

MRS. HARRISON'S JOURNEY

EXPECTED TO REACH THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING.

HER REMOVAL FROM LOON LAKE TO THE RAILROAD STATION MADE WITHOUT EVIL RESULTS—DR. GARDNER CONFIDENT SHE WILL MAKE THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON SAFELY.

LOON LAKE HOUSE, N. Y., Sept. 20.—At 10 o'clock everything was in readiness for the removal of Mrs. Harrison to Washington. The President gently informed her that she would be taken there to-day, and she at once brightened up and expressed her joy at the prospect of going back to that city.

Dr. Gardner, who had just concluded an examination of his patient, was very much encouraged at her condition. He said that she passed a very comfortable night, sleeping most of the time, and seemed to be stronger this morning. The physician said he realized fully the great risk attending the removal, but he was now more confident than ever that she would be able to stand it, and possibly be better for having made the change.

The day is bright and clear and cold, and altogether favorable for the journey. At 11 o'clock Mrs. Harrison's journey was begun by her transfer to the long mountain wagon by which she was to be conveyed to the nearest railroad station, three miles distant. She was raised tenderly from the couch on which she had passed so many weary hours, and was placed on a stretcher covered with rugs, blankets, and pillows.

Four strong men then carried her to the wagon. The President and Dr. Gardner walked on either side, each holding one of the patient's hands. The professional nurse was close behind, and was followed by the rest of the household. The stretcher was carefully placed in the wagon on a large and comfortable cot. Dr. Gardner, the nurse, and the President were the only other occupants of the wagon except the driver. The other members of the family followed in tally-ho coaches and other vehicles.

The same consideration accorded the afflicted family since its first arrival here was manifested to-day, and the transfer was accomplished quietly and without the slightest obtrusiveness on the part of the guests of the place. All of them were greatly interested in the success of the undertaking, but this morning they contented themselves with watching the initial proceedings from a respectful distance.

The trip from the cottage to the train in waiting at Loon Lake station was successfully made. The President and the nurse sat beside Mrs. Harrison in the wagon, Dr. Gardner stood on the step at the rear, and Mrs. Harrison's maid, Josephine, sat on the seat with the driver. The horses proceeded at a walk, and the wagon springs were so perfectly adjusted that the many rough spots in the mountain road were scarcely felt by the occupants. Mrs. Harrison seemed to suffer no discomfort from the unusual experience, and it was found necessary to make only one stop on the route, and that a very short one.

The party made the trip in about forty-five minutes, and on reaching the station found all the rest of the family and a few friends awaiting their arrival. The wagon was carefully backed up to the rear of the train, and willing hands were found to assist the President and Dr. Gardner in carrying the patient into the car which had been specially prepared for her reception.

Mrs. Harrison smiled a feeble recognition of the service and held out her hand to Mr. Boyd, who had helped to place her on the couch.

It was 12:15 o'clock when the train moved slowly away on its long journey to the national capital.

It is a Pennsylvania special, and is the best that could be procured for the purpose. It is a vestibule train, composed of the Esperanza, a combination baggage and parlor car; the Newport, a hotel sleeper, and the Sybaris, an observation car. The Sybaris, which is at the rear of the train, is occupied by Mrs. Harrison. A large, comfortable bed had been set up in the open portion generally used as a sitting room. It is provided with everything that could possibly contribute to the ease and comfort of the occupants.

The train will run at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, and is expected to reach Washington at about 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. The route selected is by way of Malone, Moore's Junction, Plattsburg, Albany, Jersey City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. The party consists of the President and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKee, Mr. Russell Harrison, Mrs. Dimmick, Lieut. and Mrs. Parker, Private Secretary Halford, Dr. Gardner, Miss Marie Kempe, Benjamin and Mary McKee, Mr. George W. Boyd, Miss Davis, the nurse, the President's valet, Charlie, and Mrs. Harrison's maid, Josephine.

Just before the departure of the train from Loon Lake Dr. Gardner said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"Mrs. Harrison has borne the journey to this point remarkably well—much better, indeed, than we anticipated. This drive was regarded as one of the most dangerous of the trip, and that she made it so well gives us much encouragement in regard to the remainder of the journey."

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The special train made a very pleasant run to Malone, which was reached in fifty minutes from the time of leaving Loon Lake. This served to test how Mrs. Harrison would stand the journey. The effect was very satisfactory to the doctor, as she fully maintained her strength and experienced no appreciable fatigue.

The train reached Plattsburg at 3:30 P. M., and thence the run was made down Lake Champlain, everything conducing to the comfort of the invalid. Albany was reached at 8:55 o'clock, the condition of Mrs. Harrison promising a good night. Dr. Gardner reported, when the train arrived here, that Mrs. Harrison was stronger than on leaving Loon Lake.

Groups of people were gathered at the stations who made no demonstration, but stood in an attitude of silent sympathy as the train passed. No one was allowed to enter the train. It is expected to reach Jersey City at 2 A. M., and Washington on schedule time in the morning.