

Inaugural Event---

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better view, and millions of others will listen and watch by radio and television.

In addition, the voice of America will beam a running account of the ceremonies to overseas listeners around the world.

The speech is not expected to contain many surprises. After all, in his talks up and down the land during the campaign, and in his messages to the new congress, Mr. Truman has made his views pretty well known.

TO TALK OF PEACE

Mostly, he's expected to talk of peace and the difficulties of maintaining it.

And then, the parade.

Mr. Truman himself, and Vice-President Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, will head it.

Appropriately for a man of intense loyalties, Mr. Truman will be accompanied by his old friends and his family.

The family will be in the car behind his. Along each side will march the men who were the first to look upon Mr. Truman as their leader, the men of the now famous Battery D.

He's still "Capt. Harry" to those who served under him in the Meuse-Argonne. Today they will have a reunion breakfast at 7 a. m. (the time was set by their early bird commander-in-chief). Then they will march as the president's special guard of honor.

700 PLANES TO ROAR

It's a queer postscript to the president's talk on peace, but the military will in many ways dominate the parade.

Overhead 700 planes will roar. Tanks, jeeps, guns will crawl down historic Pennsylvania ave. Marching along with them will be the cadets from West Point, the midshipmen from Annapolis.

But there also will be a carnival atmosphere. Bands, floats, pretty girls. A steam caliope, pulled by eight horses, will belch forth "The Missouri Waltz." And on and on, for two hours and a half.

The National Broadcasting Co. yesterday estimated that 10,000,000 people, as far west as St. Louis, will see the first inauguration ever to be televised. Two people out of every three in the U. S., or 100,000,000 will hear it described over the radio.

MILLION IN CAPITAL

An anticipated 1,000,000 will be here in person to see the inauguration, or the parade, or both. Perhaps 500,000 of these will be visitors from out of town.

What brings this horde in, to fight for places to sleep, something

to eat, at prices they probably can't afford?

The answers may be as varied as the visitors themselves.

Among those who will be here: The Seattle police department drill team, the Purdue University Glee club, the Oconomowoc, Wis., American Legion Band, the Danbury, Conn., Hatmakers Union Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, a Salvation Army band.

A. C. Davis, who works in the Rocky Mount, N. C., postoffice, is here. He looks exactly like the cartoons of Uncle Sam. So is James A. McGowan, who has just hitch-hiked in from Lancaster, Pa. McGowan is 90 years old.

5,000,000 HOT DOGS

The crowd will eat 5,000,000 hot-dogs, or enough, one local mathematician has figured, to make a hotdog 476 miles long. It will gulp down barrels of coffee and soft drinks.

It will not throw confetti or carry toy guns, because that is against the law.

In all this hubbub, Mr. Truman has had little chance to stop and think. Yesterday's schedule, for instance, included everything from signing a bill to give himself a raise, to \$100,000 a year, to a gala entertainment featuring 700 performers.

But if he did have a chance to reflect, he could recall that he epitomizes the great American dream, the poor boy who grew up to be president despite obstacles.

It has been a long way from the little frame house in which he was born, down by the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks in the little prairie town of Lamar, Mo.

It has been a way that included Truman the farmer, the soldier, the shirt salesman, the judge, the senator, and finally, one fateful afternoon almost four years ago, president, with the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.