

Monday, August 6, 1923.

America Today Mourns Passing Of Her President, Who Died in San Francisco Thursday Night

THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED BY DEATH

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GENERAL WILL BE HELD IN MARION

Body Will Lie in State in Washington Upon Arrival There, and Then Will Be Taken to Marion.

San Francisco, Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—A nation today mourns the passing of its President.

The American people from coast to coast and from Lakes to Gulf, and in territories beyond the seas, bowed in grief for their President who died in the early hours of last night.

After a day which had brought news of recovery, death came down upon Warren G. Harding and he died peacefully.

His death came instantaneously and without a word of warning at 7:30 p. m. There was no time to call for physicians, no time to call members of the family, and no time for medical skill to exercise its office. It was all over in the twinkling of an eye.

Mr. Harding, the constant companion of his distinguished husband, was taken to the hospital. She was reading to him a few minutes before 7:30 o'clock when she noticed a shudder run through his body. She had loved, cherished and adored him, and in the moments before his death she had held him in her arms.

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by B. B. Johnson, President of the League, because of the death of President Harding.

Officials in London to Wear Mourning. London, Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—The following announcement was issued from Buckingham Palace this morning:

No Games in Southern League. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—John D. Martin, President of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs, announced this morning that all games scheduled for this afternoon had been cancelled on account of the death of President Harding.

Will Hays Shocked. New York, Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—The following announcement was issued from the White House:

Wilson Wires Mrs. Harding. Washington, Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—Former President Wilson has sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Harding at San Francisco.

Death Came Without Warning. Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, died instantaneously and without warning tonight at 7:30 o'clock, a victim of a stroke of apoplexy.

Estimated at More Than 6,000. Monument to Dr. Lyerly Unveiled. The largest gathering of people ever assembled at Crescent, the Reformed people of the state visited Nazareth Orphan's Home, Thursday.

WILSON WAS GREATLY FAVORED BY HARDING

Without Adu, Mr. Harding Saw That Grayson Was Near Mr. Wilson at All Times.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Former President Wilson has sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Harding at San Francisco. The telegram, however, was not made public.

Exactly 29 months ago Warren Harding actually helped lift Woodrow Wilson down the steps of the White House portico and into the carriage which took both to the inaugural ceremonies at the capital which made one President Harding and the other Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Harding's gentle consideration of his stricken predecessor on that notable day excited the admiration of the thousands who saw it and won the warm respect of Mr. Wilson himself.

Without a request or suggestion from anybody and without any one knowing it, President Harding personally gave an order to the navy department that Dr. Grayson was to be assigned to duty in Washington where his services would be available to Mr. Wilson.

Woodrow Wilson probably will get his first knowledge of Mr. Harding's action if he reads this dispatch.

Rev. George Lonaker, of Akron, Ohio, was the speaker. His subject was "The Child." More than 800 people crowded the auditorium and heard him with profit and pleasure.

Greensboro, Aug. 5.—F. Clyde Tuttle, who shot his father-in-law, C. A. Jones, here at the home of the latter Wednesday night, was today granted bond of \$5,000 and given freedom.

SKETCH OF THE DEAD PRESIDENT'S CAREER

Born on Farm, Mr. Harding Grew Up in Newspaper Office and Managed Paper For Many Years.

SERVED IN THE SENATE FOR TIME

Came Into Office of President With Country Facing Complex and Very Serious Questions.

Warren G. Harding brought to the Presidency an infinite patience and kindness in dealing with public questions and men, which enabled him to handle the problems of government without the stress and worry which had handicapped many of his predecessors.

How Mr. Harding measured up to the task before him must be left to the historian, but his friends said that coming to the Presidency as he did with an open mind, a desire for counsel and an intimate knowledge of the processes of government acquired in his services in the Senate, he was the type of man needed for the job at such a time.

That influence was once declared by him to be not inconsiderable, and so America under his guidance had a part, silent though it was in the main, in effecting the settlements of many vexing world questions.

While in his dealings with Congress Mr. Harding preferred the role of counselor rather than dictator, he speedily removed any doubt that his gift of patience denoted any lack of purpose once he had charted a course.

Mr. Harding came of hardy pioneer stock. He was born at Blooming Grove, Morrow County, Ohio, November 2, 1865.

Whatever his other attainments, Mr. Harding's greatest pride was in his professional accomplishments and training as printer, editor and publisher.

COOLIDGE TAKES UP DUTIES IMPOSED BY DEATH OF HARDING

New President Held Series of Conferences With Advisers During the Morning and Talked With Reporters

NO CHANGES TO BE MADE NOW

Says Present Personnel of Harding Administration Has Done Well and Will Be Kept on the Job.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4. (By the Associated Press.)—President Coolidge took up his duties as Chief Executive this morning at a series of conferences devoted almost entirely to plans for the funeral of President Harding.

At the first conference with newspaper men, however, the President declined to discuss administration policies. He would not comment on the possibilities of an extra session of Congress.

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GASTONIA LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR LENOIR COLLEGE REMOVAL

Necessary Machinery Set Up to Review Proposition and Make Definite and Direct Offer for Lutheran School.

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