

THOUSANDS GREET MAYOR ON RETURN FROM EUROPE; PARADE FOLLOWED BY SPEECHMAKING

Rousing Welcome Accorded City's Chief Executive Officer as He Arrives After Tour Abroad—Great Crowds Gather at Erie Station and All Along Route of Parade to D. Lawrence Carlson Residence—Councilman Harry C. Erickson Extends City's Welcome and Mayor Responds.

After the reception accorded him on his return from Europe Saturday evening, Mayor Samuel A. Carlson can have no doubts of the regard in which he is held by his fellow townsmen, and it must be particularly gratifying to him to realize that after serving for a long period of years as the executive head of the city government and figuring in several hard-fought campaigns he was greeted with enthusiasm by many thousands of the men, women and children who make up his home community.

Arriving from New York on the Erie Limited early in the evening, the mayor stepped off the train as the curfew whistle on the city electric light plant sent forth a blast and the Company K, 174th Infantry, Military band struck up a stirring march. Several hundred persons had gathered on the station platform, other hundreds in the station itself and several thousands more in the plaza in front of the building. Included in the crowd were members of the city council and other city officials, headed by H. Stanley Turnquist, assistant corporation counsel, who was in general charge of the arrangements for the welcoming reception, with Supervisor A. Fred Helgran as marshal of the parade. In the station waiting room, the mayor was again united with his wife, an invalid who was unable to mingle with the great throng which had assembled to do her husband honor.

While the immense crowd in the station plaza gave cheer after cheer for the returning mayor, the parade was formed to escort him to the home of his brother, D. Lawrence Carlson, at Forest and Prather avenues. Police Lieutenant Oscar C. Bergdahl led the way in his car, followed by Fire Chief Clifton J. Beatty in his car. Then came the band, the car bearing Mayor Carlson and his wife, together with Councilman Harry E. Erickson, and a long string of cars bearing city officials and neighbors and friends of the mayor. All along the route of the parade, from West second street to Washington and thru the downtown business section, the mayor was greeted with marked enthusiasm by tremendous crowds lining the sidewalks, and another great crowd had assembled in the neighborhood of the Lawrence Carlson residence awaiting the opportunity to greet him.

Welcome by Erickson

Brief welcoming exercises were held on the lawn, Councilman Harry



MAYOR S. A. CARLSON

Chief executive of city government who returned home from Europe Saturday evening.

C. Erickson extending greetings on behalf of the city and the mayor responding. Councilman Fred V. Anderson, who has been acting as mayor, was out of the city and was represented by Councilman Erickson.

"Folks," began Councilman Erickson, "due to the absence of our special mayor it has become my duty and privilege to welcome our chief executive after a two months' absence abroad in studying municipal problems. I am certain that he has absorbed a lot of new and old ideas during his absence and that he learned many things which may prove advantageous in the operation of our city government."

"The mayor has, no doubt, advertised Jamestown in Europe, as it has never been advertised before. The people of France, Germany, England and other countries have been acquainted with the great natural advantages of our city. I purposely left out Sweden because there is probably not an inhabitant of that country from King Gustav down, who does not have relatives or friends in this city, and, as a result, they have long been well acquainted with Jamestown."

"I think we can say that Mayor Carlson is the Prince of Wales of Jamestown, who has been out to sell our city to the world. Don't be surprised if some of the people in