

Crowd of 25,000 G greets Harding Cortège in Omaha

State and City Officials, Organization Delegations, Troops and Citizens in Vast Array.

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traffic manager; C. T. Dike, general superintendent of maintenance; E. B. Hall, general superintendent of motive power; T. H. Goodnow, superintendent of car department; William Bennett, superintendent of telegraph; W. T. Dinneen, chief of the secret service; and J. A. Peabody, superintendent of signals.
A small battery of press photographers and newspaper reporters scurried here and there, about their task of recording the arrival and departure of the funeral train for the public.

But the crowd, for the most part, was silent. Inside the long line of darkened, craps draped cars, the funeral party was hidden. Inside the last car, scarcely 10 feet from that silent, flag-draped coffin, was the one whose grief is the deepest. Mrs. Harding retired early last night, while the train was speeding across the great plains of Nebraska, and did not appear during the stop here. But the heart of the great crowd gathered to see the train pass through Omaha went out to her in her grief.

Viaducts Packed.

By 1:30 the station platform and Tenth street viaduct was one seething mass of humanity, waiting for the train to arrive. The crowd was packed 12 deep all along the viaduct between the Union and Burlington stations, and the waiting room and platform of the Union depot was jammed to suffocation.

At 1:45 soldiers of the Seventeenth infantry at Fort Omaha, under command of Colonel Tillotson, in command of the post, arrived and began police duty.

David Dickenson, United States secret service agent and personal friend of the late President Harding, was at the depot, waiting for the train to arrive.

Mayor Dahlgren and Police Commissioner Butler were at the station early. City police, under personal command of Commissioner Butler and Police Chief Dillon, policed the station until the arrival of federal troops.

State officials who gathered at the depot were led by Lieut.-Gov. Fred G. Johnson of Hastings.

Police on Duty.

Fifteen police officers in uniform dress, with white gloves and white vests, were on duty under Police Sergeant William Carney until the arrival of military authorities, with Maj. Gen. George B. Duncan, commander of the Seventh corps area, in command. Stationmaster Adams represented the Union Pacific system at the depot until Union Pacific officials arrived on the train.

As the hour drew near the crowd continued to grow, until it seemed there was not room for another person within a block of the station. But still they came, and still they found places.

Legion Men Arrive.

About 2 o'clock 350 American Legion men arrived in a body. All three branches of the service were represented, many of the men being in uniform. Those in uniform stood salute as the train passed while those in civilian clothes waited with bared heads.

The navy recruiting service in Omaha under the command of Lieut. Fred D. Powers, reached the depot some time before the train arrived. About 300 members of the Elks lodge were present and a large floral tribute was presented by Congressman Willis G. Sears.

Swords Draped.

A feeling of deep sorrow for their dead president was plainly noticeable throughout the crowd. Little groups of army officers and privileged citizens stood outside the iron fence which shuts the tracks from the station platform, talking in subdued tones. Black streamers of crepe which decorated the swords of all army officers lent an additional touch of mourning to the scene.

At 2:30 the crowd was still pouring in and was estimated by many at more than 25,000. Automobiles lined the street for blocks in each direction regular service. Many persons slept in their machines until the train pulled in.

The huge mass of humanity was unusually quiet, and all conversation was carried on in hushed tones. At that time it was with extreme difficulty that persons going from one part of the depot to another were able to get through the crowd.

At 2:40 the pilot train running ahead of the funeral train pulled into the station.

A squad of 40 uniformed and plain clothes policemen helped the soldiers in keeping the crowd back.

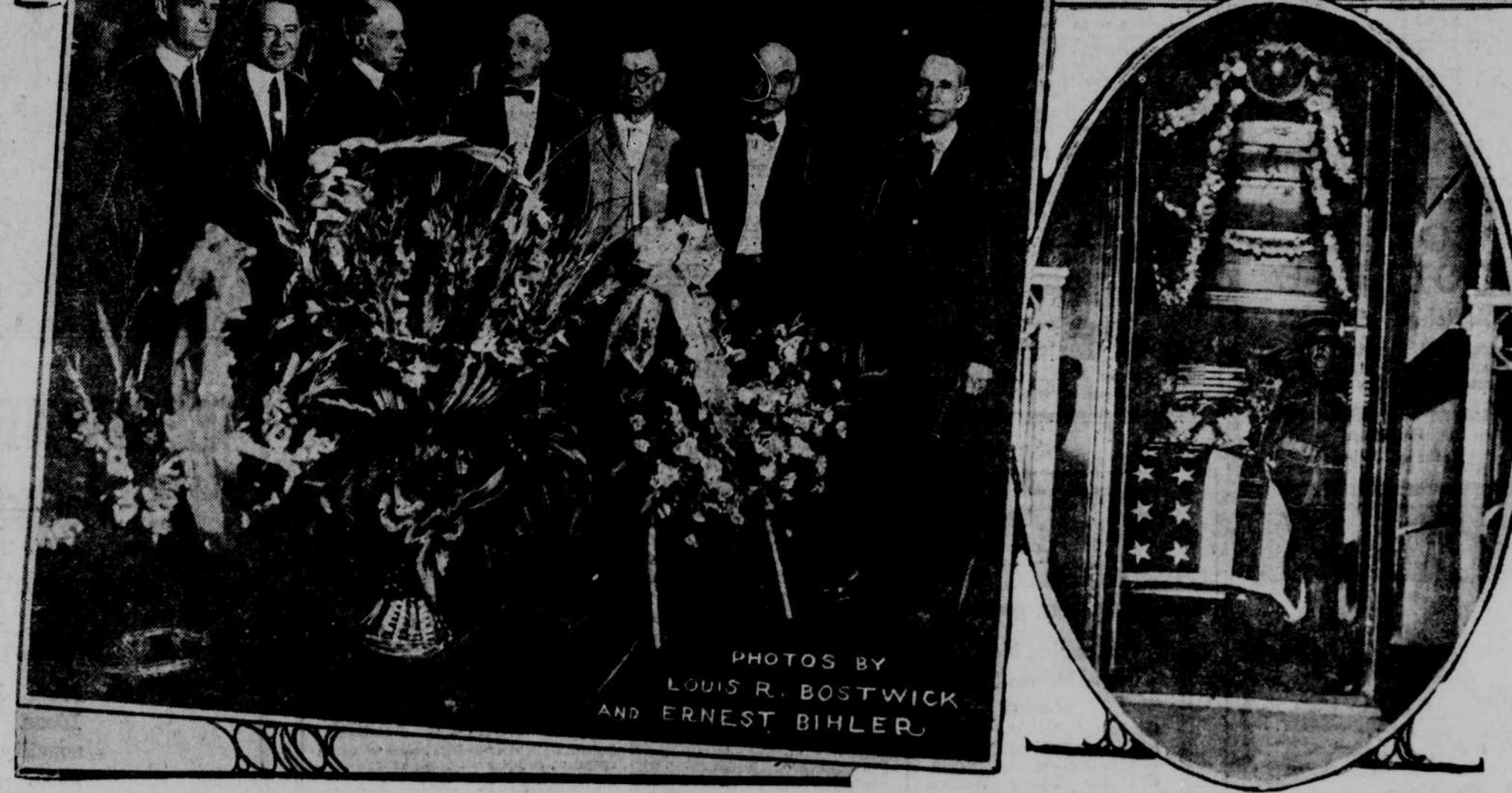
The platform alongside track No. 7, on which the funeral train arrived, was reserved for Major General Duncan, his wife and staff.

Fear Viaduct Collapse.

At 2:45, only a few minutes before the funeral train arrived, police were attempting to keep the crowd on the Tenth street viaduct from increasing, in fear the bridge would collapse under the weight. Soldiers at that time were also pushing back the crowd that had gathered on the platform of the station.

Mayor Dahlgren and Randall K. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce

Body of Warren G. Harding Pauses in Omaha on Transcontinental Journey



The top photograph shows the flag-bedecked casket of the late Warren G. Harding. The guard of honor stands by at all times. Below at the right is a close-up view of the special funeral car, showing the casket. By this door thousands passed early this morning. Below at the left is the Omaha delegation, left to right: Harvey Milliken, J. David Larson, Randall K. Brown, Fred Knapp, Thomas Frye, Mayor James C. Dahlgren and John L. Kennedy.

Scenes in Marion Where Harding Will Be Buried

Warren G. Harding had arrived in Marion, O., Aug. 6. Then began scurrying activities around the cars. The engine was uncoupled and run out of the way and a fresh greyhound of the rails was backed into place. Station men hurried across the platform with ice for the cars, hose lines were carried up the sides of the coaches and the water tanks were filled. The trucks were inspected, and oiled and air lines were coupled.
And the crowd massed back in the shadows and in the dim light on the viaduct, waited in silence and with bared heads in reverence for the nation's dead.
Grim lines of soldiers held the throng back and only those with military passes were allowed through the lines.
Soldiers on Guard.
Inside the rear coach, lighted as it has been since leaving San Francisco, and as it will remain until the train arrives at Washington Tuesday afternoon, could be seen the dim outline of the bier upon which the body of President Harding rests. Four silent figures stand at the head and foot of the coffin, guards from the army and navy. They stand silent, with downcast eyes. They are the guard of honor accompanying the body back to Washington. Every four hours these guards are changed.
Long wreaths of evergreen and cypress, symbols of immortality,

draped the inside of the car wherein the body of the late president lay. Overhead clusters of asters festoon the ceiling and over the casket is draped the flag he served so well.
New Engine Attached.
The last connection is made, the last water tank is filled, the last inspection is made. The new engine which is to pull the train of sorrow to the next division point on the Northwestern railroad has been attached.
The conductor in charge of the train steps to one side and runs his eye along the line of dark coaches in one last general survey. Then he lifts his lantern in the "highball" signal.
A sharp hiss is heard as the air brakes are released. A low cough as of some iron monster getting its breath, comes from the engine. The slack between the cars is taken up slowly. A sharper cough from the engine as the train begins to move, slowly at first, gradually gathering speed. The lights grow smaller and closer together as the last coach draws onto the bridge, then disappear entirely as the train draws into Marion, O., Aug. 6.—Upwards of 100,000 people are expected to fill this city to the point of overflowing Friday when last rites will be accorded the late President Harding. To handle the anticipated throng, orders have been issued from here by State Adjutant General Henderson for the mobilization of 3,000 soldiers of the United States Reserve forces of Ohio.

Hundreds of persons motored to Marion yesterday and early in the afternoon Company D of Marion was mobilized, the men being stationed at points of Harding interests after souvenir hunters became so numerous that such a move was deemed advisable to prevent destruction of property.
No one will be permitted near the home of Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., where the funeral of the late chief executive will be held, the Harding homestead in Mount Vernon avenue, the "front porch."
Exchanges to Close Friday.
New York, Aug. 6.—The New York stock, cotton and other financial and commodity exchanges have announced today that they would be closed next Friday, the day of President Harding's funeral.

Harding's Secretary Weeps as He Greets Relatives Here

George Christian, President Harding's secretary, and Mrs. Christian broke down and wept when greeted at the train by Mrs. George Blecker, a cousin of Mrs. Christian, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. G. Dinneen, 307 South Thirty-seventh street.
"Oh, George, this is a terrible tragedy," sobbed Mrs. Christian, in turn, embraced a. I kissed her. Mrs. Christian sobbed. Tears came from Christian's eyes.
Mrs. Harding is holding up well under her great sorrow, Mrs. Christian told friends.
"Mrs. Harding has not left her stateroom since we started from California," said Mrs. Christian. "I visited her yesterday morning. She hasn't been sleeping well. Although her sorrow is great, she is trying to take it philosophically.
"We are worried because she isn't able to sleep. She is a fine and noble woman."

All Creeds in N. Y. Pray for Harding

By Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 6.—Thousands of persons, of all creeds and nations, bowed their heads in prayer Sunday in this city for the late Warren Gamaliel Harding. In the cathedrals along Fifth avenue, in historic old Trinity church, looking down Wall street, and in all the humbler churches throughout the city, worshippers listened for a few moments to pastors, priests and rabbis eulogize the nation's dead executive.
"Our whole nation is bound together in a bond of common grief," declared Bishop Manning in the Protestant Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine.
The keynote of the late president's life, he said, was loyalty, loyalty to home, friends, country and God.

By Associated Press.
London, Aug. 6.—A memorial service for the late President Harding will be held in Westminster abbey at noon on Friday, it was announced today by the American embassy.

Governor Bone Breaks Down.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 6.—Overcome by emotion, Governor Scott C. Bone, broke down and was unable to read a prepared statement eulogizing the late President Warren G. Harding, at a memorial service held under the auspices of the churches of Juneau Sunday.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
Mistakes may sometimes prove to be most fortunate for you or me.
—Nanny Meadow Mouse.
Farmer Brown's Boy Changes His Mind.
Holding Nanny Meadow Mouse in his hand, Farmer Brown's Boy could feel her little heart going pit-a-pat, pit-a-pat with fright. She had startled him when she so unexpectedly scrambled up his trousers leg. But he knew that Nanny had been a thousand times more frightened at the discovery of her mistake than he had.
"You poor little thing!" said Farmer Brown's Boy softly. "You made a dreadful mistake. Anyway, I suppose it seems dreadful to you. You probably think that this is the end of everything for you. In that you are making a second mistake. Your first mistake really wasn't dreadful at all, because nothing bad is going to happen to you. I don't know how you happened to climb up my trousers leg. But we all make mistakes sometimes. Now, don't do it again."
With this Farmer Brown's Boy stooped over and put Nanny on the ground. For a second she didn't move. You see, she couldn't believe that she was free again. Then she realized that it was true, and with a little squeak, half of fright and half of joy, she scampered straight for the old scarecrow and disappeared up one leg of the old trousers.
Farmer Brown's Boy laughed right out. He understood then how Nanny had made her funny mistake. "As I live, you took me for that scarecrow!" cried Farmer Brown's Boy, and how he did laugh.
Then an idea came to him. "I wonder," said he, "if you have made your home in that old scarecrow. I do believe you have. I'll have to find out."
So Farmer Brown's Boy carefully looked the old scarecrow all over. He looked in every pocket. Then he unbuttoned the coat. When he did that he heard a faint rustle in the straw with which it was stuffed. He promptly buttoned the coat up again.
"That settles it," said he. "You've got a nest in the middle of that bundle of straw. I guess I'll have to change my mind about taking down

Iowans Honor Funeral Train

Tributes Touch Hearts of Those on Special—Speed Is Cut Down.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 6.—The funeral train bearing the body of President Harding passed through Calamus, Ia., 159 miles from Chicago, at 11:38 a. m., running 40 minutes behind schedule. Crowds are holding up the funeral special all along the line, according to reports to the Chicago & North western railroad offices here. The train passed Wheatland, Ia., 173 miles from Chicago and 37 miles from the Ill. line, at 11:52, running 37 minutes late.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 6.—The running time of the Harding funeral train from Cedar Rapids, Ia., eastward, was ordered slowed down by Col. Walter V. Shipley, division passenger agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Washington, who is in charge of the train. He believed that on account of the crowds at the railway stations the speed of the funeral train should be reduced. This led railroad operating officials to estimate that the train would not make up further lost time but would reach Chicago about 30 minutes late or approximately 3:45 p. m., central standard time.

By Associated Press.
On Board Harding Funeral Train at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Harding again today rested in her room in the private car, "Superba," which carries the body of her distinguished husband. She rested from the strain of last week and to store up strength to carry her through the trying hours of the state funeral services in Washington Wednesday and the even more trying hours in Marion preceding the commitment.
The widow of the late president had a fairly comfortable night's sleep. She talked today as yesterday with some of the ladies of the party.

Mrs. Harding's conversation is said to be largely concerning her husband, the things he had been doing and the plans he had made for the future. Courageously calm, she had outlined in her mind everything that is to occur from the time the funeral train reaches Washington tomorrow afternoon until the last sad services Friday under the elm trees in the cemetery at Marion.

Members of the party on the train were continuously touched and their eyes often grew misty today as the train sped through the broad state of Iowa. The silent throngs at the stations such as Boone, Ames, Marshalltown, LeGrand, Belle Plaine and here at Cedar Rapids were impressively sad. But it was the individuals beside the railroad tracks that touched hearts to their depths—a farmer standing among his corn rows, his head bared, and his rough straw hat clasped to his breast; a wounded former service man standing as much at attention as his crippled condition would permit; an engineer standing with bowed head beside his locomotive and an old lady crying softly to herself. Thus was the truth made known to those aboard the funeral train that America need fear no threats of revolution and no warnings of radical uprising; for the heart of America is sound and true.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 6.—A special train was made up here this morning to carry Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., brother of the late president, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, and other Marion, O., friends of the president's family, westward to meet the Harding funeral train which was passing through Iowa this morning.

Anti-Coolidge Talk Winds Up in Near Riot

New York, Aug. 6.—A city convention of the socialist party of New York nearly broke up in a riot Sunday when a resolution denouncing President Calvin Coolidge as a "reactionary and a foe to labor" was read by William Kaelin of the resolutions committee.

All over the convention hall delegates leaped to their feet with violent protests against the spirit of the resolution and the terms in which it was couched.
"Kill it, kill it," resounded from the auditorium and order was not restored until the chairman had ordered the resolution back to committee for revision. It was not presented again.

"Open Mind" on Special Session

Washington, Aug. 6.—President Coolidge has an "open mind" on the necessity of calling an extra session of congress, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared today following a half hour conference with the president.
Gompers declared the president has not yet decided to accede to or reject demands from agricultural interests for an extra session.

State Delegation Brings Wreath and Condolences to Mrs. Harding

Governor Bryan was not present with the Nebraska delegation to pay tribute to the late President Harding, United States Senator R. B. Howell, republican, of Omaha, and Maj. Gen. George B. Duncan, commanding officer of the Seventh army corps area, were among those present. State officials, headed by Lieutenant Governor Fred B. Johnson of Hastings, came with a huge floral wreath bearing the word, "Nebraska." They brought with them, too, a resolution of Nebraska's sorrow for the departed one and a message of sympathy for his widow. It follows:
"It is with inexpressible sorrow that we hear the death of our honored and beloved president, Warren G. Harding. In his passing we have sustained an irreparable loss that will be felt in the hearts and homes of all true citizens of the republic. We bow in humble submission to the affliction with the hope that the God in whom our departed president believed and in whom he placed his trust will guide our people in the future as in the past.
"To his faithful wife, whose heroism and Christian fortitude have been an inspiring example, we wish to convey the sympathy of the people of our state.
"Bankers and laborers; railroad officials and switchmen; men and women of every class and creed, brushed elbows as they awaited the funeral train.
"All stood as American citizens, paying their last respects to one they loved.

100,000 Expected at Marion Funeral Rites

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Farmer Brown's Boy whistled for Bower the Hound, and together they started for home. Behind them, in the middle of the old scarecrow, they left two frightened little people, trying to make up their minds whether or not they should move again.
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The next story: "Nanny and Danny Decide Wisely."