

Palipitant Over Harding's Visit

Special to the News
Birmingham, Oct. 14—Birmingham's birthday party, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the city, will be made an even greater occasion through the first official visit of the President and Mrs. Harding to the South since the inauguration.

The celebration will be featured by the historical pageant depicting the fifty years of the city's history and stressing the fact that Birmingham is the largest city of its age in America, being the only city in the 200,000 class which was founded after 1870, and one of only a few cities of its size which were not in existence during the civil war.

The celebration will continue throughout the entire week October 24 to 29 but the biggest day will be October 26 when President and Mrs. Harding will be the official guests of the city and state. Assurance has been given Senator Underwood by the president that he will remain in Birmingham practically 24 hours and that he will participate in all the functions and ceremonies which the committee has arranged in his honor.

Arriving on a special train from Washington at an early hour on the morning of October 26, the president will be met at Pell City by a committee of prominent citizens of Birmingham and Alabama. Upon his arrival he will head the parade in which will participate practically all the civic, fraternal, patriotic, military and semi-military organizations of Birmingham and many from other cities. In addition to the national guard units, there will be a guard of 1,000 members of the American Legion in uniform and a special guard of honor composed of veterans who were wounded overseas. The grand marshal of the parade will be Brig. Gen. R. E. Steiner.

Another feature of the parade will be the 67 young women representatives of the different counties of the state, selected for their beauty and popularity, each of whom will have an elaborately decorated automobile in the parade. The president will make the principal formal address of the day in Capitol Park. A luncheon will be tendered him at the Tutwiler

During the afternoon the president will appear at three functions and will make short informal talks at each one. He will attend the inauguration exercises of Birmingham-Southern College, where the degree of L. D. will be conferred upon him. The corner stone of the new \$1,000,000 Masonic Temple of Birmingham will be laid during the afternoon and the president will make a short address. Later, he will go to the dedication exercises of Underwood Park which is named in honor of the Senator from Alabama, at whose request President Harding is making the trip to Birmingham.

At a formal banquet at the Country club in the evening, the President and Mrs. Harding will be the guests of honor and the affair will be attended by a large number of prominent women as well as men. The president will be introduced by the governor of Alabama, Thomas E. Kilby. The ball which will follow and which concludes the program for the visit of the president, will be a notable social affair in the life of Birmingham and will be attended by prominent people from all over Alabama and adjoining states.

The President and Mrs. Harding, as well as the other members of the presidential party, are expected to board their train for the return to Washington shortly after midnight and the train will leave at an early hour on the morning of October 27.

Four performances of the historical pageant will be staged in which 1,500 persons will participate and there will be a chorus of 500 trained voices. Several hundred dancers will feature the presentation of the pageant. Massed bands and orchestras will provide such music as may be desired.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 14—The Northern skies, during clear nights this autumn, have been streaked with an unusually large number of "falling stars." The display has had the striking feature of showing sparks and smoke or vapor in the trails of the meteors.

Palestine Nuptial Events Oddities to American Visitors

(By Associated Press)
Jerusalem, Oct. 15—The marriage customs of Palestine demonstrated

to-day merchant, are among the most interesting celebration of this ancient city.

No person who is privileged to witness one will ever forget either the gorgeous costumes displayed or the thrill of the music and dancing indulged in by the guests.

Not only the respective families of the bride and bridegroom but also the entire neighborhood takes part in the merrymaking which generally lasts for seven days.

The celebration begins always on Monday and the wedding ceremony, itself, always occurs at dawn on the following Sunday.

Invitations are sent only to those from whom presents are expected. However, any person may attend who wishes. Presents are always in the nature of foodstuffs such as rice, meat, sugar, coffee, flour, butter and vegetables. These are necessary to provide food for the hundreds of guests who flock to the bridegroom's house daily to take part in the singing and dancing.

Saturdays bring the climax to all joy making. If the bridegroom's father is of even moderate circumstances, professional musicians are hired for the day.

Men and women in Palestine do not mix together, often, due to the general belief that women are not mentally worthy of association. Consequently it becomes necessary to entertain women separately.

On Saturday evening at eight o'clock there takes place the shaving of the bridegroom, a feature of the entertainment. Surrounded by scores of men and women who keep up incessant maddening yells, which may be heard for a mile around, the barber undertakes the operation.

This done, a procession is formed proceeding to the church with people marching abreast. At the head come eight kawases (guards) followed by ten children carrying in their hands palm branches and long candles lighted. Immediately after hobble four priests dressed in their church robes and singing psalms. The bridegroom, accompanied by his father and the best man, come next, trailed by 200 or 300 men. At the end of the procession come the women and children.

A similar procession having started at about the same time from the bride's place, the two groups meet at some appointed place and proceed jointly to the church. All along the streets men and women, wakened by the noise, lean out of their windows

performed, a general rush is then made to the bridegroom's house where a breakfast is served (by this time it being early morning) to all.

Turk Guerillas Terrorize Greek Troopers in Field

(By Associated Press)
With the Greek Army in the Field, Sivri-Hissar, Anatolia, Oct. 15—Roving groups of mounted bandits, known as Chetas, are terrorizing the inhabitants of the Turkish villages, and murdering soldiers of the Greek army.

One band of these desperadoes attacked a Greek motor ambulance returning from the front and killed the wounded, numbering four. Similar attacks on Greek supply trucks have been taking place for weeks. The Greek army has lost a score of telegraph linemen and many chauffeurs

to Greek Army headquarters beyond the Sakaria (Sangarius) river, in the heart of Anatolia, he was allowed to do so only under guard of Greek soldiers. The army authorities would take no chances with the Chetas. The correspondent got through in safety but the same afternoon three Greek chauffeurs were murdered by the Chetas and their motor trucks burned.

Travel in any part of the interior of Asia Minor is at the peril of one's life. Chetas are encountered at every point where members of the band think it likely they will find plunder. The Chetas usually ride on small ponies which they steal from the countryside. They are daring riders, clever marksmen, and know no fear. When recently the correspondent

While it is clear that these Chetas are not actively contacted with Kemal's army, the Greek authorities assert that they have the sanction and cooperation of the Turkish leader. Many of the members of the tribe who have been caught by the Greeks have acknowledged that they were once in the Turkish Nationalist army. Indeed, it has been said that Mustafa Kemal's army had its origin largely in the Cheta bands.

The depredations of the Chetas are not confined to one area, but extend all over Asia Minor. At Idmid recently, they pillaged villages and then burned them. An official of the Bagdad railroad told the Associated Press correspondent that he had lost

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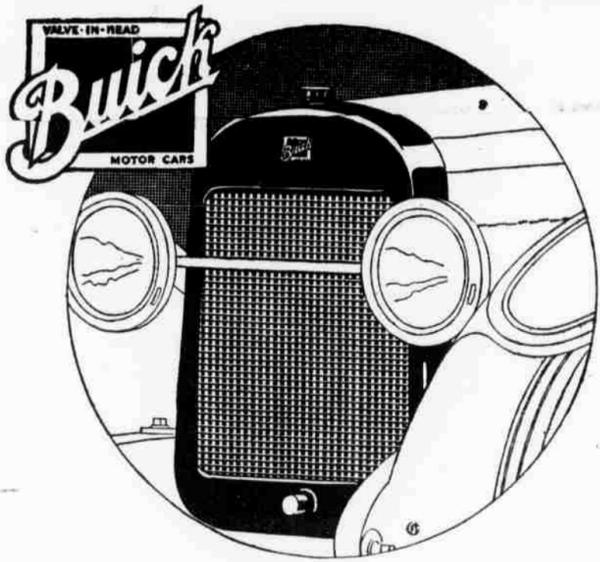
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