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U.S. PRESIDENT IS INAUGURATED

Notable Ceremony Took Place in Washington, D.C. on Friday.

Washington, March 4.—Warren Gamaliel Harding was inaugurated president of the United States today with ceremonies almost as simple as those customarily attending the opening of a session of the Canadian parliament at Ottawa.

Had Mr. Harding's personal wishes been adhered to strictly, the ceremonies would have been more simple, but the congressional inaugural committee made some arrangements on its own account. These included a cavalry escort of four troops for the president in his ride from his hotel to the Capitol and thence to the White House.

This little cavalcade contrasted strangely with the great military and civil processions which have attended inaugurations for half a century or more.

Besides the cavalry escort, the congressional committee also had arranged to have several companies of marines at the capitol as a guard of honor and for the presence of the United States marine band—"The President's Own"—which played "The Star Spangled Banner" immediately after Mr. Harding had taken the oath of office.

The very simplicity of the ceremonies on the east portico of the capitol added to their impressiveness. Simple and impressive also were those in the senate chamber, where Calvin Coolidge was sworn in by Vice-President Marshall and where Mr. Coolidge in turn swore into office the new senators elected last November.

The day's ceremonies began with the formal calls on the president-elect and vice-president-elect at the New Willard hotel by the congressional committee, headed by Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania. The presidential party and the congressional committee then left the hotel for the capitol.

Great Throngs on Street. Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the capitol, a distance of one mile, was thronged with people from all parts of the United States anxious to catch a glimpse of the new and retiring presidents. There were no reviewing stands as in former years and most of the spectators were forced to stand along the sidewalks. The more fortunate had seats in windows facing the avenue for which high prices were the rule.

At the capitol the east plaza, with its standing room for thousands, was packed with a dense throng of people and the crowds overflowed out over the park spaces and avenues which converge there. Most of these thousands of people were able to hear the inaugural address as Mr. Harding's voice was carried out by means of sound-amplifying devices installed over the platform where he stood.

When the official party arrived at the capitol it was escorted to a room off the senate chamber and the vice-

president and Mrs. Coolidge went to the vice-president's room to await the beginning of the ceremonies in the senate chamber. President Wilson was in his room at the capitol signing bills which had been passed during the closing hours of the sixty-sixth congress.

40 Nations Represented.

Senate galleries were filled long before this hour. Invited guests of the new president, vice-president, speaker and justices of the supreme court of the United States supplied with coveted cards of admission, were assigned to the east galleries, while other galleries were set aside for guests of senators and congressmen. In the diplomatic gallery, facing the vice-president's chair, the families of the diplomatic corps, representing some forty odd nations, were seated.

While the senate was assembling for its special session, the first of the sixty-seventh congress, the diplomatic corps was assembling in the marble room, to be escorted into the senate chamber. Gorgeous in the colors and gold of their court uniforms, the corps entered headed by its dean, the ambassador of France, Jules J. Jusserand. Other ambassadors followed in the order of their length of service at Washington with His British Majesty's ambassador, the Rt. Hon. Sir Auckland Geddes, K.C.B., tenth in line. Following the ambassadors came the ministers of the smaller countries.

Next came the chief justice and the associated justices of the supreme court of the United States, in their sombre black silk gowns, moving slowly to seats in the front row facing the vice-president. Immediately after, the members of the house of representatives filed in with speaker Gillett at the head.

President-elect Harding, escorted by the committee on arrangements, entered the chamber at the main door and was escorted to a seat on the right of the main aisle facing the rostrum. Vice-president Coolidge was seated on the presiding officer's platform.

After a prayer by the chaplain, Vice-president Marshall called the session of the senate to order. As silence settled over the chamber, Vice-President Coolidge stood beside Mr. Marshall. Both men raised their right hands. Mr. Marshall slowly spoke the Vice-President repeating his words, and afterwards delivering his address.

While the new senators were being sworn in the remainder of the party began moving out of the chamber toward the east portico of the capitol. All of the party on the senate floor and the guests in the galleries, by prearranged directions, moved along the rotunda in lines which converged at the main entrance and then out to the portico and steps. The guests were in their places before Mr. Harding appeared on the speaker's stand, a small structure 30 feet square, built with iron girders and with a covered canopy above housing the sound-amplifying instruments. The whole was profusely decorated with flags and bunting.

Mr. Harding emerged from the capitol entrance accompanied by the chief justice of the supreme court, Mr. Edward Douglas White, and the congressional committee. They all were seated on the platform.

Takes the Oath.

Then before a great sea of humanity, official and unofficial, invited and uninvited, Mr. Harding took his place at the left of Chief Justice White. With Bible in hand the chief justice stepped to the front of the platform and Mr. Harding, with upraised right hand, slowly and solemnly repeated after the chief justice the oath of office as president, prescribed in the Constitution. At the conclusion of the oath President Harding kissed the open bible and the ceremony was over save for the delivery of the inaugural address of the new president.

Stepping toward the vast throng Mr. Harding then began his carefully prepared address outlining the policies of his administration.

At the conclusion of the address the senate returned to its chamber to resume its special session, while the new president to the cheers of the throng entered his automobile and with a cavalry escort moved through the capitol grounds and slowly along Pennsylvania avenue. Everywhere along this thoroughfare the masses of people on the sidewalks cheered themselves hoarse. The single procession along the famous avenue moved slowly, the president bowing and raising his hat almost constantly through the mile ride.

Reaching the White House, the new president entered and found awaiting him there a large company, including his father, who had been one of the most interested spectators throughout the ceremonies.

The ceremonies this year, devoid of the long and tiresome inaugural parade, were looked upon with much relief.

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