Ind., Sunday night, in which 37 persons were killed.

A plea for the preservation of the draft law on the federal statute books for use in the event of future wars was made Tuesday night by United States Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, in an address on Americanism at a dinner given in New York in his honor and attended by about 1000 notable persons.

Five negro bathers at Pensacola, Fla., were killed Tuesday and several others injured when a naval seaplane side slipped and took the water along the beach, its wing tip sweeping the sands where the bathers were gathered. The aviator was not injured, but was placed under arrest pending investigation.

George B. Grigsby, democratic delegate from Alaska, was ousted from the house Tuesday by a vote of 182 to 162. James Wickersham was seated by a vote of 177 to 162. He was immediately sworn in and according to a statement made on the floor will receive about \$7000 a day until the end of his term, Friday noon.

There was a sharp falling off in European trade in January and a reduction in the volume of trade with South America, according to a trade review issued Tuesday by the department of commerce. It showed that exports to Germany decreased nearly \$10,000,000 as compared with December and imports from that country nearly \$1,000,000. The export figures were \$48,862,000 and the total imports \$4,630,000.

## FARM LOAN ACT IS UPHELD

Supreme Bench Releases \$50,000,000 In Thirty Days.

Washington, D. C.—The farm loan act, designed to assist agricultural development by providing readily accessible credits to farmers through federal land banks, was declared valid Monday by the supreme court.

In an opinion, which Commissioner Lobdell of the farm loan board declared removed every shadow of question as to the legality of the banks or their bonds, the court held congress had authority to establish the land banks and to exempt the bonds from state taxation.

He announced there would be an immediate issue of farm loan bonds to finance the hundreds of millions of dollars in loans approved by the board.

"It will be at least 30 days before funds are available," he said, "but distribution will be begun as soon as possible. The farm loan board is hopeful that the market may absorb these bonds equally with the borrowing demands of the farms."

The case was appealed from lower court decrees refusing an injunction sought by C. W. Smith, a stockholder in the Kansas City Title & Trust company, to restrain that institution from investing in land bank securities. The contention was made that the farm loan act was invalid, as congress had neither authority to establish banks nor to exempt their securities from state taxation.

The court, in a practically unanimous opinion, upheld the authority of the government. The power to designate fiscal agencies has been conceded congress since the days of Chief Justice Marshall, the opinion held and the tax exemption provision was a necessary protection.

Justices McReynolds and Holmes, dissenting, explained they took exception to the court's assumption of jurisdiction, rather than to the findings. The case was within the scope of Missouri laws and the state courts, they said.

Justice Day, who delivered the court's opinion, said:

"Congress declared it necessary to create these fiscal agencies, and to make them authorized depositories of public moneys. Its power to do so is no longer open to question."

Farm loans aggregating more than \$50,000,000 have been held up since May, 1920, as a result of the suit instituted by Smith. Applications to this amount were pending when Commissioner Lobdell announced at a conference of farm loan officials here that official approval would be withheld pending a decision of the court.

Officials placed the total amount of loans to farmers held in abeyance by the suit at many times \$50,000,000, however, the receipt of applications having stopped with Commissioner Lobdell's announcement. On March 1, 1920, the farm loan board reported that \$182,897,000 had been advanced to 75,384 farmers and that applications from 179,734 persons then pending totalled \$471,900,000.

## INTEREST ALLIES OWE IS ENOUGH FOR BONUS

Washington, D. C.—Adjusted compensation for ex-service men as proposed in the amended house bonus bill presented Monday to the senate will cost between one and a half billion and five and a quarter billion dollars, Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, estimated in his report. Senator McCumber said the interest on war loans to the allies would "more than take care of the obligations."

The plan to distribute the cost of the bill over the next 20 years, Senator McCumber said, would prevent its being burdensome.

"If all war veterans took the cash bonus, Senator McCumber said, the estimated cost would be \$1,547,904,395. If all took the 20-year deferred certificates, the cost, he said, would be \$5,251,364,000. All cash claims would require the treasury to pay out \$909,000,000 in 1923, \$600,000,000 in 1924 and \$38,500,000 in 1925. If all veterans took the certificates the 1923 requirements, the figures showed, would be \$44,256,000, increasing up to \$56,000,000 in 1942.

## Autoist Gets Long Term

Chicago.—Sentence of from one to 14 years in jail for attack to commit murder with an automobile was passed on Raymond Fox, 24, in criminal court Monday. This was said by court attaches to be the first conviction on this charge in connection with automobile accidents.

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The Durkee and Bridgeport irrigation districts have forwarded to the state engineer for approval plans for the construction of the Burnt river reservoir in Baker county.

Salem.—With the exception of measures carrying emergency clauses, all bills passed at the recent session of the legislature and signed by the governor will become operative on May 25.

Bend.—A shipment of 1500 coyote and lynx pelts, consigned to eastern markets, was sent from Bend Friday morning. The lot, representing a majority of the catches made in central Oregon this winter, is valued at approximately \$10,000.

Salem.—Corn and poultry shows, the first to be held in Salem next fall and the latter here next January, were decided upon at a meeting of the Marion county federation of community clubs Saturday night. Fifteen of the 22 clubs in the county were represented.

Baker.—Baker county has always led the state in the production of gold and in the number of quartz mines in operation; but that lead is now maintained with only one quartz mine in operation, the Eureka & Excelsior, commonly known as the E. & E. mine.

Salem.—Measures approved at the recent session of the legislature that will be referred to the voters of Oregon at the special election in June will be determined by the attorney-general, according to a statement made by the secretary of state Saturday.

Salem.—Governor Olcott Saturday signed the Bennet bill which asserts state title to beds of all non-navigable lakes in the state. It was estimated by attaches of the attorney-general's office that this law would return to the common school fund of Oregon approximately \$2,000,000.

Bend.—P. C. Burt, Deschutes county rancher, has just learned that his wife, one of the first relief workers to sail for Armenia after the war, has been captured by the Turkish nationalists. After two years' service abroad, Mrs. Burt was on her way to take passage for America when she, with other American women, was seized by the Turks.

Bend.—In an effort to combat the frosts which have cut down the yield of his truck garden for the last two years, Ernest Frank, a farmer near Redmond, has ordered a shipment of a dozen garden and orchard heaters, enough to keep his prize wax beans warm until midsummer. The heaters will be the first to be used in central Oregon.

Salem.—There were four fatalities in Oregon due to individual accidents, in the week ended February 24, according to the report of the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: John M. McCue, logger, Cottage Grove; Martin Crause, donkey engineer, Portland; Charles R. Phillips, laborer, Powers, and Tony Creek, edgerman, Glenwood.

Salem.—The Oregon public service commission has received a telegram from W. V. Hardie, director of traffic for the interstate commerce commission, granting a request for corrected rules on minimum carload weights of grain in sacks. Correction of these rules was sought by the Oregon commission several days ago, following the receipt of numerous complaints from Oregon shippers.

Toledo.—A mammoth coyote, which had been killing sheep and goats in the upper Yaquina and Big Elk districts, was killed by Marlon Hunt of Eddyville Friday. The coyote was started on the old Castle place near Elk City, and after circling several times in the territory, crossing Little Elk river time after time in an attempt to evade the dogs, finally took refuge along the side of Mr. Hunt's barn, where he was killed.

Medford.—Jackson County Fair association will have one of the best improved and up-to-date fair grounds in the state, the stockholders unanimously decided at the annual meeting. It is planned to spend \$20,000 on the buildings this year. The auto speedway and horse track will be ready next year. The dates for the next fair have been set for September 14, 15, 16 and 17. The site of the fair grounds is 152 acres on the Pacific highway.