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HARDING TAKES REINS

QUICK RETURN TO PROSPERITY URGED BY HARDING IN INAUGURAL ADDRESS

BECOMES 29TH PRESIDENT WITH QUIET CEREMONY

PRESIDENT DENOUNCES ALLIANCES

Says Unemployment Must Be Brought to End and Hopes for Day When Amerila Will Become "Nation of Homes."

Washington—President Harding, in his inaugural speech, denounced the "entanglements" of the world and urged a return to the "normalcy" of the United States.

High Lights In Harding's First Speech

The recorded progress of our republic... proves the wisdom of the inherited policy of non-involvement in the world's wars.

Wilson Can Give Startling Facts On Peace Confab

Leaves White House, Crippled and Half Blind, But Mind Intact, In Possession of Secrets That May Some Day Rock the World.

Washington—Woodrow Wilson leaves the White House today to seek health and rest in a life of practical retirement for a few months, and then pursue his work for world peace.

Mr. Wilson—The Most Successful Man in the World—Bridgeport Times First Page Editorial.

Events are interlocking. There is no absolutely independent thing. Everything that will be taking its shape from things that are.

DEATH OF CHAMP CLARK CASTS PALL OVER CEREMONIES

Washington—Hanging like a pall over the jollity and merry-making of the inaugural visitors today was the news that Champ Clark, the great Democratic leader, who almost was president, died.

GERMANS PLAN New Taxes To Meet Demands

London—"The result of the German cabinet's deliberations on the indemnity situation is hopeful," it was announced by the German delegation today.

EXPRESSES HOPE THAT THIS COUNTRY WILL JOIN LEAGUE

Paris—President da Cunha of the council of the League of Nations in a speech at the closing session of the council today expressed the hope that the United States would enter the League of Nations.

C. OF C. TO BALLOT

Posters and nominating ballots are being mailed to members of the Chamber of Commerce today. Twelve directors are to be elected to serve three years.

HOLYOKE HAS \$100,000 FIRE

Holyoke, Mass.—A general alarm was sounded here today when fire was discovered in the plant of the Judge Paper Company.

STRIKERS WOUNDED

Mexico City.—A clash between strikers and troops at Guadalajara in a number of streets resulted in wounded was reported by the governor of Jalisco today.

Gallagher Gives Mayor Overwhelming Defeat

Lawrence T. Gallagher was re-elected Exalted Ruler of the Bridgeport Lodge of Elks at the annual meeting last evening, defeating his competitor, Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, by 592 to 343.

CABINET AMENDS PLANS

Berlin—The German cabinet met this morning to draw up fresh instructions for the indemnity delegation at London, based upon the answer which was returned yesterday to the Germans' counter-proposals.

NURSES AGAINST BILL

A mass meeting will be held tomorrow at Gifford Chapel, New Haven hospital, which is urged every nurse in the state not actively occupied with a case, attend.

Washington.—Pressing his lips to an historic Bible used at the inauguration of George Washington, Warren G. Harding, 29th President of the United States, took the oath administered by Chief Justice White.

President Wilson, yielding to the last minute entreaties of his family and physician, took no part in the inaugural ceremonies other than to accompany the incoming President from the White House to the capitol, where he signed some bills and then went with Mrs. Wilson to the new home which will be theirs in the residential section of the city.

Immediately after the administration of the oath Mr. Harding turned to the vast crowd which stretched across the capitol plaza and began the delivery of his inaugural address.

Sound amplifiers carried his voice to the outskirts of the big assembly. A chill wind feebly warmed by a bright sun which the broad space which appeared strangely in contrast of ochre years when it has been illuminated by the uniforms of West Point cadets, midshipmen from Annapolis and troops.

Following his oath anew to American institutions, President Harding reiterated a plea for a return to "normalcy" for industrial peace, for friendship with the world, and spoke of his promise to work for an association of nations to bring about peace and "approximate" disarmament.

"I am sure our people will not misunderstand me," he said, "in my declaration of a fresh pronouncement against 'entangling alliances.'"

"America," he said, "can enter into no political commitments, nor assume any economic obligations, which will subject our decisions to any other than our own authority."

"We have no thought to impede the paths to closer relationship. We wish to promote understanding. We want to do our part to make offensive warfare so hateful that governments and people who resort to it must prove the righteousness of their cause to outlaws before the bar of civilization."

Then speaking of his determination to enter no "entangling alliances" Mr. Harding declared: "It is sanctity. It is not selfishness; it is sanctity. It is not aloofness; it is security. It is not suspicion of the things which made us what we are."

Immediately at the conclusion of the inaugural address the small party which had accompanied Mr. Harding to the White House, escorted by the cavalry troops which had brought it to the capitol.

The last minute entreaties of his family and physician, President Wilson took no part in the inaugural ceremonies today other than to accompany President-elect Harding to the White House, escorted by the cavalry troops which had brought it to the capitol.

Mr. Wilson had been warned that he would take part in the ceremonies at the capitol at the risk of losing all the gains he has made toward health if not indeed his life.