

Army Spectacle for Ak-Sar-Ben to Be Big Event

Largest Assemblage in History of State Expected to Witness Field Meet and Demonstrations.

The Nebraska National guard no doubt will play an important part in the great military parade and spectacle to be staged during the Ak-Sar-Ben fall festival on October 2.

Following the parade, a huge field meet will be staged at Ak-Sar-Ben field or the capital of Quivera.

The board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben have given General Duncan full sway and from the plans of the general already announced, subjects of Samson and visitors to the city of Quivera will see one of the greatest spectacles ever witnessed in Omaha.

Admission to Be Free. Charles Gardner, secretary to Samson, who is helping General Duncan, wishes to announce that the people will be seated and entertained free with the aid of soldiers, cadets, guardsmen and police.

Central high school cadets will also participate in a relay race with South and Technical High schools.

It is expected that fully 100,000 persons will be in and banked around the huge field when the program begins.

We will participate in the parade, and will endeavor to bring the one hundredth and thirty-fourth regimental band from York, Neb., to compete in the Midwest band contest.

The National guard is strong for athletics and the people should assist in encouraging this feature.

There will be various chemical warfare demonstrations, horseback riding, sham battles and air combats between various kinds of aircraft.

The ninth field artillery stationed at Fort Des Moines will also participate. The artillery will display the ability of the army mule and his susceptibility to training by giving a series of drills.

The cavalry will give their drills and there will be exhibitions of war balloons.

General Duncan is making an effort to have "whiskey" an army honor at Fort Snelling, here to give exhibitions.

"Whiskey" and his trainer, Lieutenant Hazelrigg, were a feature at a circus in St. Paul recently.

Secretary Gardner announced that 24 floats are now entered in the "Patriotic America" parade which will be one of the biggest of its kind ever held in this or any other country.

Omaha Pageant Floats in the Making



The above photographs show Gus Renze, one of the country's best known artificers, directing the construction of two of the floats that are to be in the "Patriotic Historic America" pageant to be staged during the Ak-Sar-Ben festival in October.

The float with the two horses will show Washington and Lafayette receiving the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The other float depicts "The Spirit of '76."

Renze has drawn, designed and partly constructed 24 floats at the huge den on North Twentieth street. He expects 40 floats in the parade.

Because of the death of President Harding, there will be no show at the den Monday night. All visitors are requested to make plans to be at the den August 13.

John Lee Webster Outlines "High Points" of American History

By LETA MOORE MEYER. Part I. In 1902, John Lee Webster said in a speech on "Some Phases of the Declaration of Independence," before the Nebraska Bar association: "No lawyer who aspires to eminence in his profession can afford to neglect the study of our national history."

In this attitude of mind, and in connection with the pageant "Patriotic Historic America," to be given under his direction by Ak-Sar-Ben on October 2, Mr. Webster has consented to a publication of his opinions on the "high points" of American history.

Beginning is Paramount. Mr. Webster considers that in any achievement it is the beginning, however small, that is important, because its nature determines what follows, and but for the beginning there would be nothing to follow.

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After the last two days of strenuous activity, however, the first Sabbath in the presidency promises to be comparatively quiet for Mr. Coolidge. With Mrs. Coolidge, he will attend church in the morning and in the afternoon will rest or possibly take an automobile ride.

President and Mrs. Coolidge went for an hour's automobile ride tonight, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stearns of Boston, who are their guests here.

A full sized crowd was massed at the hotel door as the presidential party passed out to the automobile. There was a burst of applause, a loud clapping of hands and a few cheers.

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Capital Going Forward With Funeral Plans

President Coolidge and High Officials to Meet Funeral Train at Washington—Services Wednesday.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 4.—The national capital, in sorrow and mourning symbolic of that of the nation, went forward today with the preparations to receive and pay a last tribute to the dead president.

A state funeral, to be marked by a solemn dignity and simplicity was arranged for by President Coolidge and other high officers of the government, who devoted themselves untiringly to the preparation of ceremonies that will fittingly express the grief and reverence of the American people.

President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, members of the cabinet and of congress and others high in government councils, will participate in the ceremonies. At the suggestion of Mr. Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson was invited to take part, but after a conference between Lieut. Col. Sherrill, aide to the chief executive, and Rear Admiral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's physician, it was announced that because of the condition of his health the former president regretted he would be unable to participate.

Officials to Meet Train. Upon its arrival here from San Francisco Friday the funeral train will be met by Mr. Coolidge and other ranking officials, who will accompany the body to the White House behind the escort of a squadron of cavalry and a battalion of field artillery. It then will lie in the east room until Wednesday. Whether there will be private services at the White House will depend upon the wishes of Mrs. Harding.

Wednesday morning the body will be escorted to the capitol and placed in the rotunda. After funeral services there, it will lie in state until 6 that night, and an hour later will start on the last journey to Marion, where, on Friday, it will find a resting place in the soil of Ohio.

As the flag-draped casket moves from the White House over Pennsylvania avenue, it will be escorted by several thousand troops under Gen. John J. Pershing, and behind the automobiles carrying Mrs. Harding and members of the family will be President Coolidge, members of his cabinet, members of the supreme court and senators and representatives.

Children to Strew Flowers. The Masonic orders of which Mr. Harding was a member, will be represented by 150 Knights, Templars and representatives of the grand lodge, and there also will be small groups from other fraternal organizations.

As the funeral cortege moves from the White House, 10,000 Washington school children will lay down a carpet of flowers for the casket bearing the body. A children's chorus, recruited from the city's playgrounds, will sing the favorite hymns of Mr. Harding.

After the simple services in the rotunda have been concluded, the public will be admitted for a last view of the dead. They will march in from the east entrance, four abreast, but reaching the pier, the line will separate, passing two abreast to either side. There will be a guard of honor at the casket and the lines will be kept in continuous motion.

Coolidge to Accompany Body. When the doors have been closed, the body will be taken to the union station with a military escort and placed aboard the train. President Coolidge and many other government officers will accompany it to Marion. Two army officers, both Ohioans, were appointed to represent Mr. Coolidge in making arrangements at Marion for the funeral. They are: Col. F. P. Lahn, formerly of Mansfield, and Lieut. Edward M. Taylor, formerly of Marion and once an employee on President Harding's newspaper.

The funeral train will reach Marion Thursday morning and there it again will be met by a military escort. Final arrangements for the ceremonial there have not yet been completed, but it has been announced that there will be a brief burial service.

Unless Mrs. Harding desires it, no congressional committee will accompany the funeral party to Ohio. Only a comparatively few members of congress are now in Washington, but all of them have been notified formally of the time of the services here and as many as can do so will come.

Signs Proclamation. President Coolidge halted today in the preparations for the funeral service to sign a proclamation announcing the death of President Harding and calling upon the country to observe Friday, August 10, the day of interment, as a day of mourning and prayer.

He also signed executive orders for the closing of all government departments from the time of the arrival of the funeral party from San Francisco Tuesday until after the day of burial.

Other executive orders signed by the chief executive provide that there shall be no official entertainments until December 1, and that formal calls of organizations or of officials in a reply at the White House will be deferred until after September 3, the end of the 30 days' period of national mourning. During those 30 days flags on federal buildings throughout the country, on naval ships and at navy stations and army posts will remain at half mast.

Silent Throngs Pay Tribute to Harding

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Stops were few and far between. Only when necessity for fuel and water compelled did the long, heavy train come to a panting halt.

Then there was a busy few minutes of activity among the train crew, occasionally a fresh engine and then on again eastward toward the capital, where the national sorrow will be more ceremoniously expressed here.

Mrs. Harding Brave. The heat of the day and night was trying to Mrs. Harding, but with that remarkable control which already has aroused the ungrudging admiration of all who see her, she seemed to get a stronger grip on herself as the train plowed steadily eastward.

As the day wore on and night approached, she seemed to gain in resolve "not to break down," as she herself expressed it so often, and even the watchful physicians, relatives and friends aboard the sorrow-laden train were compelled to admit that she appeared to be winning her fight in a truly magnificent manner.

Mrs. Harding had the benefit of a fairly restful night and a somewhat less restful day. The first 15 hours she spent in bed in her apartment in the car that carried the remains of the president.

Respect Wish for Solitude. At 11 this morning she rang for her maid and dressed and had breakfast. Then, the curtains of her apartment slightly lifted, she sat and looked out for several hours on the constantly changing panorama.

Only Woman Could Do It. "She is a physical invalid," said one of the physicians attending Mr. Harding throughout his illness, and he added "only a woman could do it." He said only rarely did Mrs. Harding leave her apartment to walk the scant 10 feet to where the narrow corridor broadened out into the observation space of the car holding the casket.

The well of the car that holds the late president's remains has been kept in the same simplicity that marked Warren G. Harding's life. There is the flag-draped casket in the center

resting on a low platform. Atop it lies a single floral decoration, a victory wreath of laurel and olive leaves and white flowers, the offering of the grief-stricken home folks of Marion.

Overhead stretches ropes of Chinese lanterns in the varying shades of purple that indicate high estate and mourning. The heavy casket is sealed, and will remain so until Washington is reached.

There is a general feeling among those who have been with the party continuously since it left Washington that Mr. Harding's lack of exercise on the trip was one of the chief factors in his collapse. This opinion is shared to a great extent, too, by the physicians. Mr. Harding has always led a vigorous life.

Physically more fit than most men of his age, he found an outlet for his energy in sports, chiefly golf. In his younger days he had played baseball. When he came to Washington he became a devotee of golf; an occasional horseback ride and once in awhile a long hike were his chief recreations. He was regular in his exercises.

From the time he left the capitol on June 29, until his death 43 days later, Mr. Harding found it impossible to obtain any regular exercise. He was even denied walking, for every time he stepped from a hotel or a train it was into a waiting automobile. He played golf but three times during the long trip—in Hutchinson, Kan., in Salt Lake and in Vancouver, only a few days before his death. On a ship board, he was busy with speeches and reading reports concerning the various Alaskan problems that were presented to him there.

Occasionally a group of soldiers would be seen in the flying towns, and they rigidly came to salute to remain so until the train was gone.

Conversation aboard train between members of the official party was limited to discussion of the probable causes leading up to the president's sudden and wholly unexpected death and to impending changes in Washington.

Omaha to Honor Late President

American Legion, requesting that all posts in Nebraska along the route of the train bearing the body of President Harding to Washington, turn out full strength with the post colors to pay silent tribute as the train passes.

Leo Crosby, president of the Douglas County Reserve Officers' association, announced that members of the association will meet the train in uniform. He requested that all members gather at the station at that time.

The following memorandum was issued from headquarters of the Seventh Corps area, United States army, headquarters at Omaha:

In accordance with telegraphic instructions from the War department, copy of which was furnished you by me on the 3d inst., in the matter of military honors at the union station on the arrival of the train carrying the remains of the late President Harding to Washington, the following information is furnished:

Maj. Gen. G. B. Duncan and the officers of his staff will be present at the station when the train passes through Omaha, as will also such National guard and reserve officers as can arrange to be at the station at that time. All troops available at Fort Omaha under command of Lieut. Col. Charles W. Tillotson, Seventeenth infantry, will be paraded at the union station to render appropriate military honors as the train passes through the station.

HARVEY W. MILLER, Colonel U. S. Army, Adjutant. The funeral train, which will be operated over the Union Pacific railroad to Omaha, following the old Overland trail, will be delivered to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad here, leaving Omaha at 2:30 a. m. Monday.

The train is to continue through their ports and hiring 7,000 Healy men to subdue them. Of Richard Lee, in congress from Virginia, Mr. Webster says: "He believed the time for independence had come; having studied history he knew the love of liberty and fate of tyrants. He engaged in studies which made him a finished and elegant scholar, calculating the moral character of a firm patriot and an enlightened statesman. He knew that the love of power is so inclusive in its nature, that it perverts the judgment and brands as visionary or condemns as false the maxim, 'that the people are the legitimate source of power,' and he was prepared to break down that wall that separates the aristocratic patricians from the common people."

He knew that in the convulsions of states, courage and vigorous enterprise gave safety; in such periods inactivity is certain destruction, while bold temerity is often crowned with success." On June 1, 1776, Lee moved the declaration, "that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Rebate was delayed until the 8th and was the most copious and animated one ever held in congress on the question of independence. John Adams was its constant and eloquent defender, followed by George Wythe, "the Cato of his country," while Lee delivered a most luminous and eloquent speech, urging no more delay in the founding of a living example and asylum of freedom. "If we are not this day wanting in our duty," he said, "we were not ready and by common consent final consideration was put over until July 1."

A salvage steamship recently left Dover, England, to attempt salvage of the gold from the sunken Lusitania. On her ill-fated voyage this vessel carried \$5,000,000 in gold in the strong room, and in addition the purser's safe was said to contain approximately \$1,000,000 in gold and jewelry.

Very New Velour Hats. Come in poke shapes and rolling brims, in purple, pearl, sand, brown, navy and black-smart looking models destined to be unusually popular for fall wear.

This is but one of the many new fall models now on display on the third floor.

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