

Coolidge Is Well Equipped to Take Harding's Duties

Vice President, Who Now Goes to White House, Fully Posted on Responsibilities.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge is perhaps better equipped by experience to take up his administrative duties in the White House than was any of his predecessors who have been called to that high office by the death of a president.

Having won for himself in large measure the vice presidential nomination by his executive forcefulness as governor of Massachusetts, particularly by his attitude in the police strike, he has kept, throughout the Harding administration, closely advised as to the problems of the federal government and has assisted in shaping administration policy by his constant attendance at cabinet meetings.

Although vice presidents usually have no other duties to perform than that of presiding over the senate, casting the deciding vote when that body finds itself in a tie, Mr. Coolidge has absented himself from its sessions every Tuesday and Friday to participate in the cabinet deliberations. Thus he became familiar not only with all angles of the major public questions, but also with the reasons actuating the president in his decisions.

Not only has he given his best ability to work, but he has done as much as any other member of the administration to place its accomplishments before the people. He has traveled a great deal, making addresses, and is said to have made more public addresses than the president or any member of his cabinet. His intimate touch with administration affairs sometimes has brought upon him considerable pressure and some embarrassment from senators and others who sought to obtain, through him, information concerning developments at the White House, or to have placed before the president particular views on pending issues. He usually has remained reticent under these trying conditions, however, refusing to discuss cabinet meetings or to act as a go-between for those interested in having their views presented to the president.

All Business in Frisco Halted

City Given Over to Mourning Death of Late President Harding.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—San Francisco, having no heart for business and no thought of pleasure, gave itself over to mourning today. But there was an atmosphere of stunned incredulity in the city. People still told themselves and each other: "It can't be so." The closeness of the president's passing appears to keep full realization of the great tragedy at a distance.

All schools, stock exchanges and state and city offices and most of the business places closed. The theater men met in special conference to discuss the closing of the theaters, but some of the individual managers announced before the meeting that they would be "dark" today. The Chamber of Commerce, through Leon Levy, acting president, announced that business would be suspended both by the chamber and by its thousands of individual members.

Personal Comment on Death of President

By Associated Press. Gompers Shocked.

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, was called by his secretary to be told of the president's death.

"I am profoundly shocked and depressed," Mr. Gompers said. "It is a sad word for the country. I can hardly bring myself to believe that it is true."

Blow to Nation.
Denver, Aug. 3.—United States Senator Lawrence Phipps of Colorado, made the following statement following the death of the nation's chief:

"The death of President Harding is a blow to the whole nation. No president has been so popular with the public in years. It is hard to believe that such a great, rugged, commanding figure has gone."

Warren Deeply Grieved.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 3.—United States Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, attending the Sheep Growers' convention at Rawlins was notified last night of the death of President Harding. He said: "It is the worst blow that the country could suffer at this time. Personally, I am deeply grieved and feel the loss of our dear president greatly."

National Calamity.

Sheridan, Wyo., Aug. 3.—"The death of President Harding is a national calamity, a tragic thing; the whole country will be broken with grief," declared United States Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming when apprised of the death of the chief executive. "I am grieved and shocked beyond expression. Everyone in Washington admired and loved the president. His death is a terrible loss to the country."

Terrible Shock.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Representative Julius Kahn of San Francisco, chairman of the house military affairs committee, made the following statement: "The death of President Harding has come as a terrific shock. Everybody was hoping that he was on the road to recovery. We are so stunned over the death it is practically impossible to talk about it. I feel confident that all thorough-going Americans will render all the support in their power to the new president, Mr. Coolidge."

President Coolidge and His Family



Omaha Churches to Hold Harding Memorial Services on Sunday

Omaha churches have been plunged into mourning by word of the death of President Harding. Nearly all churches holding services Sunday plan to devote at least one of them to the memory of the president.

Baptists will mourn the passing of a great member of their denomination at a union memorial service Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. in Calvary Baptist church, thirty-ninth and Cuming streets. Besides this the morning service at 11 a. m. Sunday in Olivet church, Thirty-eighth and Ames, will be a memorial for Harding.

Bishop Shaylor of the Episcopal church is making plans for a great union memorial service Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. in Trinity cathedral, Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue. Masses for the dead were said yesterday morning in St. Cecilia's cathedral by priests in black vestments. The evening union meetings of the Churches of Christ held in Hanscom park at 7 p. m. Sunday will be a service of mourning for Harding.

Many churches plan to use their regular Sunday morning service to honor the dead president. Among the churches were such memorials will be given at 11 a. m. are the First Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Christian, Dietz Memorial Methodist, Our Saviours Evangelical, Benson,

only for the United States, but for Mexico," said President Obregon when shown an Associated Press dispatch announcing that the American chief executive had passed away.

"Mr. Harding's personality makes the loss difficult to fill," President Obregon continued.

"I do not believe that international policies will be changed because it is not a question of persons but of principles. For Mexico, President Harding's death is a sad loss."

By Associated Press.

Archbishop J. J. Hartly issued a statement concerning the president's death.

"Yesterday the hand of God took from us a man who occupied the highest place in our country—the president of the United States," the statement reads.

"President Harding lived a noble life. He was unsurpassed in the complete dedication of himself and excellent gifts with which God endowed him to the service of the nation through the critical years during which he occupied the White House."

"He had a noble presence and a manly bearing. He had a strong mind, and he carried to his office almost indomitable energy."

In a letter written to all Catholic churches in the diocese Archbishop Hartly urges suitable observance of the president's death.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—"President Harding's death is a sad event not

Christian Deeply Affected by Death of Nation's Chief

Secretary to President Unable to Speak When Told of Harding's Death—Dues in Frisco Today.

Los Angeles, Aug. 3.—"I have lost the best friend I ever had and so has every American," George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding, told the Los Angeles Times tonight when informed of the sudden death of the chief executive in San Francisco.

The news was taken to Mr. Christian at Glendale, a suburb, by the Times. He stood with bowed head as he received it. He was visibly affected and for fully five minutes did not speak, but stood still, his hat in his hand, his eyes on the ground. All members of the Christian party removed their hats and bowed their heads. United States Senator Shorridge was the first to break the silence, exclaiming:

"Oh, my God—think of it!" Alfred E. Berinton, grand commander of the Knights Templar of California, said the death of Mr. Harding was a tragedy for the people of the entire country.

"I am moved almost beyond words," said Mr. Berinton. "It is a terrible tragedy."

The party had gone to Glendale to board a train for San Francisco. Mr. Christian came from there today to represent Mr. Harding at the presentation of the international traveling baubon of the Knights Templars to the Hollywood commandery. He

Hughes Deeply Grieved at Death of Harding

Secretary to President Unable to Speak When Told of Harding's Death—Dues in Frisco Today.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary Hughes, the ranking official of the federal government in Washington,

early today issued a statement expressing his grief at the death of President Harding and saying that the country had suffered "an irreparable loss."

"No words can express the grief into which we are plunged by this calamity," said Mr. Hughes. "The nation has suffered an irreparable loss. A quiet, brave, strong leader has fallen, overborne by the burden he

was carrying. He was not only an able and faithful public servant, but one of nature's noblemen; a true-hearted, generous spirit. He has left with the people he loved a rare example of gentleness and high office and of the most conscientious and unselfish devotion to public duty."

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