

# PRESIDENT COOLIDGE PROCLAIMS AUGUST 10 AS DAY OF MOURNING

## THOUSANDS BOW HEADS IN TRIBUTE

Silent, Hushed Throngs Line Route of Funeral Train Speed-  
ing Eastward With Last Mortal Remains  
of Warren G. Harding.

### MILITARY GUARD STANDS AT FLAG-DRAPED CASKET

Grief Stricken Widow Presents Brave and Tragic Figure,  
Buoyed Up by Pride in Record of  
Her Husband.

By LAWRENCE MARTIN

IMLAY, Nev., Aug. 4.—The train bearing the body of Presi-  
dent Harding to Washington stopped ten minutes here today.

The train arrived at 9:33 a. m. and left at 9:43.  
Practically all of the citizens of the vicinity of Imlay were  
standing bareheaded on the station platform.

Almost every mile of the way from San Francisco has fur-  
nished evidence of the Nation's sorrow. All through the night  
as the train plunged on at a speed equaled only by the crack  
Overland fliers, men, women and children could be seen standing  
along the track, the men bareheaded, and all wearing a hushed  
and reverent look.

The flag draped casket rests in the same car in which the late  
President journeyed across the continent on his way to Alaska.  
At its head and foot, the guard of honor—two soldiers and two  
sailors stand rigidly at attention.

As the presidential funeral train crosses the full breadth of the be-  
reaved country millions will observe  
its passing. In the lighted car there  
is a profusion of flowers.

Coffin Is Rosewood  
There is a simple rosewood coffin  
with Warren Gamaliel Harding in-  
scribed on its small silver plate.

It is guarded by soldiers, sailors  
and marines chosen from the detach-  
ments that accompanied President  
Harding on the Henderson. Though  
the train will not pause for ceremony,  
it will proceed at a slower pace  
through towns and cities. Only for  
switching requirements will it halt be-  
fore reaching the capital.

The crowds that stood in the night  
were obviously moved by the passing  
presence, for no sound came from  
them. They stood in mute respect as  
the train with the flag-draped coffin  
in the last car went by.

In the same car was the brave and  
tragic figure of Mrs. Harding, facing  
still several days of need to keep fight-  
ing her grief, still too much in the  
public eye to be allowed to go away  
by herself with her sorrow.

Spirit Is Unbroken  
It was impossible for Mrs. Harding  
to rest as she needs to rest. Her  
nerves are too unstrung for quiet  
sleep, her heart throbbing too pain-  
fully to the too new wound to permit  
her the repose that she should have.  
But her spirit was unbroken, her pulse  
unimpaired. Mrs. Harding gives new  
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## BOYS AND GIRLS, WANT TO WIN \$10?

Times and Veterans Cooperate in Essay Contest Among  
Grade School Children.

Get out your pens and paper, grade  
school children of Indianapolis.  
The Indianapolis Times, cooperating  
with Hoosier Post 624, Veterans of  
Foreign Wars, will conduct a contest  
to find out what Indianapolis grade  
school boy or girl can write the best  
essay upon:

"Why I am glad I am an American."  
Marry B. Dynes, labor commissioner,  
and a member of the post, offers a  
first prize of \$10 and second of \$5.

Prizes will be awarded Saturday  
evening, Aug. 11, at 8:30 at the post's  
lawn, 101 S. Spades Park. The essay  
opens Friday. Every boy and girl  
who enters an essay in the contest,  
will receive a free ticket to the fête.  
The essays must be not longer than  
200 words, written in ink or by type-  
writer on one side of the paper only.  
They must be mailed or delivered

### MORE SHOWERS ON WAY

Cool but Wet Weather Is Promised  
for Week-End.

Week end motorists and picnickers  
will enjoy cooler weather, but it will  
be up to them to dodge thunder show-  
ers, according to J. H. Armstrong,  
weather bureau meteorologist, today.  
Cooler weather is scheduled to arrive  
tonight and by Sunday afternoon  
clearing weather may be expected, he  
said.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE  
6 a. m. .... 72 10 a. m. .... 78  
7 a. m. .... 74 11 a. m. .... 80  
8 a. m. .... 75 12 noon .... 82  
9 a. m. .... 76 1 p. m. .... 84

## Guns of Fort Ben Boom in Salute

Veterans to Hold Memorial  
Services at Monu-  
ment.

Indiana continued today to pay  
tribute to the memory of Warren G.  
Harding.

Messages of condolence were sent to  
Mrs. Harding and resolutions were  
adopted by many organizations. Me-  
morial services of the various kinds  
were planned. Churches on Sunday  
will devote their services to the mem-  
ory of the dead President.

At Ft. Benjamin Harrison, a gun  
boomed at half hour intervals all day,  
a salute to the memory of the Presi-  
dent. Regimental colors were draped  
and officers were ordered to wear  
mourning bands on their sleeves for  
thirty days.

### Services on Monument

Services will be held on the south  
side of the Monument Sunday after-  
noon by Hoosier Post No. 624, La  
Velle-Gosssett post, Brown-Browns-  
burg post and Joppo post, Veterans  
of Foreign Wars. The Rev. J. Am-  
brose Dunkel will participate.

Executive officers of the Indianapo-  
lis Federation of Community Civic  
Clubs met Friday evening and asked  
all civic clubs to hold memorial serv-  
ices.

### Celebration Called Off

The celebration of the successful  
conclusion of the French fête, which  
was to be held tonight at the Pleas-  
ant Run Golf Club by members of  
the Irvington American Legion post,  
was called off.

Indiana members of Congress paid  
tribute to their dead chief. Senator  
James E. Watson said:

"The President was a remarkable  
combination of heart and conscience  
and brain. He was a man of noblest  
impulses and purest purposes, and  
no person ever was actuated by more  
beautiful sentiment or sustained by  
loftier consideration of right and  
justice."

Lincoln's Death Recalled  
"He never entirely divorced his  
head from his heart in his estimate  
of either man or measures, and  
usually his decisions were right."

Merrill Moores, congressman from  
Indianapolis, said in part:

"It goes without saying that the  
fine personality of President Harding  
will be sadly missed. I was a small  
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### CUPID RESTS IN JULY

Marriage License Total Drops to 365  
From 612 in June.

Cupid evidently rested from his la-  
bors in Marion County following hard  
work of getting out 612 marriage li-  
censes in June, because his July bat-  
tling average reached only 365, records  
in the county clerk's office show.

That's the way it always goes, in  
July though, said Miss Ida Belle  
Franc, deputy clerk. Last year they  
issued 369 licenses in July.

"Nothing to be alarmed at," she  
said. "The number will crawl up  
slowly to a high peak for October,  
and then slump again."

### MARKET PRICES STEADY

Increase in Offerings of Indiana  
Beans Has No Effect.

City market opened today with lit-  
tle change in prices. Indiana lima  
beans, which made their appearance  
Thursday were more plentiful, but the  
original price was not affected.

Butter varied in one brand. The  
price rose 3 cents. All other brands  
of butter are the same. Eggs still are  
selling for 23 and 24 cents a dozen.

### Barber Equipment Stolen

Claude Torr, owner of a barber  
shop at 472 W. Washington St., to-  
day reported to police the theft of a  
pair of electric clippers and an elec-  
tric message machine, valued at \$60.

## Last Picture of Warren G. Harding



THIS PICTURE OF PRESIDENT HARDING—THE LAST TAKEN OF HIM IN LIFE—WAS SNAPPED AT  
SAN FRANCISCO, JUST BEFORE THE LATE PRESIDENT ENTERED THE PALACE HOTEL. THE  
PHOTOGRAPH WAS RUSHED EAST BY AIR MAIL FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH THURS-  
DAY NIGHT.

## SPECIAL SESSION FAVORED BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

### WILSON INVITED TO HARDING FUNERAL

War President Will Have  
Place of Honor in March.

By United Press  
TEMPORARY WHITE HOUSE,  
WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON,  
Aug. 4.—President Coolidge today for-  
mally invited former President Wood-  
row Wilson to take a place of honor  
in the State funeral procession of Mr.  
Harding next Wednesday.

Mr. Coolidge, through Admiral Gray-  
son, personal friend of Mr. Wilson,  
asked that the war President accom-  
pany the cortege.

A squadron of cavalry and a bat-  
talion of field artillery will meet the  
funeral train bearing President Hard-  
ing's body when it arrives Tuesday  
at 1 o'clock and escort the remains  
to the White House.

President Coolidge, Chief Justice  
Taft, Acting President Pro Tem. of  
the Senate, Senator Curtis of Kan-  
sas and Speaker Gillett will head the  
cavalry escort.

### Chambers for Action to Strengthen State 'Blue Sky' Law.

Approval of a suggestion that a  
special session of the Legislature be  
called for the purpose of strengthen-  
ing the Indiana securities law, was  
contained in a letter today from Sen-  
ator Walter S. Chambers, Democratic  
State chairman, to Maurice Menden-  
hall, administrator of the securities  
department.

The proposal for a special session  
grew out of the R. L. Dollings Com-  
pany receivership case and the re-  
velation of securities sales activities  
of the company in the State. The  
suggestion was made first by Men-  
dinhall in a speech before the Credit  
Men's Association Thursday.

"Would Influence Minority  
Senator Chambers said in his letter:  
"If you are seriously considering  
taking this matter up with the Gov-  
ernor, I shall be glad to cooperate with  
you and pledge that I will use my in-  
fluence with the minority to take up  
other legislation and to confine the  
session to two or three days, if pos-  
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### JOHNSON TO ASK ABOUT WARRANTS

Reduction of Treasury Orders  
to Be Querried.

An inquiry into reasons why war-  
rants on the county treasury ordered  
issued by County Commissioners John  
Kitley and Albert Hoffman were re-  
duced from the \$150 allowed by the  
board to \$100 will be made Monday by  
County Attorney Emsley Johnson, it  
was announced following a meeting  
with the commissioners.

Claims allowed by the two com-  
missioners to Doan & Matthews,  
attorneys, for services on the bond  
issue of two county roads showed a  
pencil marking reducing their pay  
it was alleged. The matter was pro-  
tested to the board.

"We allowed \$150 on each of those  
two claims, and we didn't change  
them," said Kitley and Hoffman.  
They said they would ask County  
Auditor Leo K. Fesler about the  
change when he returns Monday.

First Official Proclamation of New Chief Executive Calls on  
Nation to Observe Next Friday in Memory  
of Late Chief of State.

### ASKS REVERENT SUBMISSION TO WILL OF GOD

Recommends People Gather in Houses of Worship Through-  
out Land on Day of Funeral for Fitting  
Expression of Sorrow.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President Coolidge, in his first  
proclamation, issued today, declared Friday, Aug. 10, a day of  
national mourning for the late President Warren G. Harding. On  
that day, he said, the people should gather in their respective  
places of worship and engage in ceremonies fitting the occasion.  
It was also ordered all executive offices of the government  
would be closed at 1 p. m. next Tuesday and remain closed over  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The proclamation said:

"By the President of the United States of America, a pro-  
clamation:

"To the people of the United States:

"In the inscrutable wisdom of Divine Providence, Warren  
G. Harding, twenty-ninth President of the United States, has  
been taken from us. The nation has lost a wise and enlight-  
ened statesman and the American people a true friend and  
counselor, whose whole public life was interspersed with the  
desire to promote the best interests of the United States and  
the welfare of all its citizens. His private life was marked by  
gentleness and brotherly sympathy and by the charm of his  
personality. He made friends of all who came in contact with  
him.

"It is meet that the deep grief which fills the hearts of the  
American people should find fitting expression.

"Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United  
States of America, do appoint Friday, next, Aug. 10, the day on  
which the body of the dead President will be laid in its last  
earthly resting place, as a day of mourning and prayer through-  
out the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to as-  
semble on that day in their respective places of divine worship,  
there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God and  
to pay out of full hearts the homage and love and reverence to  
the memory of the great and good President, whose death has so  
sorely smitten the Nation.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  
caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, the fourth day of August,  
in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twen-  
ty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States, the One  
Hundred and Forty-Eighth. (Signed)

"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

By the President:

CHARLES E. HUGHES,  
Secretary of State.

The White House, Washington, Aug. 4, 1923.

### Matters of National Policy Will Remain Temporarily as They Are, Coolidge Says

By PAUL R. MALLON  
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TEMPORARY WHITE HOUSE,  
WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON,

Aug. 4.—All matters of national policy  
and government will stand tempo-  
rarily as they are, President Coolidge  
announced today in his first confer-  
ence with newspaper men.

No changes will be made, not any  
public commitment of the new Ad-  
ministration until after the funeral  
of President Harding has been com-  
pleted.

In a temporary White House on  
the third floor of the New Willard  
Hotel, the new President performed  
the first functions of his office.

The first official act of his Adminis-  
tration was to set the funeral ar-  
rangements of his dead chief.

Immediately upon his arrival, Mr.  
Coolidge summoned members of his  
Cabinet who are in town—Secretary  
of State Hughes and Postmaster Gen-  
eral Harry S. New.

It was decided the body of the late  
President will be met by the new ex-  
ecutive and the members of his of-  
ficial family—the same official family

which functioned for Mr. Harding—  
and escorted to the White House  
when it arrives Tuesday.

The state funeral will take place on  
Wednesday, when the body of Mr.  
Harding will be taken down Pennsy-  
lvania Ave., where he rode a little  
more than two years ago to his inau-  
gural, to the Capitol, where it will  
lie in state in the great rotunda.

The display that goes with the fu-  
neral of the chief of a State will be  
seen when the cortege moves from  
the White House to the Capitol. There  
will be a military band playing the  
funeral march and an escort of sol-  
diers pacing slowly.

Officials Will March  
Members of the Supreme Court, Con-  
gressmen, diplomats and representa-  
tives of every phase of Washington's  
official life will be in the procession,  
according to plans announced shortly  
after Mr. Coolidge reached Washing-  
ton.

At the Capitol the state funeral will be  
placed beneath the great dome in the  
rotunda, where others of the Nation's  
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## An Open Letter to Police Chief Herman Rikhoff

The Indianapolis Times stands squarely behind its news-  
boys in the war of intimidation being conducted by some mem-  
bers of the police department, with or without your sanction.

Boys who sell The Times and the other daily newspapers  
have been threatened with arrest under sections of an obso-  
lete ordinance which makes it unlawful for any person to sell  
goods on "a public street by outcry or personal solicitation."

If this ordinance were strictly enforced farmers would not  
be permitted to sell their produce if they dared raise their voice  
when in Indianapolis, which has been justly called "No Mean  
City," men and women who conduct stands in city market  
would be trifling with the law when they speak of their goods  
to prospective purchasers; the ice man and the coal man had  
better beware, etc., etc., etc. The ordinance is laughable.

Newsboys grade high in citizenship. Look at the success-  
ful men of today who are proud to say they got their start  
selling newspapers.

The money earned by newsboys goes to pay for their edu-  
cation. In hundreds of instances it helps pay for food and

clothing in large families; in not a few cases the newsboy is  
bread-winner where death has taken away the father.

Crippled men earn their livelihood selling The Times and  
other daily newspapers. A number of the older "newsies"  
are overseas war veterans incapacitated from doing work in-  
side a factory.

And now, Chief Rikhoff, these are the victims in this unjust  
war of intimidation. They want to be law-abiding, but what  
are their thoughts when they know various major crimes are  
going unpunished? Bootlegging, for instance. And there is  
another kind of solicitation that flaunts itself so disgustingly  
on the streets in respectable neighborhoods at night.

You are the chief of police, Herman Rikhoff, and it is  
within your power to STOP INTIMIDATION OF NEWS-  
BOYS OR TAKE THE CASES INTO COURT, where The  
Times is willing to have this ordinance decided on its legal  
merits.

A Times newsboy was "arrested" at Illinois and Ohio Sts.  
Friday. A patrol was called, but the newsie was not taken to

headquarters, where this paper would have provided bond im-  
mediately and gone into court to fight for its salesman. After  
all the preliminary bluff, the police let the newsboy go. Inci-  
dentally, he is an overseas war veteran, Chief Rikhoff.

Certain motorcycle policemen have warned newsboys they  
must not cry out their papers. Citizens believe time of these  
officers could be devoted more advantageously to running down  
speeders.

Chief Rikhoff has been evasive when representatives of  
The Times called on him and asked him whether he has sanc-  
tioned this intimidation. He has pointed out that newsboys of  
none of the daily newspapers have been arrested. However,  
the time has come for a showdown.

The newsboys should not be molested or the ordinance  
should be tested in the courts—not by a policeman. Newsboys  
are taught to respect the law. The policeman is its representa-  
tive. When that officer merely threatens and intimidates in-  
stead of taking decisive action he breeds contempt of the law.



KNOW  
Thy  
Self

If Health Were for Sale and  
Some One Offered to  
Buy Yours

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU  
ASK?

Worth more than the com-  
bined wealth of the world is  
health. Without it life means  
nothing.

Dr. Clifford C. Robinson, fel-  
low of American College of Sur-  
geons, has joined The Indian-  
apolis Times Staff, assigned to  
sole task of keeping you well.  
His articles start in The  
Times, Aug. 6, under heading

KNOW THYSELF

He is no alarmist and writes  
in a sane, clear and interesting  
manner.

Starting in The Times Aug. 6.