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THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD

BRITISH STRESS NEED FOR UNITY AMONG ENTENTE

The Expected Break With
France And Belgium Not
Announced Today

TO PUBLISH NOTES

Britain Proposes To Pub-
lish Correspondence And
Force World Pressure

London, Aug. 2—(Special to the
Daily Democrat)—Failing to announce
an expected break with France and
Belgium over reparations, Premier
Baldwin in commons and Marquis
Curzon in lords, delivered today identi-
cal statements that expressed a hope that
unity of the entente that won the
war may yet be possible in the division
of the spoils.

But the British statesmen stressed
the need of prompt action and declared
that, having failed to reach agreement
with her allies on reparations, Britain
proposes to publish recent correspondence
and thus bring world pressure to bear on France and Belgium.

With permission of the allies, Baldwin
proposes to tell commons of the
recent interchange of notes on reparations.
But he made no threat of separate
action.

"We are still hopeful of securing
allied unity," the prime minister declared,
while a crowded house that had
expected to hear of a rupture of
the entente, cheered.

While Baldwin was urging that discussion
which would lead to a final
conference be started at once, Curzon
was warning the lords that Europe
was sinking rapidly towards ruin and
there might not be time to wait while
statesmen argued.

Many Small Thefts
Much petty stealing has been reported to the local police recently and in nearly every instance, the work has been done by young boys, it is said. Unless the thieving stops, it will be necessary to resort to court action, Joel Reynolds, chief of police, said today. Most of the articles taken consist of bicycles, bicycle tires, and other small articles which can be obtained easily. A bicycle was stolen last night and police believe they can soon locate the thief.

REV. H. H. HOCKER RECEIVES HONOR

Former Adams County Man
Is Making Good In
Rodono, California

Rev. H. H. Hocker, former Adams
county man and a brother of C. E.
Hocker, of this city, was elected presi-
dent of the Chamber of Commerce in
Redono, California. Rev. Hocker left
the Indiana conference of the
Methodist church and went to
California about twenty years ago. He
has made good as a minister and
public spirited man. The following
account of his election as president
of the Chamber of Commerce in Redono,
was taken from a Redono news-
paper:

"The recently elected board of
directors of the Redono Chamber of
Commerce met yesterday afternoon at
the Elks club and organized. Rev.
H. H. Hocker, pastor of the First
Methodist church, was elected presi-
dent. He made strenuous objections,
declaring that his work took up most
of his time. But the other directors
insisted that he assume the position.
O. A. Mercer was elected first vice-
president and C. E. Perkins, second
vice-president. Harry Cooper was
named as board secretary and Georg
Anderson, as treasurer."

BECOMES PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES



Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, who becomes president through the death of President Harding.

PAT HARRISON GIVES ADDRESS HERE TONIGHT

Mississippi Senator Feature
On Chautauqua Program
At 8:30 O'clock

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAM
Large And Appreciative Au-
diences Attend Chautau-
qua; Band Pleases

Friday's Program
AFTERNOON
3:00—Concert—The Weber Male
Quartet—Well known concert and
Chautauqua artists of New
York City.
EVENING
7:30—Concert—The Weber Male
Quartet—An enjoyable blend
of the old and new, the
classical and the popular.
8:30—Lecture "The Destiny of
Democracy" Fred G. Bale
sound in philosophy.

United States Senator Pat Harrison,
from Mississippi, one of the young-
est members of the Senate, and a
promising orator, will be the feature
attraction of the Decatur Independent
Chautauqua this evening. Mr. Harrison
will speak at 8:30 o'clock, on the
subject "Problems of the Day." One
of the largest audiences of the chau-
tauqua is expected to greet Mr. Harris-
son tonight. His address will be pre-
ceded by a concert given by the Gib-
sonians and Fisher Shipp company.
This concert will begin at 7:30 o'clock.
This same company gave a concert
this afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock.
Fine Program Yesterday.

Large and appreciative audiences attended
the chautauqua yesterday afternoon and evening. The Sidney Municipal
Band, from Sidney, Ohio, gave a splendid concert in the afternoon and another in the evening. The evening concert was given before the
entertainment by Mr. Burgerfer in order that the band members could
motor to Sidney, Ohio, last night. The
band is composed of twenty excellent
musicians and are very capably directed
by B. O. Worrell. In addition to
several numbers by the entire band,
a saxophone solo and vocal solo added
much to the entertainment. Several
encores were necessary to quiet the
applause. The last number played
last night was a march written by Mr.
Worrell.

Meub Pleases Audience

Albert Phillip Meub, a dialect reader
and impersonator of much ability,
entertained the audience yesterday
afternoon for an hour with a series
of very interesting readings and im-
personations. Mr. Meub is a master
of Italian, Irish, Yiddish and Yankee
dialects and his program was highly
interesting. He received great ap-
plause from his audience.

Burgerfer A Real Fun Maker

Mr. Burgerfer, whose profession is
making people laugh, provided the
closing number on yesterday evening's
program. He lives up to his title,
"Apostle of Fun," and his numbers
last night were very humorous. Mr.
Burgerfer told funny stories im-
personated funny people, and made funny
faces until even the gloom spreaders
had to smile. His last number, in
which he imitated the noises made
by various animals and machines, was
one of his best.

So good were his imitations that a
number of dogs in around the tent be-
gan barking and nearly spoiled the
entertainment. Interspersed among
his fun provokers, were brief moral-
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NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE DEAD



Warren G. Harding, twenty-ninth president of the United States, who died at the Palace Hotel, in San Francisco, California, at 7:30 o'clock last night.

BUYS INTEREST IN STORE HERE

Dee Fryback Buys Third
Interest In Beavers
Furniture Store

TWO BUSINESS FIRMS MOVING

Hyland Plumbing Shop And
Ace Battery And Tire
Shop Change Location

A third interest in the Beavers Furniture
Store of this city was sold by E. A. Beavers to Dee Fryback, well known local young man, who has been
associated with Mr. Beavers in the
furniture business for nearly two
years. The new partnership, which began
August first, will be known as Beavers
and Fryback, Mr. Beavers stated.
Mr. Beavers has been connected with
the furniture store for fourteen years,
the present store being established
when the firm was known as Meyer,
Scherer and Beavers.

Store At Montpelier

Mr. Beavers and Frank Wagoner,
bookkeeper at the Bowser plant, of
Fort Wayne and a former Decatur
young man, will open a furniture
store at Montpelier, Indiana. The
stock for the new and up to date
store has been ordered and a large
business room in the center of the
town has been leased by Messers.
Beavers and Wagoner, the second
floor being used as a stock room. The
Montpelier store will be known as
the Beavers and Wagoner Furniture
store and will be a distinct and sep-
arate concern. They hope to open
the store within a short time.

Weather

Generally fair and cooler tonight,
preceded by local thunder showers
in extreme south this afternoon or
tonight; Friday generally fair; moderate
temperature.

DEATH SHOCKS ENTIRE NATION

BULLETIN

Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California, Aug. 2—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Harding died suddenly at 7:30 p. m. The following official statement was issued:

"The President died instantly without warning and while conversing with members of his family at 7:30 p. m. Death was apparently due to some brain trouble, probably apoplexy. During the day he had been free from discomfort and there was every justification of anticipating a prompt recovery."

The oath will be administered to Vice-president Coolidge in Vermont, probably Friday morning.

The president's death startled his official party as much as it did the nation. It followed a day during which his condition had been pronounced the best of any time since he took his recent turn for the worse.

The first indication of a serious development came when Dr. Sawyer called in Dr. Econ for a consultation. After a few minutes it was announced that the entire staff of physicians attending the president had been called in.

The president died at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harding and two nurses were in his room at the time. Mrs. Harding was reading to the president when, without warning, a slight shudder passed through his frame. He collapsed and all recognized that the end had come.

The nation was saddened when news of his untimely death was made public. The tragic death of the president came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky and brings sorrow to the hearts of Americans.

SELLEMAYER GIRL IS DEAD

Catherine Sellemeyer, Popular Little Girl, Dies At Fort Wayne Today

Catherine Elizabeth Sellemeyer, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sellemeyer, died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne, of ptomaine poisoning. The news of her death was conveyed to relatives here over the telephone.

Little Miss Catherine was one of the most charming and talented girls of her age in Decatur and was known to nearly everyone in the city, having taken part in public entertainment many times. She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sellemeyer. She attended the fair last fall and became poisoned by something which she ate on the fair grounds it is thought. She took sick on Friday night and her condition grew worse until she was taken to the Fort Wayne hospital at midnight Monday night. The best medical attention possible was given her in an effort to save her life.

The remains will be brought back to the home on North Fifth street this evening. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. Blackburn Sinking

A report from the bedside of William Blackburn, one of the oldest and respected citizens of the city, today stated that he was gradually growing weaker. He has been unable to swallow for several days.

New Corn On Market

Home-grown roasting ears made their appearance on the local market yesterday. They were retailing at 30 cents a dozen.

It is also probable that the conference will result in the appointment of a federal agent for southern Indiana. His office has been vacant since last November when Walker Franke resigned.

The President took worse Sunday night when he arrived here on his return trip from Alaska, where he and the presidential party, including his faithful and grief stricken wife, spent several weeks, the president investigating conditions there.

When the president took ill more than a week ago it was stated that his illness was brought about from eating crabmeat while on board the steamship Henderson in Alaska waters.

President Harding was the first president to have paid a visit to Alaska and Canada.

Upon his reaching San Francisco, the president's condition was such that he had to take to his bed and on Monday his entire California trip was canceled.

The brains of American medical science was called in on consultation on the chief executive's condition and the last official bulletin issued today was to the effect that he "was holding his own" and seemed to show improvement.

Warren Harding was elected President of the United States in 1920 by the largest majority ever given by the American people, receiving a popular vote of over seven million.

Warren Gamaliel Harding was born near Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio on November 2, 1865 and the election which made him President of the United States was held on November 2. His death today is another coincidence in which the second figures. Previous to being elected president he was publisher and owner of the Marion, Ohio Star.

He took office on March 4, 1921, having served two years, three months and twenty-eight days of his office.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Eliza J. Meyers to Joseph Shinn, lot 74 in Decatur, for \$50.

Anna J. Laman to Martha Gilson, lot 118 in Decatur, for \$4,500.