

COOLIDGE IS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF U.S.

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HARDING'S SUDDEN END PLUNGES ENTIRE NATION INTO DEEPEST SORROW

President of United States Dies With a Smile On His Lips.

COOLIDGE SUCCEEDS

Vice-President Is Sworn Into Office in Farm Home of His Father.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge took the oath as president of the United States at Plymouth, Vermont, at 2:47 a.m. today. The new president was sworn in by his father, who is a notary public, and at whose home he was visiting. The text of the pledge as prescribed by the constitution was telephoned to him by the White House.

Associated Press Despatch. Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge, sworn in a few hours before as president of the United States by his father, in the Plymouth Notch farmhouse in which he spent his boyhood, left for Washington at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

As soon as the brief swearing-in ceremony was over, the president and Mrs. Coolidge retired to gain a little rest before the trip to Washington. The swearing-in ceremony was short and simple. In the little sitting room of the farmhouse, furnished in homely style like any other Vermont country home, the president stood with right hand upraised at one side of a little table, with Mrs. Coolidge beside him. Across the table his father, his face beaming with pride, read the few words of the oath. To preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States.

The old man's voice trembled as he read. Mr. Coolidge bowed his head distinctly and calmly, and at the end added the solemn affirmation, "So help me God." Congressman Dale, Erwin C. Gessner, Mr. Coolidge's assistant secretary, a Vermont editor, and two secret service men were the sole witnesses other than Mrs. Coolidge.

At 7:30 the president appeared at the front door, bowed to the assembled crowd, posed for several photographs, and went back. Ten minutes later the presidential party left.

Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, born July 4, 1872, at Plymouth, Vermont, came to this country and settled in Waterville, Mass., in 1890.

He left the farm in 1891 for Amherst College, and graduated with honors in 1895. Immediately upon leaving college he went to Northampton to study law, and finally settled there.

It was Mr. Coolidge's common sense, his insight into legislative tactics and his mental quickness that first attracted to him the attention of political leaders. The late Senator W. Murray Crane, who was a resident of Coolidge's congressional district, was among the first to note these qualities, and he resolved to utilize the first opportunity to project Mr. Coolidge into the national political arena.

By hard work and steady progress Mr. Coolidge continued his rise until he could be considered for high state office and then it was that Senator Crane and other leaders exerted their powers to have him nominated for the lieutenant-governorship. He was elected in the first campaign, won by the Republicans in Massachusetts for several years, due to the Progressive party split. Thereafter it was but logical for him to succeed to the governorship, an office which he held for two terms and which he left for the vice-presidency.

WORLD LEADERS SEND MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

King George, Premier Poincare and Others Express Their Sorrow.

ALL WERE SHOCKED

Mayor Wenige Sends Condolences On Behalf of Citizens of London.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 3.—King George and Queen Mary today sent the following message of condolence to Mrs. Harding: "Mrs. Harding, White House, Washington. The Queen and I are much shocked and grieved to hear of the irreparable loss which has befallen you and assure you of our heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow. The whole British people will join with those of their sister nation who mourn the death of their president at the culminating point of his distinguished career. (Signed) "George R. I."

CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT. Canadian Press Despatch. Murray Bay, Que., Aug. 3.—Chief Justice Taft, former president of the United States, received the news of the death of President Harding at about midnight and early this morning he issued the following statement: "I am shocked beyond expression at the news of President Harding's death. The loss is a deep personal sorrow to me. The loss to the people of the United States cannot be overestimated. He had impressed the whole country with his nobility of character, the sweetness of his nature, his wonderful sympathy, his breadth of vision, high patriotism and his love of humankind. "His death at this juncture in the affairs of the country and the world is a great calamity. (Signed) Taft."

PREMIER POINCARÉ.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Aug. 3.—Premier Poincaré this afternoon sent the following cable message to Secretary of State Hughes: "Painfully shocked by the cruel loss the United States has just suffered, I want to assure you, Mr. Secretary, that the French people and the French government are united with you in your grief and sympathy for the French government."

"With President Harding there disappears not only a great statesman, but a man whose life was devoted to the service of his country, and to the service of the world. He was a man of peace, but also the generous and enlightened friend that all Frenchmen have learned to like and respect. "All France partakes in the bereavement of the United States."

VANCOUVER MOURNS.

Associated Press Despatch. Vancouver, Aug. 3.—British Columbia, in general, and Vancouver, in particular, went into mourning last night. While the officialdom of this part of the world half-masted their flags and compiled formal messages of condolence to a commingled United States authorities, the plain men and women of the community talked of President Harding's death as the passing of a comrade. They were exactly a week since they were to the music of massed bands through aisles of bunting to greet the head of the household of their nearest neighbor and bid him welcome in the name of Canada. It is exactly a week since they mobbed their police and military in high good humor to bring an "executive" to the United States chief executive, their guest, as he called for home. Mayor C. E. Tisdall of Vancouver hastened to send Vancouver's condolences to Mrs. Harding and express his regret that the "clean and capable man" who so recently brought the official life of Canada and the United States into official contact should have been cut off in the midst of his term of office.

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London "Old Boy" Pastors To Occupy Pulpits Sunday

Former Ministers of City Returning For Reunion To Preach To Old Congregations—Secretary Smith Asks Large Turnout of Members.

"Go To Church" Sunday, August 4, the second day of the Old Boys' visit, will see many former London pastors in the pulpits of local churches. An effort will be made to attract full congregations to hear the out-of-town preachers, and it is expected a gratifying response will be made.

Secretary Ed. Smith, of the London Old Boys' Association, circulated a letter to all London clergymen, asking them to arrange for Old Boys preachers to deliver Sunday sermons.

Rev. J. A. Agnew, of the Ridout Street Methodist Church, plans to secure one former member of his congregation and a former pastor of the church to take charge of both morning and evening sermons. Rev. Arthur Sinclair of Hensall will preach during the evening, and Rev. W. C. Colgrove, who has been stationed at Bridgen, and who was once a member of the Ridout congregation, will conduct the sermon in the morning.

Mr. Agnew looks forward to a record turnout in all churches on Sunday.

STEEL WORKERS SEEK TO OBTAIN OLD JOBS IN MILLS

Sydney Company Only Able To Provide Work For Two Hundred.

NEED MORE ORDERS

Attempts Made To Interrupt Electric Service For Mine Machinery.

Special to The Advertiser. Sydney, N. S., Aug. 3.—Some 500 members of the Steel Workers' Union, the executive of which called off the strike against the British Empire Steel Corporation, which had been in progress since June 28, crowded around the employment office at the plant today and requested that they be given back their old jobs in the mills. About 200 were taken on, but the rest will have to wait until such time as the company books further business.

As given out in an official statement issued by the company, the precipitating action of the steel workers when they "downed tools" and quit work without a moment's notice, placed the corporation in an awkward position. The company had contracted for considerable business, but in the earlier days of the walk-out they had not sufficient men to carry on the work of manufacture, and they were forced to cancel their orders. The police are endeavoring to detect the men who blew up the company's water lines. Capt. D. A. Noble of the steel company's police force believes that they were I. W. W. sympathizers in the district. Radicals among the miners who have been refused employment continue their sabotage against the collieries.

No great damage, however, has been reported to date. The police are investigating the meaning of several small explosions which have occurred at No. 4 colliery. Further attempts have been made to interrupt the electric service on the high tension lines which carry current to the power houses which generate light and electricity to run the pit machinery and operate the fans. The latter must be kept going continually if the deeps are to be ventilated and kept free of gas.

The soldiers encamped on these grounds have begun to break camp, and will commence to evacuate as soon as word has been received from Ottawa ordering their removal.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME SOUTH OF WOODSTOCK

W. Silverthorne, Otterville, Suffers Loss in Early Morning Blaze.

Canadian Press Despatch. Woodstock, Aug. 3.—Fire which started from a defective chimney completely destroyed a residence owned by William Silverthorne at Otterville, south of Woodstock, this morning. The house was tenanted by Norman Pickersgill and family. While eating his breakfast, Mr. Pickersgill noticed a fire on the kitchen window, and on going out found that the upper part of the house was on fire. He had time to get his wife and children out in safety when the upper story crashed in. There was no insurance on the contents, but the house was insured for a small amount.

HON. W. E. NICKLE DENIES REORGANIZATION REPORT

Toronto, Aug. 3.—"I have not heard anything about it, and the matter has not been discussed by the government in council," said Hon. W. E. Nickle, attorney-general, today, when his attention was drawn to a newspaper report that the gradual reorganization of the Ontario license board was "a serious consideration by the government."

Mr. Nickle was emphatic in his declaration that the cabinet had not given any attention to the matter.



WHEELBARROW RACE AT FORD PICNIC. Start of the wheelbarrow race at thousand dealers, with their families, friends, and friends, were present, and the annual picnic of Ford motor dealers of Western Ontario, held on Wednesday at Grand Bend. Several pictures, the barrows and their pushers posed for The Advertiser staff photographer.

LONDON'S MAYOR SENDS SYMPATHY ON BEHALF OF CITY

Wenige Orders Flag on City Hall Placed at Half-mast.

DEATH REGRETTED

Chief Magistrate Expresses Sorrow at Death of U. S. President.

The people of London, Canada, through Mayor George Wenige and members of the city council, have extended today their sympathy to Mrs. Harding. At noon Mayor Wenige sent the following message: "On behalf of the citizens of London, Canada, I extend sympathy in the deep loss you have sustained. The people of London will join with those of the United States in conveying to you their heartfelt sorrow in your hour of bereavement. "GEORGE WENIGE, Mayor."

In addition to this, his worship directed John McNamara, sergeant-at-arms at the city hall, to fly the flag at half-mast.

Mayor Wenige felt that his action would be only fitting for the occasion.

DETECTIVE IS KILLED IN PURSUIT OF MAN

John Rogers of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Force Victim of Gunman.

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 3.—Detective John Rogers of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., police force, was instantly killed this morning when he was shot in the neck by William Ross, alleged to be a confidence man, operating over the river, who was being pursued by the officer. Ross was cornered at Prospect Point, and started to run after pulling a gun. Detective Rogers drew his gun, but did not fire. When pursued Ross wheeled around and fired point blank at the detective, killing him instantly. A son of another detective took up the chase, which led to a rooming-house, where Ross was arrested in the bathroom. He had a preliminary hearing on first degree murder today.

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HOW MONASTERY WILL LOOK. Above is shown the new monastery for the Redemptorist Fathers, now in the course of construction on Dundas street east. The illustration is from the architect's plan. When the building is completed it will be a noteworthy addition to London's architecture.

The Last Words of Pres. Harding

Associated Press Despatch. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 3.—"That's good! Go on, read some more." These were the last words uttered by President Harding to Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. Harding was at his bedside reading aloud when she paused and looked at the president, according to Alfred Holman, San Francisco publisher, and close personal friend of the president, who visited the sick room a few moments before the end came. Mr. Holman told interviewers that the president's hand raised as he asked Mrs. Harding to continue reading. Instantly his expression changed. He was dead.

Mrs. Harding was reading an article entitled "A Calm Review of a Calm Man," in which President Harding was the man reviewed.

REAL ESTATE DEALS SHOW LONDON NORMAL

Assessment Commissioner Reports Transfers For July Total 133.

London is well back to normal as further indicated today from the realty exchange report submitted to The Advertiser by Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett. Real estate transfers for the month of July totaled 133.

Further evidence of London's steady growth is also forthcoming today from the office of Building Inspector A. M. Piper, who reports that since Aug. 1 no less than 37 building and alteration permits have been issued for work estimated roughly at \$50,105.

There have been 1,102 real estate transfers in this city since Jan. 1, as follows: January, 106; February, 105; March, 149; April, 198; May, 245; June, 176; July, 133.

LITTLE GIRL HAS FINGERS HURT IN WASHING MACHINE

While playing around a washing machine at the home of her parents this morning, Vera Howard, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howard, 71 Dillabough avenue, caught her fingers in the cogs, and had to be removed to Victoria Hospital. Her wounds were dressed by Dr. E. M. Copeland, and while they are not considered serious, are extremely painful.

WILL LAY CORNERSTONE OF HEBREW INSTITUTION

The cornerstone of the House of Twifville, for the Jewish ladies of London, corner of Horton and Colborne streets, will be laid Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the direction of Rabbi Levine, Hamilton, who will also be in charge of the dedicatory services. This, the second venture within a short time, speaks well for the enterprise and faith of the Jewish people of the city. The other service was when the cornerstone of the new synagogue was laid.

WINDSOR DRIVER HURT WHEN CAR HITS WAGON

Windsor, Aug. 3.—Samuel Shergold, driver for the Windsor City Dairy, is at the point of death at Hotel Dieu, suffering from severe injuries which he received when a westbound passenger street car crashed into his milk wagon on crossing Wyandotte street at Dufferin place this morning at 2:45 o'clock. The operator of the car, Leonard Downey, 325 E. street, was held at police headquarters until early this morning and later released.

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ADVISES BRITAIN FRENCH STAY TILL RESISTANCE ENDS

Poincare Asserts Reparations Payment Must Be Made or Assured.

THREATENS RUIN

Question Position To Be Gained by Appraisal of Germany's Ability To Pay.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Aug. 3.—Premier Poincaré's recent note to London informed the British Government that France could not negotiate with Germany until passive resistance in the Ruhr was brought to an end, and that evacuation could not be considered until a final agreement was reached and reparations payments were made or assured.

The substance of the note was made public last evening after the premier had read press accounts of the British prime minister's statement, in which Great Britain's proposals were disclosed.

The French note raised the question of what might be gained by once more appraising Germany's capacity to pay. The French premier's note also suggested that if the London government would let Germany know that it did not approve of a policy of passive resistance in the Ruhr, the situation would be adjusted immediately.

The Paris newspapers find that the speeches of Prime Minister Baldwin and Foreign Secretary Curzon in the British parliament yesterday are more favorable than had been expected, and the press comments show almost relief. The moderate organ Figaro even asserts that the statements substantially represent the progress of the last public declaration of the prime minister, pointing out that Mr. Baldwin contests the efficacy of the Ruhr occupation, but no longer contests its legality.

All commentators find that the salient character of the British declaration is its moderation. It is an admission of impotence. The comment of the financial world, as epitomized by l'oeuvre, an unrestrained financial journal, calls attention to the fact that the franc yesterday touched the lowest exchange figure since the war.

Le Matin adds that France will never capitulate before international finance. "Does not Mr. Baldwin feel it troubling around him?" asks this newspaper.

CLAIMS HARDING HAD PREMONITION OF DEATH

Brother of Dead President Cites Instances To Prove Statement.

Special to The Advertiser. Marion, Ohio, Aug. 3.—President Harding had a premonition of death, Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., his brother, said today. "I think they were evidently sensed danger," said Dr. Harding.

The president's brother cited the sale of the Marion Star, purchase of the old Dickerson home in Morrow County, and the making of a new will shortly before the western trip started as evidence that the president was concerned about his health and was getting his affairs in order.

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WENIGE PROPOSES CITY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Believes Body Would Aid the Police and Fire Departments.

ADD TO EFFICIENCY

Asserts Overlapping of Duties Results in Matters Being Overlooked.

Mayor Wenige declared today that in his opinion a "public safety commission" would not conflict with the authority and duties of the London police commission.

And he proposes that the special commission shall consist of five members, the mayor and four members of the city council—two each from the finance committee and the board of works.

"The safety commission would tend for greater co-operation between the fire and police departments," asserted the mayor, "and would not, in my opinion, interfere with the administrative powers of the police commissioners. There are now certain instances where the police and fire departments overlap, and then there are instances where they fall short of each other. I think that a safety department would mean increased efficiency. And it should consist of aldermen only."

Mayor Wenige believes that the day will come when the people will be permitted by provincial legislation to elect their police commissioners, and that in the meanwhile the "safety commission" would assist matters generally.

BREAKS INTO HOME AND SCARES WOMAN

St. Thomas Police Arrest Man Thought To Have Entered House.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Aug. 3.—An unusual case of housebreaking was reported by the police this morning. About 2:30 a.m. Sgt. Geddes received a hurried call to a home on St. Catharines street. Hearing screams over the phone he raced to the scene, the trouble, and found the lady of the house in a very agitated condition at the residence of her neighbor, where she had taken refuge.

She told the police that there was a man in her house, and showed marks on her arm where he had gripped her. She had broken away and fled to her neighbors.

The police searched the premises, but could find no trace of the intruder. A cellar window had been opened and the screen pulled off. About an hour later the police were again notified that a man was trying to make his way into a Station street residence. The man escaped over the fence as Sgt. Geddes and Police Constable Hawkins arrived.

The woman whose house was entered gave the police the description of a man who had loitered near her home during the preceding day in an apparently intoxicated condition. As a result the man was arrested this morning by Sgt. Ketchaw. He is said to have admitted the ownership of a hat found near the scene of the occurrence. Questioned regarding the case, he could remember none of his actions, having been in an intoxicated condition.

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Swallows At City Hall Lose Their Happy Homes

Birds That Have Been Nesting in Old Building For Years Shut Out by Old Boys' Decorations.

There was a fearful row in front of the city hall this morning. City Treasurer "Jimmy" Bell reports, and it may require a special session to straighten out all difficulties.