

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

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 great industries of Europe clamor for admittance to Jamestown so that they might take advantage of our great natural advantages and our low power rate.

"On behalf of the city of Jamestown, its citizens and its officials, I wish to welcome Mayor Carlson home among his friends."

Responds to Welcome

Mayor Carlson responded as follows:

"Councilman Erickson and friends, I feel deeply touched at this fine reception. It has filled me with emotion—so much so that I don't feel I can speak the thoughts I would like to speak.

"Since I left Jamestown last June 5 I have seen, all the countries of Europe with one or two exceptions and I have been thrilled and impressed. When I approached the shores of Europe and began to see the millions of people in the great European cities, all struggling the great battle of life, I was filled with emotion.

"We were welcomed royally by German municipal officials. It was my privilege also to meet the man who has been able to control the political, social and industrial life of Germany like no man has since the time of Frederick the Great. I refer to Adolf Hitler. He is one of the few men who has been able, by his genius of propaganda, to convince the German people that they are better off without liberty. Of him I shall say more later.

"It was my privilege to go into Russia, where I found another great problem. Having seen the man who



HARRY C. ERICKSON

City councilman who welcomed Mayor Carlson on behalf of the people of Jamestown.