

Remarkable Photograph of President Taken Upon Arrival at San Francisco Shows Chief Executive to be Sick Man



This remarkable photograph was taken upon the arrival of President Harding at San Francisco just before he was ordered to bed by Brigadier General Sawyer. Note the lines in the president's face, indicating that he is a sick man. The picture was rushed to The Herald from the San Francisco bureau of the Newspaper Enterprise association, a world-wide organization, as a part of the service given Herald readers.

Text of Harding's Address

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restrained pride, and sincere tribute to the historic service of a great secretary of state."

Enunciated Achievements

Harding then proceeded to the enunciation of international achievements, taking up first the negotiation of separate treaties of peace with the central powers which was necessary as "the peace negotiated by my distinguished predecessor, though he was impelled by lofty purposes, had evoked a bitter and undying controversy."

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Next the executive listed the German-American treaty providing for a mixed claims commission to determine American claims against Germany in connection with organization of which, he said, "the extraordinary tribute, unparalleled in international relationships, was paid to the American sense of justice by the suggestion on the part of Germany that the United States should appoint an American umpire."

Important Accomplishment

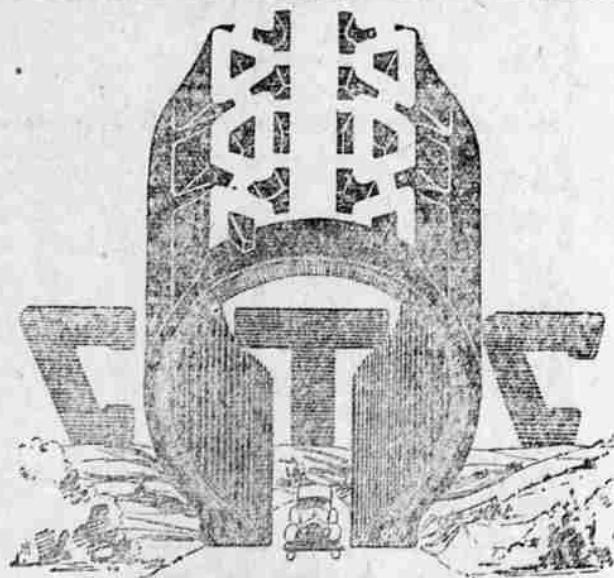
The settlement of the British debt, the president asserted, was another accomplishment of importance for Great Britain in undertaking the discharge of an obligation of more than four and a half billion dollars "put a fresh stamp of approval on the sacredness of international obligations" and the settlement itself gave "a new assurance of stability throughout the world. Harding also mentioned the debt settlement virtually concluded with Finland, the negotiations pending with Czechoslovakia and the prospective discussions with Yugoslavia.

The successful settlement of the

costs incurred for the maintenance of the American army on the Rhine, listed as another accomplishment, the president said, had "little about it all to make sentimental appeal, but it is a gratifying record of sane business and the solemn assertion of our just rights."

Treaty Concluded

Important achievements also were brought about in connection with rights of Americans in mandated territories, the president asserted, adding as examples the conclusion of a treaty with Japan, securing American rights to all Pacific islands north of the equator over which Japan exercises its mandate; similar treaties with France and Belgium, and "negotiations now in progress with Great Britain relating to the



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British mandated territories in Africa and we look with confidence to a satisfactory treaty."

"The outstanding historical, monumental achievement is the Washington conference on the limitation of armament," declared Harding before passing to minor accomplishments. "Only a few days ago the government of France gave the ratification which makes unanimous the approval of the nations concerned, and confirms the dawn of a new era in international cooperation for world peace."

Proved Greatest Achievement

"The limitation of armament conference was significantly triumphant in two accomplishments: It relieved and limited the burdens and found a way to remove the causes of misunderstandings which lead to war. x x x The conference proved one of the greatest achievements in the history of international relations."

The president enumerated the various treaties and agreements which grew out of the conference and then added:

"Probably the most important results of this historically important conference are those which are unwritten and imponderable. I refer to the revelations of sentiment and purpose, to the manifestations of good will and the evident thirst for better understanding. x x x If you would measure the work of the conference, contrast the present opinion as to peace in the east with the view which was widely entertained and frequently expressed before the conference was held. The mists, which had the forebodings of war clouds, have been dispelled."

U. S. Played Becoming Part

Harding also pointed to the good offices performed by American representatives at Lausanne, asserting that although "cynical critics sneered at our 'unofficial' representatives" he was firmly of the belief that "American influence at Lausanne played a becoming part, and an influential part, in making for peace, when all the world stood in apprehension of an armed conflagration."

Turning to Latin-American the chief executive reviewed a long list of victories in statecraft and of evidences of good will toward the United States. Among these he included the agreement by Costa Rica and Panama at the behest of the United States to accept an arbitral award in their boundary dispute; economic recovery in Cuba; establishment of provisional government in the dominion; restoration of peace and order in Haiti; settlement of the old Tacna-Arica dispute by Chile and Peru through the friendly offices of the United States; the recent Central American conference, and the recent fifth international conference of American states at Santiago, Chile.

Friendly Toward Mexico

"Our feeling toward the Mexican people is one of entire and very cordial friendliness, and we have deeply regretted the necessity for the continued suspension of

diplomatic relations," said the president in his reference to Mexico. "We have no hatred toward Mexico; no selfish ends to serve at her expense. We have no promptings other than those of neighborly friendship. We have no desire to interfere in the internal concerns of Mexico. We respect in the Mexican people the same rights of self-determination which we expect for ourselves. It is not for us to suggest what laws she shall have relating to the future for we willingly acclaim Mexico as the judge of her own domestic policy. We do, however, maintain one clear principle which lies at the foundation of all international intercourse. When a nation has invited intercourse with other nations and has exacted laws under which investments have been legally made, contracts entered into and property rights acquired by citizens of other jurisdictions, it is an essential condition of international intercourse that lawful obligations shall be met, and there shall be no resort to confiscation and repudiation. We are not insistent on the form of any particular assurance against confiscation, but we do desire the substance of such protection. x x x Such assurance is in the interest of permanent friendly relations. We have sought to have this wholly defensible attitude understood by our Mexican neighbors ever since the present administration came into power."

Expect Definite Results

"I am happy to say that we now have our commissioners in conference at Mexico City, and it is earnestly hoped that there may be definite and favorable results from their change of views with the Mexican commissioners. We crave not only friendly relationships, but we wish it to be founded upon an understanding which will guarantee its permanence. Upon such an understanding we may jointly promote the most neighborly friendships which shall be to the mutual advantage of the two republics."

Replying to the argument that Russia should be recognized by the United States as a means of alleviating distress there, the president said: "The establishment of a basis of permanent improvement in Russia lies solely within the power of those who govern the destinies of that country, and political recognition prior to correcting fundamental error tends only to perpetuate the ills from which the Russian people are suffering."

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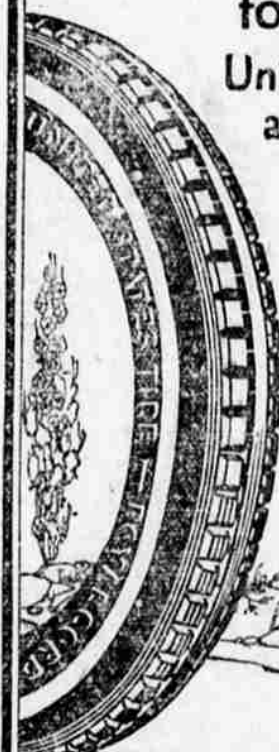
been taken without the color of compensation, without the process of law, by the mere emission of countless decrees," he added. "Such a policy challenges the very ground-work of righteous intercourse among peoples, and rends the basest of good faith everywhere in the world."



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