MRS. HARDING--APOPLEXY BELIEVED RESPON

died instantly and without warning tonight at 7:30.

involvement, probably apoplexy.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 2.—President Harding

Death came to the chief executive while he was conversing with members of his family

The first indication that a change had occured in the condition of Mr. Harding came

The end came so suddenly that the members of the official party could not be called. It

and, acording to an official statement issued by physicians, was apparently due to some brain

shortly after 7 o'clock when Mrs. Harding personlly opened the door of the sickroom and

called to those in the corridors to "find Dr. Boone and the others quick." At that time Mrs.

Harding was understood to have been reading to the president, sitting at his bedside with

came after a day which had been described by Brigadier General Sawyer, the president's

personal physician, as the most satisfactory day the president had had since his illness be-

gan. The physicians, in their formal announcement of the end said, that "during the day he

had been free from discomfort and there was every justification for anticipating a prompt

the evening papers and messages of sympathy which had been received during the day.

The story of the president's tragic

end was told officially in this way:

"The president died at 7:30 p. m.

"Within a few moments all of the

Secretary Hoover was the first of

Boys. I can't tell you a thing.

"Then, all at once, he just went like

Something just snapped; that's all."

By Associated Press.
Presidential Headquarters, Palace

There was an obvious and sudden

sinking spell could not be verified.

The first call was given person

oor to the room occupied by the

highly nervous manner and appealed

to those about her to "find the doc-

Dr. Boone was found by one of the

messengers who had been sent into

grave expression on his face and

walking rapidly, passed through the

By Associated Press.

Presidential Headquarters, Palac

Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2 .-

President Harding today had what

General Sawyer made this an

ouncement after a day during which

and tedious task" of recovery.

plying to inquiries, Doctor Sawyer

said it was safe to say that the pres

Summarizing Mr. Harding's condi-

tion as ascertained at 3 this afternoon.

tion had decreased to \$4. The presi-

dent's rapid breathing, the doctor ex-

plained, could be ascribed to exhaus-

tion and undoubtedly would diminish

as the effects of fatigue were more

door into the president's chamber,

being impossible in the confusion

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Candidacy Formidable

and Ablest Leaders of Party Will Espouse His Cause.

McAdoo and Ford Strong

By MARK SULLIVAN.

eratic nomination is formidable now and certain to grow in potentiality. Every politician familiar with that union of strategy and circumstances which determines nominations can see that Underwood, by a curious bination of coincidences, is going be the beneficiary of something like the same conditions that nominated Cox in the democratic convention in 1920, as well as Harding in the republican convention. Like both Harding and Cox, Underwood's friends will not make a vigorous fight for delegates in hotly contested primary states, and will avoid the handicaps of political antagonisms which arise out of such fights. Underwood, like both Harding and Cox, will probably leaders, who include probably the

ablest political strategists in the

party.

If the democratic primaries were to be held during the coming month, and be held immediately thereafter, it is the wheat market. probable that McAdoo would enter the the delegates. Henry Ford, likewise, might have close to a third of the delegates. The remainder of the conthere are no direct primaries, the control of local leaders, would be distributed nominally among several Randall K. Brown, was adopted. different candidates as local state favors. But this latter third, as things ing the ultimate beneficiary of than any other one man.

Strong Veto Power. The democrats have a rule to the effect that it takes two-thirds of the the republican rule which gives the day, the committee announced. nomination to the candidate who first gets a majority. This democratic twothirds rule gives a strong veto power to any group of experienced convention leaders, who have an understanding to act as a unit. It is generally possible for such a group to hold their third of the delegates sufficiently consolidated to beat off and tire out the delegates of candidates who have had greater success in the party primaries. In other words, McAdoo's friends will need to be very energetic in the states where popular primaries are held, and will need to build up an

(Turn to Page Two. Column Four.) New Marriage License Law Effective Today

No marriages in Douglas county for 10 days, starting today It is due to the new law that goes

into effect which provides that all persons applying for licenses must post a public notice of their application for 10 days. If one now seeks betrothal, the ap-

plication for such will be hung on the wall of the county court where the world can know it.

think we will lose business or account of this law," said County Judge Bryce Crawford. "No doubt couples will hike to Council Bluffs." Crawford wishes to remind intended honeymooners that they need not have certificates from a doctor. They

Public Safety Bill Is Passed by Dail Eireann

must only answer certain questions.

Dublin, Aug. 2 .- The Dail Eireann last evening passed the public safety bill, under which the government may continue to hold prisoners who are charged with having been actively op-

posed to the free state government. The measure was presented to the dail for urgent action, owing to the klansman, but a man who profited fact that the court of appeals in a decision today in habeas corpus pro- both personally and financially, and ceedings declared that a state of war now won't pay his debts." did not exist and granted a writ returnable tomorrow.

Farmer Not So Bad Off

the nation are not nearly so bad off treaty of amity, it would cause no as it has been pictured to the public, surprise in Washington if the signa-Eugene Meyer, jr., managing editor tures of the Turkish and American of the War Finance corporation, said negotiators were attached to the docuhere today. He is here for one of a series of conferences between agricultural loan agencies and finance reporation representatives. Many Col. Amos Thomas Leaves fartiers, Meyer said, resent the ex aggerated reports of their financial

Reports based on conferences in 10 central states indicate, Meyer added, national guard camp at Ashland, Neb., into the newspaper field. that there is steady improvement in for a four-day instruction period beagricultural and banking conditions, fore the annual encampment, to be Marion, in an adjoining county, where before the trouble was ended. with the exception of those areas de held at Ashland from August 5 to 20. he obtained his first newspaper job

Edward Bell, 5443 South Twenty-fourth street, is in St. Joseph hos-pital suffering from knife wounds dangerously near the jugular vein and cuts on the left side of his face as the result of a quarrel with William M. Brown, 5434 South Twenty

fourth street. Bell is alleged to have called or accused him of improper conduct toward Mrs. Bell. Brown resented the charge and a duel with knives fol-

Brown is confined at home with severe cuts in his neck, shoulder and right hand. Both were charged at the South

Omaha police station with cutting

with intent to wound.

Washington, Aug. 2 .- Senator Underwood's candidacy for the demo-Campaign to

in Freight Rates for Export; Broadening of Movement Considered.

The board of directors of the Cham-

convention with roughly a third of John L. Kennedy is chairman, was he was the type of man needed for calling a conference in Omaha to upon every occasion the doctrine of vention, coming chiefly from states ing the price of wheat and of ob- lutely against "entangling aliances." or which are otherwise firmly under and flour rates. A resolution on this phase of the situation, offered by founding fathers, he nevertheless

Reply to Railroads.

Chairman Kennedy read to the carrying railroads, which met in Chi- many vexing world problems.

mittee of the Chamber of Commerce supremacy. and the committee of the grain exchange will not give up the fight for a rate reduction

Will Continue Fight. On this subject, W. M. Burgess of-

the board of directors adopted:

Whereas, a duly authorized request was made to the Association of Railroad Executives for a 25 per cent reduction in freight rates on wheat and flour for export, and "Whereas, representatives of the

western railroads addressed, after joint consideration, declined to grant such rate reduction, said refusal being set forth in a letter dated July 31, 1923, and signed by J. E. Gorman as acting chairman of the western presidents' conference committee,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the board of directors of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, believing that the emergency calls for a reduction in these commodity rates, unanimously approves the state ments expressed in the letter submitted by the committee specially authorized, and be it further

'Resolved, that the board of di-(Turn to Page Two, Column Six.) Former Klan Organizer

By Associated Press Houston, Tex., Aug. 2.-George B. Kimbro, jr., former grand goblin and measure. organizer of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas and in Mississippi, today filed suit in federal court against Dr. H. W. Evans of Atlanta, grand wizard of

the clan, for \$100,000, alleging defamation of character. paper, credited to Evans, in which Kimbro was referred to as a "hot air merchant" and "a man who is not a through the organization of the klan,

Turkish Treaty Signing

Washington, Aug. 2 .- Despite reas Pictured, Says Meyer ports from Lausanne that further Bn International News Service. complications had arisen to delay the Chicago, Aug. 2.—The farmers of signing of the Turkish-American ment before the end of the present

last night for the camp.

Underwood Two Men Wounded HARDING CARRIED GREAT

Strategy Is on Side of Senator Brown shortly after 6 last night and No Peace-Time President Ever Faced Greater Problems-Lent Moral Assistance of Government in Effort to Bind Up Wounds of War-Torn World -Settled Many Questions.

CALLING OF ARMS CONFERENCE OUTSANDING FEAT OF HIS TERM

Whatever else historians may say teristics for 20 years. him, there probably will be little dispute that few chief executives Type of Man Needed.

How Mr. Harding measured up to ber of Commerce approved the cam- the task before him must be left to paign being made by the special com- the historian, but his friends said mittee of the executive committee of that coming to the presidency as he the chamber to promote the buying did, with an open mind, a desire for fancy took him into the realm of poliif the democratic convention were to of wheat and flour and to stabilize counsel and an intimate knowledge of the processes of government ac-The special committee, of which quired in his services in the senate, directed to use its best judgment in the job at such a time. Preaching a reporter on a democratic newsfurther consider the plan of advanc- Americanism, he set his face resotaining reduced all rail export wheat While thus adhering to what he was lent the moral assistance of the government in the efforts to bind up the

wounds of the world. That influence was once declared stand today, would be a unit for pur-board of directors a reply he prepared poses of convention strategy, and Underwood would come more near to of the western presidents' conference a part, eilent though it was in the committee, representing 17 grain- main, in effecting the settlements of cago last Monday and decided to chief contribution was the Washingdeny the Omaha request for an ex- ton arms conference, at which the port wheat and flour rate reduction. principal powers covenanted to limit delegates to nominate, in contrast to This letter will be made public to- the size of the navies, and thus lift from tax-weary peoples the burden This means that the special com- of maintaining the race for naval

> Insisted on Rights. Along with the proffer of counsel effecting world settlement went an insistence that American rights be recognized. In polished phrase, but with a directness of expression fered the following resolution which that was not to be misconstrued, the world was given to understand from the very first of the Harding administration that the United States, freely respecting the rights of the other nations, asked for itself only that to which it was entitled in simple

ustice and that it could accept noth-While in his dealings with congress Mr. Harding preferred the role of counsellor rather than dictator, he speedily removed any doubt that his gift of patience denoted any lack of soldiers' bonus legislation either party counsels. should carry the means of financing or be postponed, and when the legislators put aside his advice, he promptly vetoed the bill they sent him.

Fought for Economy. His tenacity of purpose was further exemplified in his continual pounding for economy in public expenditures and again in his insistence that congress pass the merchant marine bill with a view of curtailing the continual drain which the operation of the war-built commercial fleet had be-Resents "Hot Air" Charge come upon the treasury. His greatest single effort in the field of domestic legislation was in behalf of this

Not infrequently Mr. Harding was called upon to play the role of peaceintervened in a dispute between congress and the treasury as to the form general tax revision was to take, and the program he approved was carried Kimbro alleges that statements out in the main with the reduction out in the main with the reduction of more than half a billion in the nation's tax burden.

Likewise his counsel settled the ong controversy between the house and senate on the question of American valuation in the tariff law. He proposed, in its place, a flexible tariff arrangement under which the tariff commission was given authority with his approval to increase or Is Expected This Week rates within prescribed limitations. Upon signing the bill, the president declared it constituted the greatest tariff reform in American history.

Came of Hardy Stock. Mr. Harding came of hardy pioneer He was born at Blooming

Grove, Morrow county, Ohlo, November 2, 1865, the son of a country doctor, George T. Harding. Like most country boys, he went to country school between morning and night chores, and later attended college at Iberia, O. He tried school teaching for National Guard Camp for a year, but having had a smell Officers of the Nebraska national of printer's ink while setting type for guard are gathering at the permanent his college paper, the lure drew him

voted almost exclusively to wheat | Col. Amos Thomas of Omaha left and where his life interests were cen threatening when their demand for ernment of Switzerland notes had hardly enough to buy a week's sup tered thereafter. Mr. Harding's am- a free ride was refused

Warren G. Harding brought to the it was realized at the age of 19, when presidency an infinite patience and he bid in the Marion Star at a sher kindness in dealing with public questions and men which enabled him to friends have often said that the strughandle the problems of government gles and hardships which were his in without the stress and worry which making this paper a success had much had handicaped many of his pre- to do in fashioning his character and developing a broad patience and tolerance which were his chief charac-

Great Pride in Profess

Whatever his other attainments, came to office in peace time facing Mr. Harding's greatest pride was in Committee Will Insist on Cut problems more complex in their na. his professional accomplishments and training as printer, editor and pub- recovery." ture or greater in number. All internal affairs were unbalanced as acting duties of his high office serve never before, with many principal to dull his delight in puttering about settlements of the great war still to a composing room. On his first trip be effectuated. Athome the work of back home after his inauguration, he fewer delegates than his opponents, but with the backing of a group of leaders who includes a group of leaders who includes the backing of up" the paper. His luck charm was a printer's rule, carried always in a

vest pocket. As his ambition had carried him into the ranks of publishers, so his tics. From the first he was an ar dent partisan and his insistence upon wearing a "stovepipe hat," the badge of support of James G. Blaine, while paper, brought him a sharp reprimand from his chief, who held it to be inconsistent for a worker on a democratic paper to so prominently pleased to term the principles of the display the symbol of his republican-

> Great Stump Speaker. The future president's ability as a stump speaker won him early recognition from his local party leaders

his effort at office on his party ticket resulted in a defeat, though he com manded an unexpected vote. Mr. Harding's first political office was that of Ohlo state governor, to which he was elected at the age of \$4. He served two terms and later was elected lieutenant governor of his state In 1910 he sought the governorship,

but was defeated. Four years later he was elected to the United States senate, where he served six years, much of the time as a member of the important foreign relations committee. From this place he was elevated to the presidency. the first senator to be elected chief

Friend of Mckinley.

Early in his years of political servce he met William McKinley, to whom his close friends have most often likened him and with whom he had in common the predominant passion for obliteration of class and sectional lines. A friendship sprang up between the two men. Mr. Harding also was close in later days to Theopurpose, once he had charted a dore Roosevelt. Senators Foraker and Penrose and others high in his dore Roosevelt, Senators Foraker

The president was a life-long Bap tist and was a trustee of his church in Marion. He also had been a mem ber of the Elks and Moose fraterni ties for years and after his election as president he became a 32d degree Mother Granted Mason and a Shriner. Mason and a Shriner.

Golf was his favorite recreation but he also liked to fish, although his opportunities to that sport were limited after he came to the White House. He played hard and possessed the faculty of putting all his worries Col. Roger Williams, Former behind him during his recreation

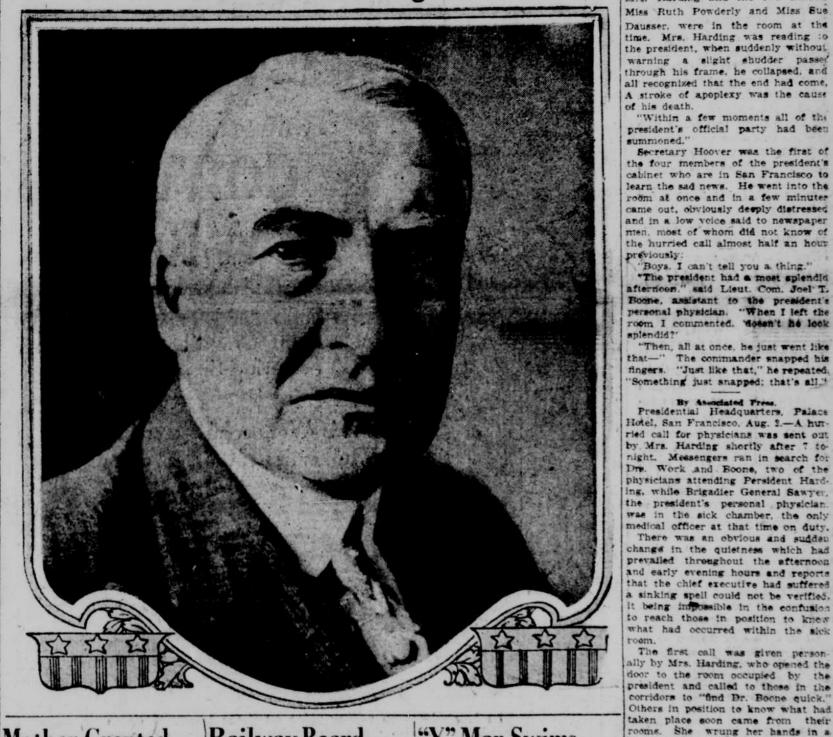
Man, at 44, Sails for Paris

to Find Out if He's Painter maker in governmental affairs. He 44, Gray A. Ruthrauff of Oakland, Cal., sailed today on the Suffren for jr., 6, son of Col. and Mrs. Roger Paris to prove whether he is designed Williams, to Mrs. Williams on a writ by fate to be a painter or a freight of habeas corpus. agent. With him sailed his wife, conducting a similar experiment, whether former Omaha boy and a member of she would not have been cast for in. General Pershing's staff during part erior decorator instead of housewife, of the war, from his wife, Rose, for-When he was in his 20s, Ruthrauff mer society belle of New York, was daubed canvas, but his work did not brought to light during the hearing sell fast, so he laid aside his brushes on the writ. to work for the Southern Pacific rail-

U. S. Sailors Fight Chinese.

Pekin, Aug. 2 .- In a fracas aboard the American steamer Alice Dollar, purpose of the writ of habeas cor caused when a crowd of Chinese sol- pus. diers boarded it at Ichang and dethe Dollar line agent, were injured, in New York. according to a report reaching custome officials here today.

A party of American bluejackets for a gunboat, responding to a call for help, overpowered the ricters and arrested 15 of them. Shots were fired The Chinese soldiers had become



Warren G. Harding

Railway Board **Custody of Boy**

Omahan, Father of Lad, Estranged From Wife.

District Judge Leslie Thursday granted custody of Roger Williams,

Estrangement of Colonel Williams.

The writ was obtained by Mrs. Roroad. Now, years later, his superiors selle Bellow, sister of Mrs. Williams, and Livestock association and the have become interested in his paint- who arrived in Omaha with power of Nebraska Farm federation, against ings and have granted him a year's attorney, after she testified that the the Northwestern, Union Pacific and leave of absence to see whether he boy's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth St. Joseph and Grand Island roads. cannot acquire the technique to make Williams, 123 South Thirty-fifth It was claimed that unreasonable him famous. for the last month, refused to give up the child on demand. The judge denied, a supersedeas

bond, declaring it would defeat the

Mrs. Williams has two daughters manded free transportation, the cap- Gilberta, a Central High school teachtain of the ship and three women, er, and Isabelle, a former Omaha including the wife and daughter of teacher, who is now studying music The Williams family has lived in Omaha 57 years

Switzerland Notes Sold.

New York, Aug. 2 .- J. P. Morgan today announced the aubscription books to the \$20, 000,000 three years, 5 per cent govbeen closed

Claims Control of Rights of Way Covers 32 Miles in 20 Hours dential quarters at 7:37, wearing a

Rental Charges for Industry Sites Will Be Fixed by State if Contention Is Upheld.

Lincoln, Aug. 2 .- The state railhanded down today, held it has jurisdiction over industry sites on railway lines and has a right to fix rental able return on reasonable value. of

Complaint was filed by the Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Grain for elevator sites located on rights-ofway were being assessed by rail-

Railroads asserted that nominal rentals produce discriminatory conditions; that federal government alone has control; that relationship between railways and leaseholders is purely private and not subject state control; that railroads own the ground and do not have to lease it unless they desire.

Cologne Printers Strike; Money Shortage Follows

Cologne, Aug. 2 .- The printers of the city went on strike demanding 2,500,000 marks weekly instead of the present scale of 110,000, which is ply of potatoes for a single family.

"Y" Man Swims Across Lake Erie the city streets, and entered the presi-

-Legs Temporarily Paralyzed.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 2 .- Carbis A. Walker, Central Y. M. C. A. swimmer, his chief physician, Brig. Gen. Charles landed at Lorain at 5:30 a. m. today, E. Sawyer, described as "a very good just 20 hours and 15 minutes after he started his 32-mile swim across Lake Erie from Pelee passage lighthouse, there had been every indication that charges commensurate with a reason- Ontario, according to a telephone the chief executive was making further progress in what the phy-sicians have described as "the long message to the News here.

The feat had never before been ac-

Lorain, O., Aug. 2.-Carbis Walker, ident was convalescent Cleveland long distance swimmer and formerly of Honolulu, after completing a swim across Lake Erie, arriv- Dr. Sawyer said the temperature had ing here at 5:30 this morning from been normal most of the day, the Point Pelec, where he left at 9:15 a. pulse getting nearer to the president's m. yesterday, roused himself today normal of about 80, and the respira-

The Weather

For 24 hours ending T p. m. August 1, Highest, 75; lowest, 59; mean, 65; nor-ial, 75. Total excess since January 1, Relative Humblity, Percentage, 1 a. m., 81. Noon, 82. 1 p. m., 87. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredtha Total, 0. Total since January 1, 18.5 ficiency, 3.83.

Hourly Temperatures.

and more dissipated The president was kept on a milk diet during the day, the physicians evidently playing safe since the slight indigestion of Wednesday caused by the eating of two eggs. General Saw yer gave every indication of patisfac tion with the day's progress and late in the day went out for an automobile gide. One cause of gratification was that none of the "downs" which the physicians have warned might be in termixed with the "upo" had put in their appearance during the days