

# 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 Publish 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 identical 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 he started at once, Curzon was warning the lords that Europe is 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 Rodondo, California

Rev. H. H. Hocker, former Adams county man and a brother of C. E. Hocker, of this city, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce in Redondo, 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 Redondo, was taken from a Redondo newspaper:

"The recently elected board of directors of the Redondo Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon at the Elks club and organized. Rev. H. H. Hocker, pastor of the First Methodist church, was elected president. 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 George Anderson, as treasurer."

## PAT HARRISON GIVES ADDRESS HERE TONIGHT

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

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAM

Large And Appreciative Audiences Attend Chautauqua; 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 blending 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 youngest 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 chautauqua is expected to greet Mr. Harrison tonight. His address will be preceded by a concert given by the Gibsons 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. Burdgerfer 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.

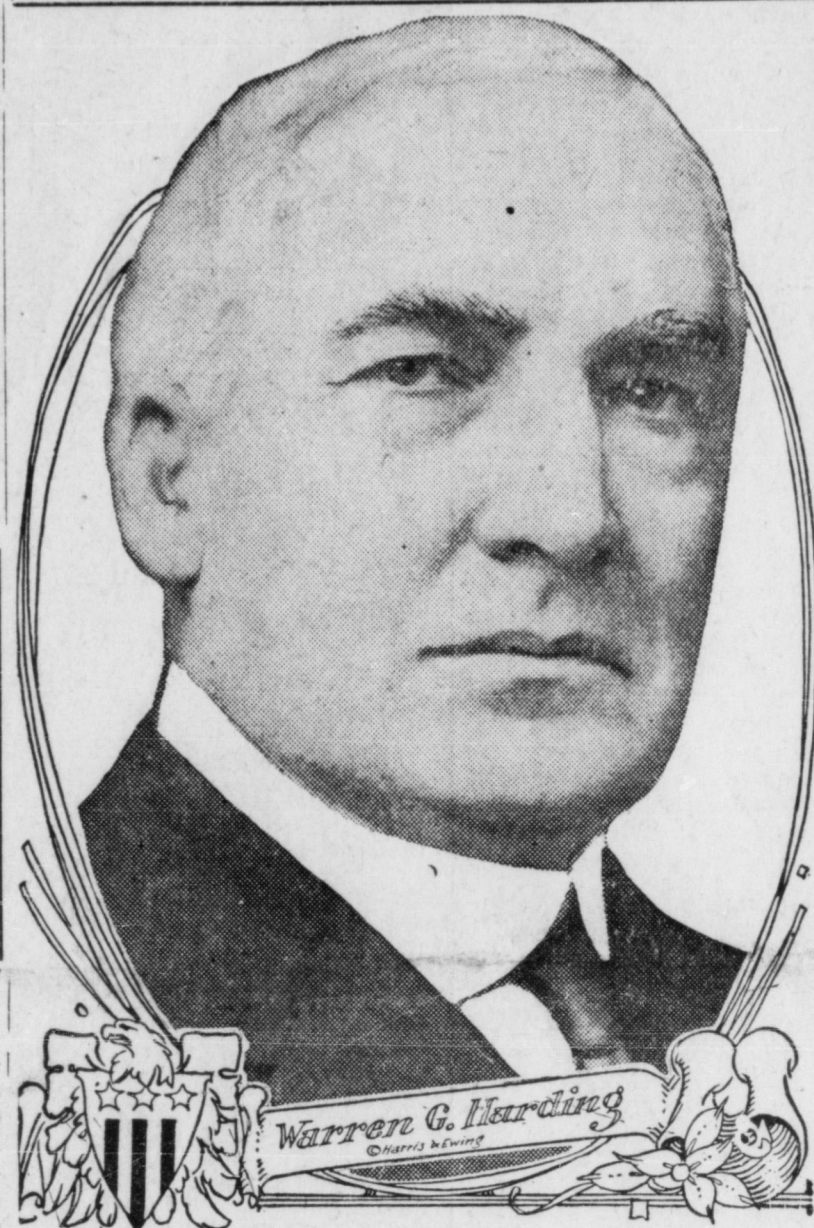
**Meub Pleases Audience**  
Albert Phillip Meub, a dialect reader and impersonator of much ability, entertained the audience yesterday afternoon for an hour with a series of very interesting readings and impersonations. Mr. Meub is a master of Italian, Irish, Yiddish and Yankee dialects and his program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

**Burdgerfer A Real Fun Maker**  
Mr. Burdgerfer, 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. Burdgerfer told funny stories impersonated 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 began 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.

## 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. Egan 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 pneumonia 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 week 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. The 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 cancelled.

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 majority 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.

## BUYS INTEREST IN STORE HERE

Dee Fryback Buys Third Interest In Beavers Furniture Store

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 and the furniture store will be known by that name.

Mr. Fryback, who is a son-in-law of Mr. Beavers, is an excellent and courteous young man and has made many friends since his connection with the Beavers store. The same policy of carrying good furniture at reasonable prices will be followed by 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 Montpellier**  
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 Montpellier, 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 Messrs. Beavers and Wagoner. The second floor being used as a stock room. The Montpellier store will be known as the Beavers and Wagoner Furniture store and will be a distinct and separate concern. They hope to open the store within a short time.

## TWO BUSINESS FIRMS MOVING

Hyland Plumbing Shop And Ace Battery And Tire Shop Change Location

The P. J. Hyland plumbing shop and the Ace Battery and Tire shop will occupy the two rooms in the north half of the Charles Sether building on North Second street, it was announced today. Mr. Hyland will occupy the south room and the battery and tire shop the north room. A partition was erected, dividing the lower floor in half, and another partition divides the north half. The two firms will move within the next two days, part of the battery and tire shop being moved today.

Mr. Hyland's plumbing shop has been located in one of the lower rooms of the citizens' telephone building on West Monroe street for several years, but recently the telephone company decided to move its offices to that room and Mr. Hyland was asked to move.

An increase in business made it necessary for the Ace Battery and Tire Shop now located on Second street, to seek a larger room. The owners of the business, Joe Brennan and Adrian Lenhart, are two of Decatur's enterprising young men and both are hustlers. They handle a complete line of high class tires, oils, gasoline, accessories, and Prest-O-Lite storage batteries and service.

## Weather

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



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