

## Took Washington 14 Days; Harding Used Only Minutes

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It is a far cry from the weary drive of George Washington from his Mount Vernon home to New York to the dash by motor made by President Harding from the White House to the Capitol.

The motorized procession lasted fourteen days, and relays of coaches and saddle horses were necessary for his long drive. President Harding was whisked to the Capitol in a very few minutes in the most modern of motor vehicles.

The shadows of other inaugurations hovering over Washington today run the same course from the fourteen-day trip of George Washington and the heavily guarded inauguration of Abraham Lincoln to the quiet and unostentatious proceedings of today.

Spring had barely banished the ice still muddied from the thawing frosts, when George Washington left Mount Vernon April 13, in a horse-drawn carriage, for New York to take the oath of office. The first President had proceeded no farther than Georgetown—then a thriving port and now a residential section of Washington—when he was met by a cavalcade. For the next fourteen days his drive was a procession of honor, with celebrations all along the route as he approached. April 30, 1789, the guns boomed at Ft. George in New York harbor and the first inaugural was under way.

The streets of New York were thronged as George Washington, in a stage coach, preceded by military honors and dignified delegations, drove to the Federal building and took the oath of office. The guns boomed forth again and the church bells pealed as Washington, attired in dark brown broadcloth and properly bearded, drove back to the presidential mansion.

John Adams, second President, set a new fashion when he was inaugurated at Philadelphia. Street parades and displays were absolutely lacking when he was conducted into office, and the meager arrangements of the ceremony indicated that there was little enthusiasm as Adams was inaugurated.

Thomas Jefferson's inauguration is the subject of historical controversy. John Sharp Williams, Senator from Mississippi, and an authority on the life of Jefferson, declares that Jefferson rode to the Capitol, tied his horse to a hitching

### President's Pay

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The President's "on the side" fund is \$25,000, provided by Congress for incidental expenses—to pay nothing of a private yacht and a private car and a nice big house on Pennsylvania avenue to live in. This rounds off the salary of \$61,533 per week that the President's job pays. President Harding's profits from the job, however, were not diminished by an income tax that was not applied to his predecessor, as the act was passed during his term.

Revolutionary veterans, hastily called into service.

Jackson made an impression, however, on the crowd that gathered to hear him make his inaugural address in the Capitol portico, which was used for the first time for that purpose. At the close of the address he was the center of a storm of admirers, and going into their midst he held an informal reception. The crowd tagged along, cheering wildly as he returned to the White House. At the White House the crowd became a mob and ran wild through the mansion, causing great damage to the furniture.

Martin Van Buren's inauguration brought great crowds to Washington and the carnival spirit prevailed. Van Buren rode to the Capitol in a state coach made from the original timbers of the frigate Constitution, drawn by four horses elaborately bedecked with brass-mounted harness.

**HARRISON RODE WHITE CHARGER.**

Preparations for a great parade were made for William Henry Harrison and the Whigs turned out in great strength. President Harrison refused to ride to the Capitol in state, however, but mounted his favorite saddle horse, a white charger, and cantered down Pennsylvania avenue bareheaded and acknowledged the salutes of the huge crowds that wanted to pay their respects to "Old Tippecanoe."

James K. Polk rode at the head of a great parade in his inauguration procession, through a heavy rain and a sea of mud.

Zachary Taylor was known as "Old Rough and Ready" and his inauguration seemed to fit that characterization, for it was the noisiest celebration that staid old Washington had ever witnessed. General Taylor laid away his favorite military costume, however, and rode in a

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James Buchanan's inauguration was the signal for a great social celebration. Buchanan was a bachelor.

Abraham Lincoln's inauguration was in the midst of a storm camp. Attempts to set him aside against all display and counted his inauguration as a matter of but little import. At least, it is certain that Jefferson was not escorted by the outgoing President, for history records that John Adams drove away from Washington during the night in order that he might not see or hear of Jefferson's inaugural.

James Monroe did not take his cue from Jefferson, for his inauguration was the signal for a great celebration and a parade in which large numbers of Federal troops participated. Nine companies of militia, a considerable force for that time, escorted President Madison, and he was ushered into the Senate chamber to take the oath of a senatorial committee of the members of the Cabinet.

On the evening President Madison and ex-President Jefferson both attended an inaugural ball.

**A CAVALCADE.**

James Monroe went to the Capitol to be sworn in surrounded by a cavalcade of prominent citizens, and upon his arrival at the Capitol he was met by the Marine Corps and several other military companies. After his inauguration he gave a huge public reception, which set a mark for social functions of that day, and in the evening he attended an inaugural ball.

John Quincy Adams failed to follow his father's example, for his inauguration led the way for real inaugural celebrations. The inauguration was the greatest display that the nation had ever seen up to that time, and the social functions which followed were most elaborate. The guest of honor was John Adams, the second President, and the invited guests were the wife of John Quincy Adams.

When Andrew Jackson took office it was in the midst of a bitter partisan struggle. John Quincy Adams took a long horseback ride, rather than to attend the inaugural and the only unmounted troop available refused to escort it. Washington had ever witnessed General Taylor laid away his favorite

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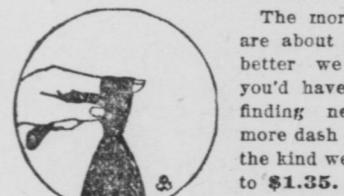
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