

PRESIDENT MOURNS A MARTYR'S SIDE

Pays Silent Tribute to Unknown Soldier Who Gave Life for Country

VIGIL KEPT BY SENTRY'S

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 10.—America pays homage today to her unknown dead. He sleeps on the catafalque of martyred Presidents in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Muffled feet pass slowly by. Bowed heads are raised to look upon the simply made black coffin, draped in the flag of the republic. They pause for a moment and move on.

There is a bustle now and then as a group enters the rotunda, and breakers in the processions, moves to the bier and places an emblem of respect. There is no comment from the watchers, for all are silent.

The shattered body, unrecognizable when it was laid at rest in the soil of France, slept at night under the dome of the Capitol, guarded by sentries who stood in the long shadows by their bayoneted rifles and the silent figures of Washington, Lincoln and Grant.

The solemn murk of a dismal, drizzling afternoon, such as he endured on the hollowed soil of France or Flanders, the unknown dead returned home late yesterday. Before night fell, hours had been paid him by the highest in the Nation as a prelude to his interment in Arlington tomorrow.

Homecoming Is Solemn

Hundreds stood on the river banks in the penetrating rain, their spirit as sturdy as the waving flags, when the historic warship, Olympia, once the flagbearer of Dewey's fleet, but now broken by service, steamed slowly up the Potomac, past the mark of a dismal, drizzling afternoon, such as he endured on the hollowed soil of France or Flanders, the unknown dead returned home late yesterday.

Gradually the roped aisle leading up the great steps to the closed doors of the rotunda filled with folk come to pass by the bier with bowed heads. They were the men and women of the Olympia before she left Chesapeake Bay early this morning.

Guns Boom Requiem

Two salutes of the navy, detached with two other bluejackets, two petty officers, accompanied by an army band, stood at attention when the brasses were thrown from the decks to the wharf, while the bluejackets swiftly but silently swarmed about to make the ship fast.

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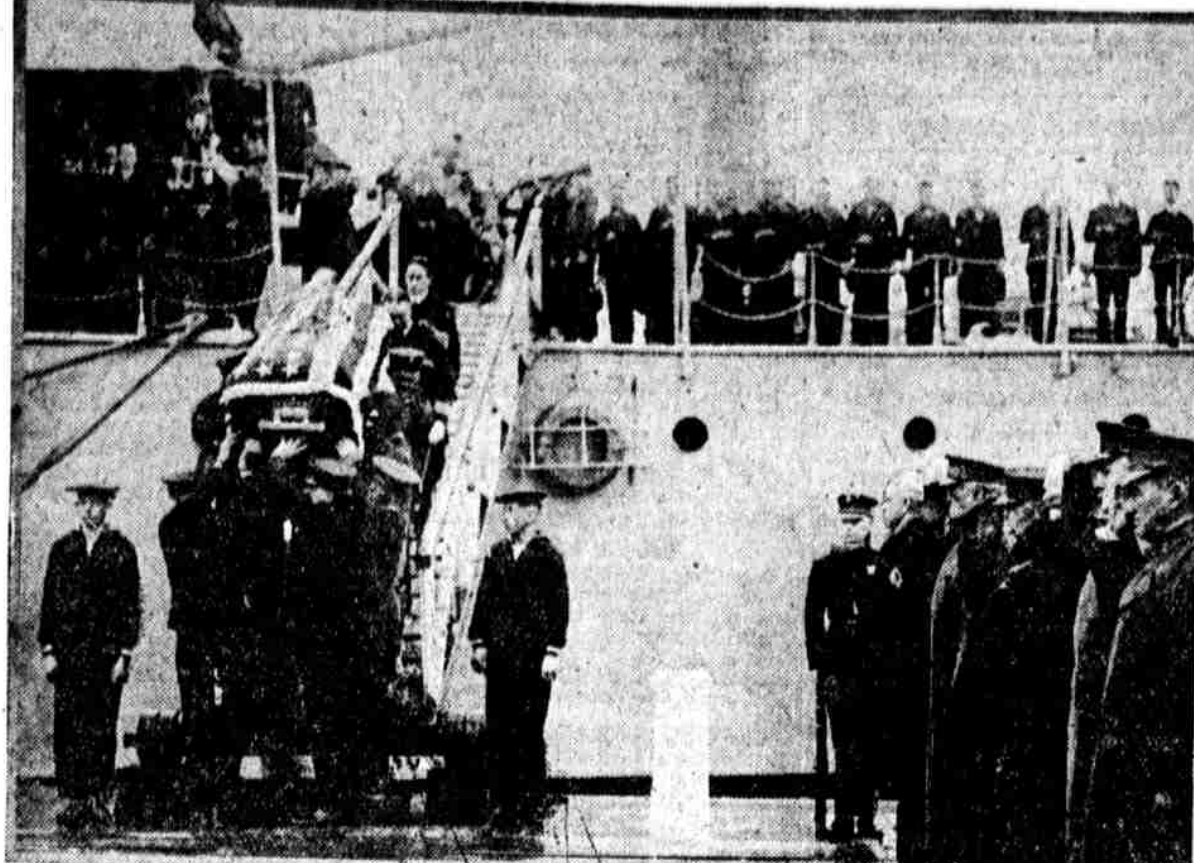
President Gazes Mournfully

The official mourners departed with the Justices into an anteroom to await the coming of the President and Mrs. Harding, his secretary, George Christian, and military and naval aides, who entered at 5:30. The President, a little stooped and with sorrowful mien, stood looking silently at the bier for a moment while Mrs. Harding leaned on his arm.

Mrs. Harding, attired in black and wearing a veil, advanced to the catafalque and placed across the coffin a white ribbon worked by her own hands, which she tied there. The President then placed a bronze tablet over the bow in the ribbon.

General Jacques at Capital

UNKNOWN HERO REACHES NATIVE SOIL



Harris & Ewinz selected as representative of America's unidentified dead in the great war was removed from the historic battleship Olympia yesterday afternoon at Washington with reverent ceremony.

delphia, and is registered under the name of the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Smyth then explained that at the time in question the Mayor's car was being used in connection with the official entertainment of General Diaz, the Italian hero of the World War.

Denies Mayor's Liability

"I say to you," continued Mr. Smyth, "that under the act of Assembly, there is no responsibility on the Mayor. He is not an owner or user. But waiting that for a moment, there could be no holding under this complaint for the reason that the charge that the lights were not on is not sufficiently substantiated. I have told the Mayor of his lack of responsibility. Nevertheless, it is not his wish that anything be done which would create the impression that the Mayor is seeking to avoid responsibility.

Mayor Asks No Favors

"I'm no better than any one else," retorted the Mayor, "so I'll stand right here."

Carney Explains Himself

"My attention being called and information being lodged with me as to violation of automobile laws upon the part of the chief executive of the city, and having personal knowledge thereof, I deemed it my duty to notify him to appear before me today.

Carney nodded his smoothly pompadoured head and said, "The magistrate, 'has indicated his knowledge of the Mayor's effort to regulate traffic. The magistrate was asked to the Mayor as to what was untrue, that the Mayor did not pick out cases."

Newsman His Bible

"I get all my education from the newspapers," replied the magistrate. "They've been all wrong the last few days," countered the Mayor. "In regard to this alleged controversy."

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BALFOUR HONORED AT U. S. CAPITAL

Welcomed by Hughes and Other Notables Upon Arrival at Washington

HEADS BRITISH DELEGATES

Washington, Nov. 10.—Arthur J. Balfour, acting head of the delegation representing the British Empire in the Armament and Far Eastern Conference, arrived in Washington today with other members of his party which landed at Quebec Tuesday.

Escorted by Hughes

Mr. Balfour was escorted by the American Secretary of State from the station platform into the President's room, where he met with friends and immediately dispensed with formalities to begin what appeared to be a serious conversation on subjects soon to engage the attention of both in the Conference.

Conferees Body Almost Complete

In addition to the British, the French, Japanese, Chinese, Netherlands and Belgian delegates to the conference have been completed.

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state of the Irish negotiations and the absolute obligation which I feel to Parliament and the country to be present here until those negotiations are completed and the Government's unemployment legislation is in operation would have prevented my sailing last Saturday, as I hoped to do. I must discharge that obligation before I leave, but I will sail at the earliest possible moment and I hope to be with you before the Conference reaches the deciding stage of its momentous work.

"I need not assure you in the meantime that the heart of Britain is set upon the success of the Conference. The world has needed such a lead, as President Harding gave us last July, for many anxious months. It was the necessity of the hour. To have grasped it promptly, as President Harding and his advisers did, will prove a lasting credit to the clear-eyed statesmanship of the United States."

Parley Delegates Await U. S. Lead

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that should prove acceptable, it is said, it might be followed by proposals to cancel ships laid down on a ship-for-ship basis.

It is regarded as probable that Great Britain would accept some such proposal affecting her four authorized battle cruisers, but even in the light of Admiral Kato's statement of Japan's willingness to cut her program, it is not clear how a ship-for-ship cancellation plan might be viewed by her representatives.

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PARLEY DELEGATES PLAN PROGRAM FOR FIRST DAY

Speech of President to Be Followed by Election of Hughes as Chairman

Washington, Nov. 10.—(By A. P.)—Active exchange of views is taking place between the delegations to the Armament Conference in order to agree on the program for the inaugural meeting, Saturday. Up to the present it seems that the opening address delivered by President Harding will be followed by the proposal from the English delegation to appoint Secretary Hughes as president of the Conference, which it is expected will be approved unanimously.

Secretary Hughes will address a few words of welcome to the foreign delegates, but it has not yet been decided whether there will be any replies. A proposal has been made that M. Brind, being the only Premier present, should speak in the morning. Therefore the president of the Conference, which it is expected will be approved unanimously, Secretary Hughes will address a few words of welcome to the foreign delegates, but it has not yet been decided whether there will be any replies.

Immediately afterward a committee will be formed of the presidents of the delegations from five great powers, which is already called the "big five," for the drafting of agenda. Another committee composed of the representatives of the delegations of the four smaller countries, Holland, Portugal, Belgium and China, will be added for the agenda concerning Far Eastern problems. The Conference will then adjourn to Tuesday, when the reports of these two committees will be presented.

U. of P. to Honor Foch

The University of Pennsylvania will confer the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Marshal Foch, generalissimo of allied armies in the World War, Tuesday afternoon. Although the exact time and place of the ceremony have not yet been determined, it is probable that it will take place in the banquet room of Independence Hall.

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