

THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

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HEART OF NATION GRIEVES FOR HARDING

Coolidge's Program Is Held Sound

Plan of Continuing Harding's Policies Makes for Stability and Public Confidence, Pointed Out.

Cabinet Stays Intact

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, Aug. 6.—The most important and most evident aspect of Coolidge's beginning is his intention to carry out Harding's policy. He is putting emphasis on continuity both of Harding's policies and Harding's men. He is taking pains to do this even in small matters. His course is based on several reasons. One of the best is that Coolidge, having sat in Harding's cabinet, knows his policies as well as Harding did. Moreover, this course is in good taste and makes for public confidence and a sense of security and stability. Finally, practically everything now before Coolidge or likely to come before him, during several weeks or months, is unfinished business. It was started along Harding's lines and Coolidge will finish it along these lines.

In the matter of the cabinet, Coolidge will take pains to keep them all if he can. One or two of them he may not be able to keep. To men like Postmaster General New and Attorney General Daugherty, Harding's death turns the world upside down. Between Harding and each of these two men there were personal relations of an intimacy almost approaching tenderness—a sort of thing rather too delicate to write about. Whether they could even, with the best of will, toward Coolidge, have their hearts in the new regime is the personal question they will reflect about.

Three Are Indispensable.

What Washington occasionally calls the important big three of the cabinet are Hughes, Hoover and Mellon. Hughes and Mellon are in this group apart because of the importance of their particular offices as well as because of their ability. Hoover is in it in spite of the relatively less importance of his Commerce department, because of his extraordinary personal ability and because, as a matter of fact, he is so well grounded and so indispensable in many big matters that come up outside the limits of his particular official field.

As to these three men there is this curious fact: All of them accepted Harding's solicitation to enter his cabinet without having had more than the slightest personal acquaintance with him. It is doubtful if Mellon had ever met Harding and doubtful if Hughes and Hoover had had more than a few personal contacts with him before he asked them and they promised to go in the cabinet.

If these men were willing to work for Harding under these conditions they will probably be equally willing to work for Coolidge. The work to

Two Held as Suspects in Murder of Iowan

Milwaukee, Aug. 6.—Two men are held by the police pending investigation of a murder mystery in connection with the finding of the body of Dr. L. G. Edgington, 27, of Fairview, Ia., Saturday near Goodman, Wis. The body was cut to pieces, probably by a train. It is believed that the physician was either knocked unconscious, robbed and left on the tracks or was robbed and thrown from another 800 line train.

At midnight the physician purchased a ticket for Minneapolis at 10.15. He was 16 miles from the scene of the tragedy. At the time he had more than \$50 in his wallet. When the body was found only \$5 in change remained.

Coolidge Considering Federal Aid to Farmers

Washington, Aug. 6.—The question of federal aid to the farmer was one of the problems to which President Coolidge turned his attention today in formulating the policies of his administration. Fred Starke, secretary of the war finance corporation, which has millions of dollars of agricultural credit outstanding, conferred with the chief executive and gave him an outline of the steps President Harding had in mind for the benefit of agricultural interests.

Postal Service Scores Another Speed Record

St. Clairsville, O., Aug. 5.—A postcard mailed to her from Atlantic City on July 29, 1923, has just been received by Miss Estelle Saltsberger, Miss Saltsberger, now deputy auditor of Belmont county, is a former deputy inspector of workshops and factories. She pointed out that had the card waited another month, it would have been just 15 years in reaching its destination.

Federal Agents Raid Home of Columbus Millionaire

Columbus, O., Aug. 6.—Announcers that state dry enforcement agents raided the country home of Beaman G. Dawes, Columbus millionaire and president of the Pure Oil company and confiscated \$10,000 worth of intoxicating liquor, was made by State Prohibition Commissioner McDonald here this afternoon.

Harding Cortège Greeted Here by Crowd of 25,000

Union Station, Streets, Viaducts Jammed With Humanity Scorning Sleep to Offer Tribute at Catafalque of Late Chief Executive; State and City Officials, Organization Delegations, Troops and Citizens in Vast Throng.

The largest crowd which yet has turned out along the tragic route of the presidential funeral train paid tribute to the late Warren G. Harding at 2:50 Monday morning in Omaha.

As the cortège of 11 coaches slowly entered Union station, more than 25,000 men and women, heads bared, stood in silence.

The station was crowded beyond its capacity. Thousands pressed against the iron fences which surround the yards. Every viaduct from South Omaha to the depot was a mass of humanity.

The thousands who lined the viaducts were sharply silhouetted against the dark sky.

Wonderful Testimonial.

As George Christian, who was secretary to President Harding, got off of the train, tired and worn, and saw the immense throng, he turned to friends and said: "Remarkable. A great tribute to a great man, now gone. It's a wonderful testimonial. Who would think such a crowd would turn out at such an hour. This is the largest gathering that has yet greeted the train."

As the funeral train pulled into the station only the muffled chugging of the engine could be heard. The yards had been cleared of all traffic. A quiet zone had been ordered.

There were no bands; no funeral dirges, not even a bugler blew taps. It was a silent tribute that Omaha paid to all that was mortal of its president.

The first of the train it was two years ago when Warren G. Harding, then United States senator from Ohio, came to Omaha as a presidential candidate.

Then, thousands of cheering men and women, with hurrahs and blare of trumpets greeted him.

Hale and hearty, genial and frank, Harding won a place in the hearts of Nebraskans and carried the state with the greatest majority ever cast here for a presidential candidate.

The destination of the train is the national capital where the body of the nation's former leader will lie in state. From Washington the body will be taken on to Marion, O., the president's home town, for burial.

The funeral train left Omaha with its load of sorrow at 3:30 after a stay of 40 minutes. During this time thousands passed by the rear car in which rested the flag and flower-covered casket while crews changed locomotives.

Just a few feet away, alone in her state room, was Mrs. Florence Harding, his brave widow.

Only those inside the gates of the railroad yards obtained a glimpse of the coffin. The thousands along the iron fences had to be contented with a passing glimpse of the train.

The presidential train entered the station on track 7 only a few feet from track 4, on which the train in 1920 entered the same depot with its honor passenger.

Only the tramp of the soldier guards from Fort Omaha and the wheezing of the engine which pulled the train broke the stillness after the train came to a stop.

Work in Silence.

The train crew went about their business of changing engines in stoical silence.

Ten officials of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad joined the train here.

The officials are: A. C. Johnson, vice president; F. H. Hammill, general manager; H. E. Dickinson, general superintendent; J. L. Ferguson, (Turn to Page Six, Column One.)

Tornadoes Hit in Two States

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 5.—A tornado sweeping through the Merrick section of West Springfield Sunday afternoon damaged 50 houses, injured nine persons, two of whom may die, and left a total property loss of more than \$100,000.

Mrs. Louis Zerra and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Estabrook were in the Zerra home when the tornado wrecked it, burying the woman and child. The woman was found to have a broken back and may die. The child's skull was fractured, but there is hope of his recovery.

Scott City, Kan., Aug. 6.—Thirty-five persons were injured, three severely, and thousands of dollars damage was done by a tornado that struck Loti, a town of 400 inhabitants, 25 miles west of here, late Sunday. Only one building, a bank, was left standing undamaged in the business district of the city and nearly all of the residences were damaged to some extent.

Gold Currency in Germany Looms

New York, Aug. 6.—German marks depreciated 40 per cent. over the week-end, being quoted in the local market today at 53 cents a million, or 1,885,792 to the American dollar as compared with 89 cents a million on Saturday.

Cable reports that Germany was holding an internal gold loan in bonds of small denominations were regarded here as foreshadowing the disappearance of the paper marks and the substitution of the gold bonds as currency.

Souvenir Hunters Thick in Marion, O.; Troops Put on Guard

By Associated Press. Marion, O., Aug. 6.—Souvenir hunters became so numerous about the home of Dr. George T. Harding, sr., where the funeral of the late president will be held Friday, the Harding homestead in Mount Vernon avenue, the famous "front porch" house, and even the Harding burial plot, Sunday, that a company of state troops will be ordered out to guard these places.

As a result of this precaution no one will be permitted near the premises unless they can show reason for being there.

The guard of soldiers will remain on watch after the burial of Mr. Harding for six months, as provided by a federal law, it was announced.

Harding Memorial Endeavored

Citizens Meet Today to Work Out Plan for Taking Lead in Observance Friday.

Omaha Bee Idea Praised

Representatives of various organizations have heartily approved the idea of The Omaha Bee, that a meeting be held today noon in the city council chamber to the end that Omaha should take a lead in the demonstration of national grief Friday because of the death of President Harding.

Expressions already given by leaders of civil, military, social, religious and other organizations indicate that the meeting this noon will be representative of all classes.

President Coolidge, having designated Friday as a national holiday, to properly observe the funeral of President Harding, the sentiments expressed by The Omaha Bee in its announcement yesterday afternoon were heartily endorsed and the meeting called for this noon was approved.

Lead Is Appreciated.

Several expressed the thought that they appreciated the lead taken by The Omaha Bee and they will be glad to co-operate to make Omaha's observance a notable event in the annals of the city. Some referred to the demonstration of sorrow expressed at the funeral train Monday as evidence that the people of Omaha are willing to join in a public observance Friday.

Mayor Dahlman said he hopes all organizations of the city will be represented this noon in the city council chamber.

"The people will be glad to join in a demonstration of some kind," he said. "I will be at today's meeting and will co-operate."

"I believe the people will appreciate the ability of Mr. Harding more as the years go by. I will be pleased to co-operate in plans for the observance next Friday," Commissioner Joseph Koutsky said.

Stryker Gives Approval.

Hird Stryker, commander of Douglas County Post of American Legion, said he heartily approved of The Omaha Bee taking the lead in this matter.

"I hope some definite and dignified expression of the feelings of the people of Omaha will be made," Mr. Stryker said.

County Commissioner Charles Unitt said he will attend the meeting today noon.

"The idea of The Omaha Bee is excellent," Mr. Unitt said. "So far as I am concerned, I believe the courthouse and all public buildings should be closed all day and that a solemn holiday should be observed."

Grief in Evidence.

J. David Larson, commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, said the attendance at the funeral train was evidence of Omaha's grief.

"There is nothing direct from him, but I have learned by a roundabout way that he probably will arrive this evening or early tomorrow morning in time to issue a fitting proclamation before the burial of President Harding Friday," F. C. Radke, the governor's secretary, announced.

"Did you learn where he is coming from?" Radke was asked.

"I can't tell," he replied.

Bryan Not in Omaha.

Radke expressed the belief Saturday morning that the governor would end his vacation or business or whatever is delaying him and go to Omaha to meet the train carrying President Harding's body. The governor didn't appear at the station.

The governor's absence, the longest unexplained absence of a governor from duty in state annals, is causing no end of conjecture among state office holders. Briefly the conjectures are:

He is in the sandhills fishing and hunting, away from telephone or telegraphic communication.

He is ill somewhere in the borders of the state and keeping his sickness quiet.

Maybe He's Up North.

He is in the northern woods hunting and fishing with his son, Silas, who is an attorney at Minneapolis.

He is in the east quietly boosting his boomlet for vice president, started by certain democratic leaders who believe that "Brother Charlie" is on the national ticket. William Jennings Bryan, will support it no matter who heads it.

State officials say that whatever explanation the governor makes of his absence it will be plausible because, according to officials, plausibility and Governor Bryan travel side by side at every hour of the day.

Planes May Be Operated by Compressed Air Soon

London, Aug. 5.—Propellerless airplanes are the latest probable invention of scientists.

Laboratory research has shown that air, compressed and mixed with fuel in a combustion chamber, could be projected through a nozzle at the rear of the aeroplane, and the reaction to its discharge would necessarily drive the machine through the air.

The only drawback to this means of propulsion, it is thought, would be the heaviness of the mechanism and the high fuel consumption.

Postoffices to Close Friday in Honor of Late President

Washington, Aug. 6.—Postmaster General New today ordered the closing of all postoffices Friday afternoon between 3 and 4, central standard time, in tribute to the late President Harding.

Goodbye and Good Luck



Grain Exchange Inquiry Denied by Washington

No Truth in Report of Violation of Federal Laws, Acting Secretary Pugsley Says.

S. S. Carlisle, president of the Omaha Grain exchange, has received a communication from C. W. Pugsley, acting secretary of agriculture at Washington, denying emphatically a report printed in the Omaha World-Herald in the morning edition of August 3 dated Washington, in which it was stated that the "Omaha Grain exchange is secretly being investigated by agents of the Department of Agriculture as a result of recent charges that it was violating federal laws by fixing the price of wheat and other grains and employing unfair trading methods."

President Carlisle immediately telegraphed a protest to Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture, upon the request of the board of directors of the exchange, stating that all transactions in the exchange were competitive and that doctorage was taken only in accordance with the provisions of the federal grain standards act.

The telegram from Washington follows:

Washington, Aug. 4, 1923.—S. S. Carlisle, president, Omaha Grain exchange, Omaha, Neb.: There is absolutely no truth in the statement that the Department of Agriculture is secretly investigating either the Omaha or other grain exchanges for violating federal laws by fixing the price of wheat and other grains or for employing unfair trading methods.

Furthermore the Washington News agency that released dispatch referred to declines to furnish department with names of source which it describes as authoritative. The Omaha Grain exchange is not a contract market under the grain futures act. Its offer of hearty co-operation with department in enforcement of federal grain standards act is in accord with its past attitude and greatly appreciated.

C. W. PUGSLEY, Acting Secretary.

"If there is a secret investigation in progress, the acting secretary of the department would be the first one to know it," said Mr. Carlisle. "Evidently it was propaganda to lower wheat prices."

Report Is Baseless.

"I cannot believe that the Omaha World-Herald would deliberately resort to the publication of such an untrue and baseless article, but whoever inspired, wrote or caused to be written this unwarranted reflection of the Omaha Grain exchange should be discredited and punished," said an Omaha grain man last night when (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Photographs showing scenes of the arrival of the presidential funeral train will be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of The Omaha Morning Bee.

Omaha Presents Floral Tributes

Special Car Teeming With Wreaths from Civic and Fraternal Bodies.

Members of Omaha clubs and organizations gathered at the Union station early Monday morning to offer tributes to the late president.

Each organization appointed a representative to present floral tributes.

Among those represented were: Elks club, Tangier Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, American Legion, Boy Scouts, G. A. R., Knights of Columbus, the Chamber of Commerce, Lion's club and the local Typographical union.

Mayor Dahlman presented a wreath and a short note of condolence in behalf of the city of Omaha and Lieutenant Governor Fred G. Johnson in behalf of the state.

Mrs. S. B. Stewart presented a wreath for the Shriner. She was the only woman delegated to the task.

All of the wreaths were placed in the special car, just behind the engine, which was teeming with hundreds of wreaths and garlands sent by the friends of the late President Harding.

New Stockyard Tariff Held Up for 30 Days

Washington, Aug. 6.—New tariffs filed by the Union Stockyards and Transit company of Chicago and the Union Stockyards company of Omaha have been suspended for 30 days from August 1 by an order signed by C. W. Pugsley, acting secretary of agriculture, and tariff hearings will be held at Omaha, August 24, and Chicago on August 27. It was announced today.

The new tariffs were made after the secretary of agriculture on June 22 had issued orders under the packers and stockyards act, requiring these companies to "cease and desist" from violating of the law in assessing and collecting a charge for the weighing of livestock in the stockyards, these charges having been found discriminatory," according to the Agriculture department announcement.

Governor Davis Has "Flu."

By International News Service. Popoka, Kan., Aug. 6.—Governor J. M. Davis today is seriously ill with influenza, according to his physician.

The governor had complained of not feeling well all of last week and not until late Saturday afternoon did he give up. A physician was summoned and pronounced his ailment as influenza. Throughout Sunday his temperature stood around 104.

London Markets Closed.

New York, Aug. 6.—Today is a bank holiday and all London markets are closed.

Turk Situation Cleared by New Treaty With U.S.

Lausanne Monday—Regulates Relations Between Two Nations.

By Associated Press. Lausanne, Aug. 6.—The Turco-American treaty, which was signed at 4:12 this afternoon, is the fruit of long and difficult negotiations; it accords Americans most favored treatment and replaces the antiquated agreement negotiated in 1930. It regulates, in detail, the official and commercial relations between the two countries and brings relief to Americans and American interests in Turkey by clarifying the heretofore equivocal position created by Turkey's abolition of capitulations.

Americans often were in a quandary, particularly over taxes, from which they had been legally exempted under the old treaty, and constant appeals were made to the American high commissioner that American educational institutions be accorded the same treatment as that of Turkish institutions.

oBth Nations Benefit.

The Turkish government and Americans likewise benefit by the system of foreign legal advisers that Turkey agrees to appoint to hear complaints over the arrest and imprisonment of foreigners.

Joseph C. Grew, the American minister to Switzerland, who was the chief American negotiator, found Ismet Pasha, the head of the Turkish delegation, as difficult to deal with as the allies did and the negotiations dragged on longer than had been expected, largely because of the Turkish hesitancy in making decisions on the important issues.

The complicated question of dual nationality, arising from the Turks' refusal to recognize American naturalization laws, had to be postponed for later negotiations which both sides agreed to undertake. The United States reserved all rights of American citizens in Turkey, whether native born or naturalized.

Now that Europe and America have established relations with new Turkey, it is a question of anxious speculation among diplomats whether they will be stationed at Constantinople or the primitive city of Angora, the new capital, which has no hotels and no modern comforts, resembling greatly a western mining town in the United States in the early days.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. August 6, 1923.

Highest 86. Temperature. Mean 58. Total excess below 44. Rain 1.24 inches.

Relative Humidity, Percentage. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths. Deficiency, Hours since January 8, 1923.

Hourly Temperatures.

8 a. m. 80. 9 a. m. 78. 10 a. m. 76. 11 a. m. 74. 12 m. 72. 1 p. m. 70. 2 p. m. 68. 3 p. m. 66. 4 p. m. 64. 5 p. m. 62. 6 p. m. 60. 7 p. m. 58.

Multitudes Honor Late President

Countless Thousands Gather at Stations in Iowa and Illinois to Pay Tribute as Train Passes.

Solemn Scenes Enacted

By Associated Press. On Board Harding Funeral Train, at Chicago, Aug. 6.—The heart of America—that great prairie region between the Missouri river and Lake Michigan—was filled anew with sorrow today as the funeral cortège of the republic moved eastward through the states of Iowa and Illinois, and then onward toward Washington.

Leaving Omaha, on the banks of the Missouri in the early morning hours, the special train bearing the body of President Harding traveled eastward to arrive in Chicago today at Chicago. Transferred from Chicago & Northwestern railroad to the Baltimore & Ohio here, it sped eastward into the darkness on the last portion of the long and sad journey from the Golden Gate.

Greatest Tribute in History.

Never in the history of any nation, perhaps, have such scenes of poignant sorrow for the dead and such manifestation of deep sympathy for bereaved loved ones been witnessed as during the day, when countless thousands marked reverently the passing of the funeral train. To those aboard the train it seemed as though the American people had moved into the two states traversed and were standing silently with uncovered heads and bowed heads, eyes gray and throats choked at the uncontrolled display of emotion by a stricken people.

The old and the young, the weak and the strong, and the rich and the poor were there. It was a proof of patriotism and loyalty that America will not soon forget.

Recall Passing of Lincoln.

Those who stood mourning the passing dead included among their number some who remembered the passing from Washington to Springfield, in Illinois, 35 years ago, of the funeral cortège of the martyred Lincoln. There were more who recalled the sad day of 1902 when a similar train bore the body of McKinley from Buffalo to Washington and thence to Canton, O.

Mingled with the expressions of grief always were the manifestations of sympathy for Mrs. Harding, who during the day left her room and spent some time in the black-draped and flower-walled chamber of the last year where rests the bier of her husband. Through it all she still remained the bravest of those aboard the train, in keeping with her promise not to break down.

Brother Meets Train.

The bereaved widow was joined in her sorrow during the day by Dr. George T. Harding, brother of the late president. Dr. Harding, accompanied by Dr. Carl E. Sawyer of Marion met the funeral train at (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Terrific Electrical Storm Over State on Sunday

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 6.—Terrific rain and electrical storm visited this section last night. During the past few days nearly two inches of water has fallen, farmers say.

Falls City, Neb., Aug. 6.—Lightning and heavy rain storms disrupted telephone service between Falls City, Humboldt, Tecumseh and Lincoln Monday morning. Communications were not restored until nearly noon.

Accounted for a total rainfall of 1.54 inches, the heaviest since July 4.

Geneva, Neb., Aug. 6.—Hard showers the past three nights have moistened the ground to a depth of almost two inches and means the making of a fair corn crop in this county if favorable weather continues.

First Lady Goes on Shopping Tour

By International News Service. Washington, Aug. 4.—Accompanied by ladies of the senate, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, first lady of the land, went shopping today.

Not for frills nor furbelows, but for things of sombre black—veils and crepes and a simple little black dress, a new black hat, black kid gloves and pumps, tiny black bordered handkerchiefs and a band of wide black crepe for the sleeve of her husband's new black suit.

"We're in mourning," Mrs. Coolidge told her callers. "Wearing black is only an exterior sign of grief and fails utterly to express the real anguish I feel for Mrs. Harding. Still it is the accepted and visible symbol of bereavement and so I shall wear it until the funeral is over."

Signs Coolidge's Name.

Washington, Aug. 6.—President Coolidge has affixed his signature to a paper authorizing Mrs. Vilsa B. Pugh, a clerk in the general land office, to sign his name to land grants.

She is the only person in the service of the country with authority to sign the president's name to official documents.

Mrs. Pugh was appointed by Mr. Harding after her husband's death.