

HARDING LAID TO FINAL REST IN HOME TOWN

Marion Funeral Ceremonies for Her Beloved Citizen Are Simple.

IMPOSING CAPITAL SERVICES

Impressive Military and Civilian Procession From White House to Capitol—School Children Straw Flowers—Body Lies in State in Rotunda—Vast Crowds Line Streets and Pay Tribute at Bier.

Marion, O.—Followed by a throng of mourners, the highest in the land and the humble who also had been his friends, the body of Warren G. Harding was taken to the Marion cemetery Friday and placed in the receiving vault.

No imposing ceremony, no military display, no marching of organizations marked the mournful event, because Mrs. Harding wished it so, but as the simple services were being held in the cemetery, in every city, every town and village, every home of the broad land the people of America were paying tribute to the memory of their chief whose life truly was sacrificed in their behalf. Barter and trade, financial business and every other worldly activity that could be suspended ceased for the time, all sports and pastimes were abandoned—the nation mourned.

Great Throngs in Marion. Here in Marion were gathered a host of prominent persons, from President Coolidge down and including the leading government officials, senators and representatives, governors of the states and delegations from hundreds of cities and organizations. All day Thursday and on Friday morning special trains brought in the throngs, and other thousands of Ohioans came by automobile. So great were the crowds that it was necessary for the state officials to arrange to have the roads for miles around Marion patrolled to prevent accidents.

Thursday morning the funeral train arrived from Washington, and Mr. Harding's body was taken at once to the residence of his father, Dr. George T. Harding, from 2 until 10 p. m. that day and from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. Friday opportunity was given Ohioans to view the face of their dead friend. Then, quiet without pomp, the casket was borne to the cemetery. Following the hearse were the members of the Harding family; next the President of the United States with members of the cabinet and other high officials; then came Mr. Harding's close friends and neighbors, and after them a great concourse of mourners.

Simple Services in Cemetery. It was Mrs. Harding's wish that all who wished should have a place in the funeral procession. Among those who sadly accepted the invitation were all the employees of the Marion Star who had worked for Mr. Harding for years, and the Ohio newspaper publishers, members of the Associated Ohio Dailies, in which organization Mr. Harding had taken an active part. The Star had suspended publication for the day, and indeed all business activity in Marion ceased throughout Friday. Not as a part of the funeral procession but to preserve order and direct the heavy traffic, 3,000 troopers of the Ohio National Guard were present.

Reaching the cemetery about three o'clock, the cortege proceeded to the receiving vault, and there the brief services were held. Prayers, readings from the Scriptures and the singing of Mr. Harding's favorite hymns—that was all. It was simple and dignified, as was befitting the obsequies of a distinguished citizen of Marion. The services were in charge of Rev. George M. Landis, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a member. He was assisted by Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Harding's pastor.

Troops Guard the Casket. Instead of being interred in the family plot, the body of Mr. Harding was placed in the receiving vault, and there it will remain until a mausoleum has been erected to receive it. As the weeping family and friends moved away from the vault, National Guard soldiers stepped forward and took their place on guard. In a few days they will be replaced by the guard from the regular army, that will stand around the vault for the regulation period of six months. The detail for this purpose will consist of an officer and twenty-five men from Fort Hayes at Columbus.

The Presidential party from Washington, which came on a special train Friday morning, started back for the national capital almost immediately after the conclusion of the ceremonies. Mrs. Harding, who had borne so well her difficult part, also returned to Washington, on the same train that brought her and her dead. It was announced that she would remain in the White House until she has finished the supervision and removal of the effects of the late President. This probably will take about three weeks.

Services at Capital. Washington.—Warren G. Harding, twenty-ninth president of the United

States of America, most powerful and wealthiest country of the world, received a magnificent tribute Wednesday from official Washington, capital of the nation, preliminary to the final interment of his remains at Marion, O., his home city.

The ceremonies consisted in official transfer in the morning of the body from the White House to the Capitol, where it lay in state until six o'clock in the evening. The American people participated by marching in the funeral procession and by passing by the bier in the rotunda of the Capitol and by lining the funeral route in vast, reverent crowds. Ten thousand school children carpeted with flowers historic Pennsylvania avenue.

The body left the White House, where it had lain during the night, at 10 a. m. Gen. John J. Pershing, general of the United States army and commander of the military escort, led the procession to the Capitol.

Guard of Honor. Six generals of the army and six admirals of the navy acted as an immediate guard of honor to the caisson bearing the remains.

Seven senators, including President pro tem. Cummins, and seven representatives, including Speaker Gillette of the house, acted with members of the Harding cabinet as honorary pallbearers.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, marshal of the civic procession, the clergymen in charge of the services, and the physicians who attended President Harding at his last illness were assigned to places immediately in advance of the caisson.

Chief Justice Taft participated as a former president instead of as head of the Supreme court. Ex-President and Mrs. Wilson were placed behind him.

Behind Mr. Wilson in the procession were placed, successively, ambassadors of foreign governments, associate justices of the Supreme court, foreign ministers and charge d'affaires, senators and officers of the senate, representatives and officers of the house, governors of states and territories and commissioners of the District of Columbia and acting secretaries of the various departments of the federal government.

The following also were included in the official section of the procession: Circuit Court of Appeals, Court of Claims, Court of Customs Appeals, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, under-secretaries and assistant secretaries of federal departments, assistant postmasters general and assistant attorneys general, United States marshal and United States attorney.

The chairman or senior member of the following groups: Federal Reserve board, Interstate Commerce commission, Civil Service commission, various mixed commissions dealing with international problems and other agencies of the federal government.

Next in line came patriotic and civic organizations, headed by men who have won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic deeds in the service of their country by land or sea. They were followed by army officers, led by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.

Next came officers of the coast guard and public health service, headed by the assistant secretary of the treasury and officers of the coast and geodetic survey, under command of the assistant secretary of commerce.

Delegations not to exceed ten persons, representing the following organizations, also were permitted to participate in the civic procession, among others:

American Legion, World War Veterans, Knights Templar (detachment), Knights of Pythias (detachment), American Red Cross, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of Colonial Wars.

The services in the rotunda of the Capitol were as follows:

Invocation, Dr. A. Freeman, assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a member.

Hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," male quartet of Calvary Baptist church.

Scripture: Twenty-third Psalm, Micah, sixth chapter, eighth verse.

Revelation, twenty-second chapter, first to fifth verses.

Quotations.

Prayer, Dr. James Shera Montgomery, chaplain of the house of representatives.

Hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," male quartet.

Benediction, Dr. Anderson.

The body then lay in state and from four to six the general public was admitted.

At 6 p. m. the casket was taken back to the car in which it had been brought across the continent. Then began the journey to Marion—back to the home town.

The special train bearing the President's body arrived in Washington at 10:25 p. m. Tuesday after a transcontinental journey of 96 hours and 10 minutes. It was 9 hours late—the great crowds in the big cities had almost blocked its way. President Coolidge, cabinet members, members of congress and civilian and military dignitaries were at the depot. The Marine band played "Nearer My God, to Thee."

Mrs. Harding walked to her car on the arm of Secretary Christian.

The casket, escorted by its guard of honor, was taken on a caisson to the White House, where it arrived at 11:30. It was placed in the East room.

At midnight the White House doors were closed, leaving Mrs. Harding with her dead.

RED SPRINGS TO CELEBRATE SOON

ARRANGING BIG PROGRAM FOR GATHERING TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER.

FOUR DAYS OF CELEBRATION

To Be One of the Greatest Events in History of Robeson County's Little College Town.

Red Springs.—Following up plans made here a few weeks ago to stage a community celebration in October when the great paving will be completed, the Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting made further arrangements to have an interesting program in Red Springs at that time.

The reports of the finance committee which has been appointed would indicate that the celebration will be a great success so far as that part is concerned. The committees, including those who are in charge of the publicity, the location, music, speakers and shows, have already begun their work, which was also outlined at the meeting.

There will be four days of the celebration, which will begin on Tuesday, October 9, and run through Friday, October 12, the last day's entertainment being in charge of Flora MacDonald College, Lochiel, chief of the Clan of Cameron, of Scotland and his wife, Lady Hermoise, are scheduled to be in Red Springs the last day of the celebration, when thrones of Scotch people from all parts of the country are expected to be here.

The speakers' committee, composed of prominent citizens of the town, has started its work, and it is hoped that some speaker of prominence can be brought here for a part of the celebration. The interest and enthusiasm is indicative of one of the greatest celebrations in the history of the little Robeson county college town.

Heavy Movement in Truck Crops.

Wilmington.—After the most successful season they have ever known in local territory, the Fruit Growers' Express Company has closed its Wilmington office. J. T. Sparkman, who has been in charge of the 1923 movement of fruits and vegetables out of Wilmington is to return to his company's headquarters in Washington.

Announcement was made that the increase in the number of solid carloads of fruits and vegetables moved this year from local territory by the Fruit Growers' Express Company totals approximately 800 cars. The total 1922 movement of fruits and vegetables in refrigerated cars amounted to 2,993.

It is stated that the principle increase was in the number of strawberries shipped from the Chadbourne section; however, there was a substantial increase in the number of carloads of cucumbers moved, especially from sections immediately around Wilmington.

Because of this year's increase in the total number of carloads moved to northern markets from Wilmington territory the Fruit Growers' Express Company is now planning to substantially increase their local equipment in order that they will be in better position to handle next year's movement.

Firemen's Gather For Convention.

Durham.—Despite the fact that North Carolina has more fire fighting apparatus per capita than any state in the union, the only cities in the state really prepared to cope with every fire situation that may arise are Winston-Salem, Asheville and Durham. Sherwood Brockwell, of the state insurance department declared at the opening of the annual state firemen's convention.

Mr. Brockwell's note of warning, proved to be the most serious bit of convention data presented during the day. Otherwise the initial sessions of the convention were given over to addresses of welcome and responses.

Mayor J. M. Manning and General Julian S. Carr extended wholesome words of welcome to the more than 400 firemen assembled for the convention and Col. A. H. Boyden of Salisbury, Insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade, and Sherwood Brockwell delivered responses.

Colonel Boyden followed Mayor Manning and in the course of his remarks reminded the firemen that he has missed only two meetings of the firemen in the last 36 years. He, also took occasion to pay high tribute to General Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

Boy Drowns Trying to Save Playmate.

Asheville.—Paul Maney, 12-year old youth, of Democrat, this county, was drowned in Big Ivey creek while attempting to rescue his cousin, M. L. Maney, Jr., aged 12, who called for help when he stepped into a deep hole.

Rex Dillingham, 18 years old, dived into the creek and brought M. L. Maney, Jr., unconscious, to land. He responded to first aid treatment. Young Dillingham then went about finding the body of the drowned boy, bringing it to the surface.

HARNETT PLANS ANNUAL SING

General Bowley, Commander of Fort Bragg, to Open Annual Event at Lillington.

Lillington.—Plans are being perfected for the holding here on September 10 of the annual Harnett county sing, which each year brings to Lillington the best singing talent in the county to join in the competition by classes for a silver loving cup and cash prizes. Those in charge of affairs at the county seat claim that the prospects are bright this year for the largest attendance in the sing's history, which is a rather broad claim when it is remembered that at one time about 5,000 people were in attendance. But more pretentious plans are being made now for the entertainment of the folks than ever before.

General A. J. Bowley, commander of Fort Bragg, has accepted an invitation to open the sing with a speech upon some subject of his own choosing. People in Harnett county have fallen in love with General Bowley. They admire him immensely for his plain and outspoken language, and there is little doubt that every corner of the county will turn out a delegation to hear him on September 10.

In addition to the General, there will come from Fort Bragg a brass band and an orchestra, which will dispense music in the evening at the Killigorey, Lillington's metropolitan hostelry. Also, there will come from the Fort a crack ball team to play with the local outfit.

Exposition to Have Musicians.

Charlotte.—The musical program and entertainment features for the Made in Carolinas Exposition at Charlotte the two weeks of September 24-October 6 promises to far eclipse anything previously attempted by this organization. The banner attraction of all, perhaps, will be Creator and his great Concert Band which comes to the Exposition for the entire two weeks.

Guiseppe Creator will be here to direct the band, taking personal charge of all performances during the engagement. Creator, declared to be one of the greatest band leaders who ever lived, has the happy faculty of presenting programs that appeal to everyone.

Vera Curtis comes to the Exposition for the second week, singing each evening commencing October 1. Miss Curtis is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, which places her among the leading vocalists of the country. Miss Curtis is a dramatic soprano with a very beautiful voice which she uses with consummate skill.

May Decide to Raise Tobacco.

Laurinburg.—While there is not much tobacco raised in Scotland the soil is said by experts to be suitable for growing high grades of the weed. There is probably one hundred acres in tobacco in the county this year, but in the absence of a home market it has to be marketed somewhere. There is a strong probability that Laurinburg will have a warehouse next season. John F. McNair says that if the farmers will get together and agree to plant sufficient acreage he will see that they have a building here and will agree to plant one hundred acres himself. Co-operation is all that is necessary to make a tobacco market for Laurinburg an assured success.

Lace Company Ready For Operations.

Hickory.—Samples manufactured by the Hickory Lace Braiding company, recently chartered by the secretary of state, indicate that metal or fabric tips can be fastened on to shoe laces here as well as elsewhere in the country. That is also the conviction of J. M. Allred, president of the corporation; Walker Lyerly, vice president; W. Norwood Bass, secretary-treasurer and manager, and L. F. Abernethy, a director, all successful business men here. It is planned to have the factory in operation within 60 days and to turn out 200 gross laces a day at the start, increasing the output as demand grows. Several locations are being considered, and the machines have been ordered.

Convict Three For Killing Man.

Winston-Salem.—The jury in the cases charging Clyde Gillen, B. F. Nichols and George Hackler, all of High Point, with murder of Deputy Sheriff Holder returned verdict. Gillen was found guilty of second degree murder, and Nichols and Hackler each guilty of manslaughter. Gillen was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of not less than 15 years nor more than 25 years, Nichols given sentence of not less than ten nor more than 15 years. Judgement in Hackler's case was continued until the October term.

Will Build New Court House.

Graham.—Work of tearing down the Alamance Courthouse is progressing rapidly and in a few days the new foundation for the \$250,000 courthouse will be laid. It is to be of New York stone, and four stories high. The North Eastern Company of Charlotte and New York, have the contract. When it is finished, which will be in 12 months according to the contract, it will compare favorably with any courthouse in North Carolina.

GAS MAY MAKE ARMY HELPLESS

COL. RAYMOND F. BACON TALKS OF GREAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

WOULD PUT ARMIES TO SLEEP

Chief of Technical Division of Chemical Warfare Service Tells of Research.

New York.—Whole armies put to sleep and taken prisoner in gas warfare is by no means an impossibility 25 years hence, Col. Raymond F. Bacon, chief of the technical division of the chemical warfare service, A. E. F., says in a description of the possibilities of the future art of war made public by the American Chemical society.

The \$2,000,000 spent on the research organization did more toward winning the war, Colonel Bacon asserts, than any \$200,000,000 spent in other ways. One of the greatest lessons of the war has so far gone almost unheeded, according to Colonel Bacon who continues:

"To say the use of gas in warfare must be abolished in almost the same way as saying that no progress must be made in the art of warfare toward making it more efficient or more humane."

"One can easily imagine the situation at the time the fighting was hard to hand with spear or the sword, and gun powder was first introduced, which in those days perhaps permitted the antagonists to fight at a range of 100 or 200 yards. There must have been a great outcry as to prohibiting the horrible new mode of warfare and it must have been felt that it was very unfair to stand off 200 yards rather than to meet in combat man to man."

"But no one looking back on that period would attempt to say that it was possible to have stayed the hand of progress and to have prevented by any legislation or agreement the use of gunpowder in warfare. Moreover the consensus of opinion today would be that the hand to hand fighting with spear and sword was more cruel and inhuman than the fighting with the gun and bullet. Similarly at the present time we can not effectively stay the progress of science, and to attempt to do so is not only unwise but is also preventing the possibilities of a really more humane type of warfare."

Grover Bergdoll Kills German.

Eberbach, Germany.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft dodger, shot and killed Schmidt, a German engineer, and wounded a man name Rodger, said to be an American soldier, who tried to kidnap him and carry him out of Germany.

The police are holding Lieutenant Griffith, said to be an American army officer, who is supposed to have been in charge of the attempt to capture Bergdoll.

Lieutenant Griffith was arrested in front of Bergdoll's hotel, where the shooting occurred when a mob of Bergdoll's sympathizers threatened him.

The three men drove up to the Kronenburg hotel and asked for Bergdoll, saying they were friends.

Schmidt and Roger entered the draft evader's room. Loud words were followed by shots and Bergdoll came running out, his face marked by blows and scratches.

Attendants of the hotel found Schmidt's body on the floor. A bullet had pierced his heart. Roger was wounded but is expected to recover.

Makes Plans For Military Polo.

New York.—Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, in charge of the army arrangement for the first international military polo competition to be held on the field at Meadowbrook club, beginning September 8, between American and English army teams, announced the personnel and probable lineup of the Yankee outfit.

Maj. Arthur H. Wilson of the cavalry will play at No. 1, Maj. L. A. Beard of the quartermaster corps has been assigned to No. 2, Lieut. Col. Lewis Brown, cavalry, to No. 3, and Maj. W. W. Erwin, cavalry, back. Maj. J. K. Horr of the cavalry will be the substitute.

The British team, according to advices received by General Bullard, will be composed of Maj. Vivian Lockett and Lieut. Col. J. D. Y. Bingham, Fifteenth Hussars, Maj. F. B. Hurdall, Fourteenth Hussars, and Lieut. W. S. McCreery, Twentieth Royal Rangers.

President Talks to Members Cabinet.

Washington.—President Coolidge, returning to the capital from Marion, where he attended the funeral of President Harding, summoned cabinet officers to his temporary executive office and expressed to them his desire that the administration forces close ranks and march ahead. He reiterated his wish that all the present cabinet members continue in office and some of his callers are of the opinion there will be no changes in the executive's official family for some months at least.

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WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE

Three Members of the Fair Sex Are at Present Helping to Make Laws for England.

England's third woman M. P., Mrs. Hilton Phillipson, was an actress at the London Gayety. She has three children. The first was born during an air raid when bombs were dropping all about. This is Peter, aged five. The second, born on Empire day, is called Anthony, and the third, during the two-minute silence on Armistice day, is called Rosemary, for remembrance. Mrs. Phillipson had 6,000 majority in what was Sir Edward Grey's old seat. "Why should you not vote for an actress?" she argued. "An actress has brains, heart, feelings." Mabel Russell, as she was then, was indeed a charming little actress, as all who remember her aver. She is now thirty-six. Of England's other two lady M. P.'s, Mrs. Wintringham was a school teacher and Lady Astor was a millionaire's wife. They are all married women. Christabel Pankhurst was badly defeated when she ran after the Armistice and none of the suffragist hunger martyrs have ever sat in the house they used to raid so bravely.—London Mail.

Restless Nights? When Coffee disagrees Drink Postum There's a Reason