

The Weather

Fair and colder Friday; Saturday with rising temperature. River stage at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m. 8.8 feet, falling.



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CAPITAL IN READINESS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF WARREN G. HARDING

WILSON REGIME WAITS FOR THE END AT NOON TODAY OF ITS TENURE

Books of Eight Eventful Years in Authority Are Balanced and Closed

HARDING IN CITY

President-Elect and Mrs. Harding Pay Call of Courtesy At White House

WASHINGTON, March 3.—After eight eventful years in authority, the Democratic administration of Woodrow Wilson closed up its books today and rested to await the termination of its tenure at noon tomorrow.

While the final balance was being struck by the outgoing officials, Warren G. Harding, Republican President-elect, came to Washington to give his approval to the simple inaugural ceremony that will attend his induction into office, completed formally by the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

For his part, the retiring President provided perhaps the last of the long succession of sensations scattered through his eight years in office by announcing that when he leaves the white house he will take up the practice of law.

Meaning, in striking contrast to the usual holiday turmoil of inauguration eve, the streets of the capital reflected only in a mild degree the complete rearrangement about to be made in the national government. Flags and bunting were broken out in recognition of the impending event and tonight the dome of the capitol building was illuminated for the first time since the celebration of the centennial of the signing of the declaration of independence.

Just what part President Wilson will play in the day's program remained in doubt tonight.

Although his broken health makes it difficult for him to move about, he has prevailed upon his family and medical advisers to permit him to follow out the custom of riding down Pennsylvania avenue with his successor.

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the white house physician, conferred late today with Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, chairman of the inauguration committee on inauguration, and it is understood to have urged that Mr. Wilson's part in the inaugural celebration be limited to a ride from the avenue to the capitol. In this stand he is said to have had the backing of Mrs. Wilson, but not of the President himself.

The call of Mr. Harding at the white house took place late in the day, after the President-elect had conferred with Senator Knox and several other members of the inauguration committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding Arrive. The special train which brought the President-elect and his wife from their home in Marion, Ohio reached Washington at 1 p. m., and was met by a group of friends who, who cheered the next chief executive and first lady of the land as they climbed into a white house automobile at the station exit reserved for presidents. They drove directly to the New Willard hotel where they occupied a suite of rooms during the afternoon and tonight.

Just before his call at the white house, Mr. Harding received the Washington correspondents, telling them he had no appointment, not because he had no news to give, but because he wished to begin his friendship with them while he still was nothing more than a member of their own profession. He assured them that the executive mansion, and declared that all he asked in his relationship with them was an application of the Golden Rule on both sides.

Obsequies Give Banquet. Tonight the President-elect and Mrs. Harding were entertained at private parties given at their homes by the members of the Cleveland, former treasurer of the United States. The guests included Governor Davis, Senator Willard, Harry M. Daugherty, and a score of others from Ohio.

Besides the selection of Mr. Davis as secretary of labor, which finally ended the cabinet slate of the retiring administration, Mr. Harding announced definitely during the day that George B. Christian, Jr., of Marion, would go to the white house with him as his secretary.

Wilson's Last Night in the White House

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Woodrow Wilson spent his last evening in the white house studying bills and resolutions which had reached him from the capitol during the day. He retired later than usual.

INAUGURAL EVENTS TO OPEN AT 10 O'CLOCK AT HARDING'S HOTEL

Congressional Committee to Escort Him to the Executive Mansion

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President and President-Elect Will Be Accompanied by Troops of Cavalry

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Tomorrow's program will begin officially with the call of the congressional inaugural committee on the President-elect and the vice president-elect at their hotel shortly after midnight.

President Wilson will take a place in the official white house automobile with the President-elect and Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional committee. Immediately behind this car will be that carrying Vice President Coolidge, Vice President Marshall and two members of the congressional committee.

Leaving the white house, preceded and flanked by the cavalrymen from Fort Myer, who will ride with drawn sabres, the party will drive to the capitol, the route being along Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol building.

Pennsylvania avenue will be roped off to keep back the crowds and nearly 1,000 infantrymen from Camp Meade, Md., will be on guard duty.

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WILSON AND COLBY IS EXPECTED VETO GIVEN GERMANS GIVEN UNTIL MONDAY TO SAY WHAT THEY PROPOSE TO DO

Retiring President and State Secretary to Enter International Practice

OPEN TWO OFFICES

Will Establish Themselves Both At the National Capital and New York

WASHINGTON, March 3.—With a brief announcement that he "will resume the practice of law" President Wilson today gave the first indication of what he intends to do after leaving the white house.

Wholly unexpected and quite unknown to the President's closest friends, it was officially announced at the white house offices that Mr. Wilson would enter a partnership with Hainbridge Colby, of New York the retiring secretary of state, and that the new firm would establish offices in New York and Washington.

No information of the character of practice "Wilson and Colby" will undertake was made available and all questions were met with the reply that the official announcement contained all there was to be said.

Secretary Colby refused to discuss the subject at all. The general assumption in Washington is that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Colby will engage largely in the practice of international law, a field to which the world war and its aftermath promises to contribute largely during the next 50 years.

Mr. Wilson's start in life long before he thought of college professorships or politics, was in the law. Graduated from the University of Virginia, in his native state in 1881, he opened a small office and practiced in Atlanta for two years.

With the announcement that the retiring President and State Secretary will apply to the supreme court of the United States for admission to practice, all officials Washington asked: "Is he physically able to do it?"

Rear Admiral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's personal physician, said his patient could and that he would be able to appear in the supreme court "occasionally".

MUSCLE SHOALS ITEM IS LEFT OUT OF BILL

House and Senate Finally Agree to Drop It

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He Declares This No Time to Be Erecting Trade Barriers in America

WON'T AID FARMER

Measure Would Injure American Interests and Cripple Foreign Nations

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Efforts to override President Wilson's veto of the Fordney emergency tariff bill failed in the house early this morning and the measure originally designed to aid the farmers, thereby met its death.

The vote on the motion to pass the measure, the President's veto was 201 for 132 against.

This was 21 votes less than the necessary two-thirds. The veto was called up and voted on without discussion.

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The measure, which would increase duties on many of the staple commodities which it is expected in the house and possibly the senate tonight, with the indications for overriding it considerably in doubt.

People Opposed to It. "I do not believe," the President said, "that the interests of the masses of the people of the nation or even of the special class whose interests are immediately affected by this measure are served by its passage."

"Actual relief," the President said, "can come only from the adoption of constructive measures of a broader scope."

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Not Quite Clear Whether Foreign Minister Means to Make New Proposals

BELIEVE HE WILL

Lloyd-George's Reference to Germany's Demands in '71 Pleases France

LONDON, March 3.—The Germans have until Monday to bring their counter proposals to the Paris findings on reparations into accord with the allies' views.

The British version of Dr. Simons' reply to Mr. Lloyd-George indicated that they would. He was quoted as saying that the Germans would examine the prime minister's speech, that their intention had been mistaken, and that no occasion would arise for employment of the measures outlined by the allies.

The German text of Dr. Simons' speech, however, puts a different complexion on the matter. According to the German foreign secretary, the Germans had no intention of complying with the conditions of the treaty.

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Youthful Bank Clerk Who Stole \$772,000



William Dalton

William Dalton, the 16-year-old junior clerk in the Northwestern Trust company, of Chicago, who stole \$772,000 in liberty bonds from the bank and was captured two days later at Heyworth, Ill., with all but \$500 of his loot. Dalton told the authorities he was tempted when he saw so many negotiable bonds within reach and that he had gathered them up on the impulse of the moment.

HARDING'S CABINET IS WITH HIM AT CAPITAL

James J. Davis of Pittsburgh Is Finally Named for the Labor Portfolio

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COURTESY AND DESIRE TO CO-OPERATE WITH HARDING ARE EVIDENT

Wilson's Enfeebled Condition Explains Attitude as to the Inaugural

Retiring President Insists That All Executive Business Be Cleared Up

By DAVID LAWRENCE

(Copyright, 1921, by The Morning Star) WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson has shown in these last few days of his administration a desire to co-operate with the new President and his official family and he has moreover insisted that everything be cleared up in the way of records and official business in the various departments.

Mr. Wilson's latest act was to suggest that congress be furnished copies of all correspondence in the treasury department relating to loans with foreign governments. A car load of documents accordingly went to the capitol and thus ends a controversy, the exact nature of which may be puzzling to the outside world, and it is equally perplexing to people in Washington.

The treasury has declared from the start that so far as the United States government was concerned, the documents contained nothing that need be concealed from the American people, but that the communications from the foreign governments revealed facts about their financial standing which might or might not be embarrassing to them if made public on account of possible ill-effect in the relations between one foreign government and another.

It is a fact that certain members of the senate judiciary committee had urged that members of the Wilson cabinet that there was really no special purpose to be served in forcing the documents out of the privacy of the treasury, but members of the senate, some senators voted with the others in an unanimous report that the information be sent to the senate.

Outside of a discussion of foreign loans to which there was nothing new to be added except the fact that the senate, the cabinet talked of routine matters at its final meeting. The President made sure that every department secretary on Friday and to be present at every piece of business which required executive sanction and the meeting came to an end. Then it was that Secretary Colby made a brief speech on behalf of the cabinet for their service to him and shook hands with each.

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