

## Begin Saddest Journey Across The Continent

Simple But Heart Rending Service Held at San Francisco Before Special Leaves for Washington, from Where President Started on Trip Seven Weeks Ago

(By The Associated Press.)  
Aboard Harding Funeral Train, August 4.—Sorrow in the hearts of the American people over the death of their leader was exemplified today by silent groups along the railroad sidings as the special 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 singly, none too poor, none too rich, none too mighty or none too humble to pay their mark of respect to the memory of the late Chief Executive.

They were conscious only of showing their sorrow, but to those in the funeral party they typified the American people as a whole, for the nation mourns today as the saddest transcontinental trip in history is being made.

San Francisco, August 4.—Marked by simplicity, and yet by reason of its simplicity all the more heart rending, the last tribute of respect was paid here Friday night by California to the man who had until a day ago been the well loved President of the United States, and in his death all the world joined with this far Western state in a demonstration of the regard in which it had held Warren G. Harding, the man and President, and expressed its grief at his passing.

### Service at Sunset

Just as the golden sun was sinking below the far stretched horizon of the Pacific, a few gathered in the Presidential suite at the Palace Hotel for the simple service read by the Rev. James S. West of the First Baptist Church.

High dignitaries of state and church were there, and in their midst, never for a moment giving way to her intense grief, was Florence Harding, widow of the late President, and in the streets about the hotel and leading to the station there was gathered the citizenry of San Francisco, silent and with bared heads expressing the grief of the nation at the passing of its Chief Executive.

The simple service over, the journey to the station was begun.

As the casket was borne by the pall bearers from the three branches of the American service to the street, the Navy band played "The Star Spangled Banner," while all stood with bared heads and at attention, the men of the service who acted as an escort of honor coming to salute.

Then "Lead Kindly Light," a favorite hymn of the dead leader, was played. To the solemn strains of Chopin's funeral march, the procession to the station began between lines of cavalry, navy, marine and soldiers.

### Pershing Leads March

General Pershing led the march and other high officials followed, and in a closed car came Mrs. Harding, accompanied by George T. Christian, Jr., the late President's secretary.

In a car in which he had begun his trip from Washington seven weeks ago the casket containing the mortal remains of the President was carried, while in another car were placed the flowers expressing the sympathy of leaders and commoners of all sections of the globe.

A slight delay, another moment, and San Francisco bade farewell forever to the man who a short 24 hours before had been thought well on the road to recovery.

The train started, the crowds with bared heads saw the lights of the last car—the President's car—fade in the distance.

The long journey to the capital had begun, the saddest transcontinental journey in the history of the nation.

### Mrs. Harding Rests

Aboard the Harding Funeral Train, August 4.—Mrs. Harding rested last night as well as could be expected. She retired early to her stateroom and when the train reached here about eight o'clock this morning, her door was still closed. There had been no occasion to call any one during the night.

### Marion Awaits Body

Marion, O., August 4.—Citizens here mourn the death of their greatest fellow townsman and sadly are making preparations to receive him back and lay him to rest in the little cemetery beside his mother.

Dr. Harding, the late President's father, is heart broken, but facing the future bravely.

### TEACHERS COME HOME

It looked as though a teachers' excursion was getting off the Norfolk Southern northbound train Saturday morning following the closing of the summer session of the Eastern Carolina Teachers Training School this week. Among those who have been attending the session are: Misses Elizabeth Saunders, Thelma Perry and Bettie Stanton.

### COTTON GOES UP

New York, August 4.—Cotton quotations opened 10 to 15 points higher today and the curb market opened fairly steady, cotton extending its advance to 50 points, or \$2.50 a bale.

## Four Churches to Unite in Services

People of City Have Choice of Five Places to Worship Sunday Evening

Four of the churches of the city have united upon a program of union services for the month of August. These churches are the First Methodist, the First Baptist, the Episcopal, and the Presbyterian.

The first of these services will be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at eight o'clock, with Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist church, preaching. Congregations of these four churches will assemble for this service at the First Baptist church.

At City Road, Blackwell Memorial Calvary Baptist, and the First Christian churches, the evening services will be held as usual, thus giving opportunity to the people of the city to worship where it seems best to them or most convenient.

### HAD AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR JOURNEY'S END

Mr. and Mrs. Lev Charles Guirkin, after a successful motor trip all the way from Chattanooga to Norfolk, had started on the last leg of their journey to Elizabeth City Friday morning, and when just out of Portsmouth landed in a ditch, Mrs. Guirkin having her arm sprained and receiving a slight cut on her head.

The trouble all came from a railroad crossing. A man called to Mr. Guirkin just as he approached the crossing that the law required him to stop. Mr. Guirkin turned and looked back in the effort to understand what the man was saying. The next thing he knew the car had turned over in the ditch. They returned to Norfolk to the home of their aunt, Mrs. Mac Forrest, and Mr. Guirkin's mother, Mrs. Mae Guirkin Willey of this city, hastened to Norfolk, distressed by the news of the accident. The party is expected to arrive tonight by the Norfolk Southern.

## Strong Norfolk Team Here This Afternoon

Navy Yard Team Couldn't Play Friday on Account of President's Death

The Westhaven Athletic Association of Norfolk will play Elizabeth City on the Main street diamond Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Manager John Wells has assurance from Manager Paul Webb of the Norfolk team that they will be here.

The Navy Yard team could not play here on Friday afternoon on account of the President's death. Realizing that Friday was the best baseball day for attendance in the West Manager Wells sent Catcher Host to Norfolk to bring back a team, a game for Friday having been advertised all the week.

But "Mike" found Friday unlucky so far as picking up a ball club was concerned. The best team that he could find would probably have been a good match for the Cubs or Red Men of the Twilight League. After Evans had pitched five innings and whiffed ten men and the homers had made five runs, Abbott swapped positions with the home twirler and at the end of the seventh inning three men had scored.

Trueblood took the mound in the eighth and young 10-year-old Nelson took second bag. But at that the visitors didn't score and didn't hit though they go to third on errors. The third man out who was captain of the visiting team asked Umpire Ferrell to call the game after he had punched out. The score ended 7 to 3, the locals taking all sorts of chances on base running, and many of them batting opposite their usual style. Fans seeing that the teams were unevenly matched gradually left the grandstand and about half of the crowd had gone when the game ended.

Some of the fans expressed the opinion that the game would have been more interesting if the locals had held their original positions and closed the team out in a hurry. However, others seemed to enjoy the comedy of shifting players and the avalanche of errors.

The score by innings:

R. H. E.	
Norfolk	000 000 30—3 2 11
E. City	003 200 2*—7 10 5

### VIRGINIA LAWYER DIES

Richmond, August 4.—Henry Polard, aged 77, well known lawyer, died at his home here at 12:55 this afternoon.

## Cohoon Attacked by His Guernsey Bull

Representative and Former Sheriff Had Narrow Escape Friday

Former Sheriff F. F. Cohoon, County Representative for Pasquotank in the last General Assembly, is 72 years old, but he believes he got over the fence as quickly Friday as could have any young man in the County. And that five-foot fence, Mr. Cohoon believes saved his life.

Mr. Cohoon, who weighs something like 200 pounds, went over the fence by a clear vault, but he did not make the jump unassisted. He was making for the fence with an angry Guernsey bull after him, and just as he put his hands on the fence the bull caught him. The first blow knocked the former sheriff off his feet but he continued to hold the top board of the fence. And then the bull caught his victim just back of the left hip and lifted him neatly over the barrier and out of the way of further harm.

Besides being a bit stiff Saturday morning, Mr. Cohoon showed no outward sign of his narrow escape. His most painful injuries were received on his right hip and on the right side of his head as he struck the ground. This particular Guernsey's horns were sawed off when he was a yearling and though they grew out again they turned back like a ram's so that the animals could not gore a victim. Else Mr. Cohoon's injuries might have been more serious.

Mr. Cohoon says this is the second time he has had a narrow escape from an angry bull, the former occasion occurring about 16 years ago. At that time two ribs were broken by the impact of the bull's charge and there was an ugly scalp wound when Mr. Cohoon's head struck the rafters of the low roofed stable in which he was attacked.

### DROP IN PRICES ON THE STOCK MARKET

New York, August 4.—Active selling took place today at the opening of the stock market for its first session since the death of President Harding, and prices worked considerably lower. Losses of one to two points were noted in such pivotal stocks as Studebaker and Pan-American issues and American woolen.

### MRS. W. D. PRUDEN DEAD

Mrs. W. D. Pruden of Edenton died Friday night at a Baltimore hospital after a long illness and the body was brought out to Edenton Saturday for burial.

Mrs. Pruden is survived by one son, W. D. Pruden, and by three brothers, Hal Wood, Frank Wood and Julien Wood of Edenton, and a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. W. B. Foreman of this city is a niece of Mrs. Pruden.

### BACK FROM BUYING TRIP

M. Leigh Sheep of the M. Leigh Sheep Company is back from a buying trip to northern markets during which he attended the exhibitions and also the style show of the National Merchandise Fair. The M. Leigh Sheep Company will have an advertisement in The Advance next week featuring the arrival of the first showings in woman's wear for fall.

### JURY LETS MORSE AND SON GO FREE

Washington, August 4.—Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, his three sons, and four others, were acquitted here today by a jury of charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States in connection with wartime ship construction and operation contracts.

### UP TO FLORIDA

J. A. Harris of Winter Park, Florida, who is visiting friends and relatives in this section, returned Saturday from a short stay in Perquimans County in the course of which the Fleetwood farm in Harvey's Neck. "A wonderful farm," said Mr. Harris Saturday morning, "with wonderful crops. Why it would be hard to beat it in Florida!"

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Miss Etta Trullitt of the hospital staff of nurses, left Wednesday to spend some time at Snowden.

Miss Sue Grice of East Fearing street returned home Saturday, after having her tonsils removed Friday.

Miss Frances Parker of Jarvisburg entered as a medical case Saturday.

B. S. Banks of Durants Neck entered Friday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Joseph Auman at the Southern Hotel returned Thursday, after being at the hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. J. P. Ward of Hertford is improving, after an operation July 28. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sample of Route Five, a son, on July 30. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. F. A. Reibert and son, F. A. Jr., of West Main street, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Z. H. Whedbee of Frisco underwent an operation Friday and is getting along nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Overman of Route One, a son on August 1.

### FEARLESS EDITOR.



Freedom of the press was endangered in New Mexico when Carl C. Magee, above, editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, was sentenced to two years for contempt of court for criticizing the judiciary. He was pardoned by the Governor.

## SCOUT CAMPAIGN BEGINS MONDAY

Committee Ready to Receive Funds and Scoutmaster Scattergood Is Back from Camp to Press the Work.

Scoutmaster Scattergood is back from Camp Robert E. Lee and ready to wage an active campaign next week for Boy Scout work.

He is chairman of the committee to receive pledges for this work and the other members of the committee are W. G. Galtner, N. W. Dalley, George Cuttner, and Winfield North.

The goal is \$2,500, and a part of the plan is to provide for a bunk house at Camp Robert E. Lee and a boat.

All who are interested in boys' work are invited to see the committee Monday. A report of the progress of the campaign will be made in The Advance each week.

## WATERLOO GIVE WAY TO NEWER SHRINES

Brussels, August 4.—Waterloo, until 1914, was the most frequented spot in Belgium. Victor Hugo's "dear old plain," dotted with monuments commemorating the armies taking part in the battle, topped by its colossal lion on the historic hill of Mont Saint-Jean, attracted countless foreign visitors, and on Sundays citizens of Brussels journeyed there in caravans.

Ancient mail coaches clattered up and down the streets of the Belgian capital, and their conductors, to the discordant tunes of obsolete brass instruments, invited tourists to Waterloo, 11 miles distant.

Guides fought and cursed at the Waterloo station for the remunerative privilege of escorting over the battle field the numerous visitors which every train disgorged into the town.

Cafes, restaurants, hotels were doing a huge business. Today gaunt and sad guides await visitors in vain. Waterloo is desolate. Deserted inns are closing up. A great souvenir is being wiped out; an industry going bankrupt.

Devastated Flanders fields are monopolizing the curiosity seekers. Nieport, Dixmude, Ypres and the Yser, the most thickly populated war cemeteries of Belgium, also provide its greatest attraction for he living. The Great War has killed Waterloo, and by half-destroying Flanders has resuscitated it.

## AMERICANS PRAISE BULGARIAN SCHOOLS

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 4.—American educators, studying the schools of Bulgaria, have found that they show marked progress in combining practical with theoretical education, and King Boris was gratified at this comment when the investigators called upon him recently in this city.

Professor Paul Monroe, director of the International Institute, Teachers College, New York, and Dr. William F. Ussel, associate director, were the king's visitors, and they were impressed by Boris' democratic demeanor and intelligent interest in matters educational.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 4.—Spot cotton closed steady. Middling 23.90. Futures closed at the following levels: October 22.60, December 22. May 22.35.

New York, August 4.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 22.34, December 22.29, January 22.17, March 22.24, May 22.15.

## Next Friday Is Set As Day Of Mourning

First Official Act of President Coolidge Is to Sign Proclamation That Nation Bow in Grief and Prayer When Body of Dead Chief Is Laid to Rest in Marion.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, August 4.—The first official act of President Coolidge as new Executive of the nation was his signature of the proclamation today announcing the death of President Harding and calling upon the country to observe next Friday, August 10, as a day of mourning and prayer.

On that day President Harding's body is to be buried at Marion, Ohio. His body is expected to arrive here Tuesday afternoon. Services in the Capitol rotunda will be held Wednesday, the funeral party will leave here Wednesday night for Marion, and the burial will be made in Marion Friday in the Harding family plot.

As soon as the body arrives here it will be taken to the White House and remain in the East Room until Wednesday morning when it will be taken to the Capitol rotunda for the services at 10 o'clock. After the services the body will lie in state in the rotunda until 6 o'clock Wednesday evening when it will be taken to the train which will bear it to Marion.

While the body lies in state the public will be allowed to pass by and place wreaths about the temporary structure upon which the casket rests.

Hope Wilson Will Take Part  
President Coolidge today expressed the hope that former President Woodrow Wilson would take part in the funeral of President Harding.

He also let it be known that the administration would continue in office indefinitely and that he could see no reason for any change or for interruption of any negotiations now being carried on with foreign representatives by President Harding's appointees.

He declined to discuss administration policies and would not comment on the possibilities of an extra session of Congress.

Washington, August 4.—President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge arrived here last night and the President consulted with Secretary of State Hughes preparatory to taking over the reins of government.

Secretary of State Hughes becomes Vice-President now, with former Vice-President Coolidge taking the office of the Chief Executive.

President Coolidge announced that he would remain in his apartments in the New Willard hotel until Mrs. Harding, at her convenience, has relinquished control of the White House.

### Calls Senators Together

Des Moines, Iowa, August 4.—Senator Cummins, as presiding officer of the Senate, today instructed all United States Senators to report in Washington Monday to make preparations for participation in the funeral of President Harding, and will himself depart tonight.

## PROCESS INCREASES YIELD MOTOR FUEL

Detroit, August 4.—Processes to increase five-fold the amount of motor fuel produced from each ton of coal will be put into effect shortly at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company here. This announcement is made by Wallace Campbell, vice-president of the Ford Motor Company of Canada in connection with the starting of work on a similar plant for distilling benzol from coal, to be located at Ford, Ontario.

Under the new plan low temperature distillation will replace the present high temperature process. Present methods give 2.2 gallons of benzol, 7,000 feet of gas, 8 gallons of tar and 30 compounds of sulphate ammonia from each ton of coal, leaving a residue of 1,140 pounds of coke. Under the new process, as explained by Mr. Campbell, Ford engineers will obtain 10 gallons of benzol, 4,000 feet of gas, 20 gallons of tar, 3 gallons of creosote and there will be a residue of 1,500 pounds of coke. Creosote is not obtained under the present method of distillation.

## IN ANCIENT EGYPT BRIDES WERE CHEAP

London, August 4.—Professor W. Flinders Petrie, the eminent Egyptologist who was recently knighted by King George, gives some interesting information regarding the private life of the ancient Egyptians. The earliest marriage contract known in Egypt, he says, dates from 590 B. C. The terms of the pact, as drawn up by the husband, were as follows:

"Since God willeth that we should unite one with the other in righteous wedlock, after the manner of every free man and every wise woman, therefore I have given thee four dollars in gold as a bridal gift, that thou mayest come and enter my house as a free woman. And for my part I will not neglect thee more than as I were my own body. Neither shall I be able to put thee forth without a cause, having legal ground. But should I wish to put thee forth, I will pay 17 dollars for the matter."

## VISITING ALIENS FLOODING RUSSIA

Moscow, August 4.—Russian isolation is ended. Three years ago the presence of a foreign visitor in Moscow or Petrograd was sufficient to cause the native populace to stare at him as if he were a being from some other world. Two years ago foreigners were still so rare that the few American and British newspaper correspondents scented a story in each of them and tried to interview all who came to Russia. Last year they were still sufficiently rare to arouse some curiosity.