

and plans for the funeral await their arrival.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Mrs. Erwin Caldwell, all of Birmingham, an. a half-brother, Captain Robert Denson Hudson, United States Army.

ASHES OF YAMAMOTO BURIED IN COSTLY RITES

NEW YORK, June 5.—(AP)—The ashes of Fleet Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto were buried in the cemetery of Tama village near Tokyo Saturday, following a costly and impressive state ceremony intended to perpetuate the hero legend of the man who designed the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Japanese radio, which broadcast a description of the funeral, said that as Emperor Hirohito led the nation in prayer, Premier Hideki Tojo knelt before the ashes on the especially erected altar in Hiziya Park, and across a moat from the imperial palace, where royal representatives and the empire's highest military and naval officers were gathered.

Another Tokyo broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission quoted Premier Tojo as warning the Japanese that "the Greater East Asia war is more and more in a stage of decisive battles and the war situation is becoming increasingly serious."

The radio said Tojo issued the special statement shortly before the funeral.

Streets Crowded.

The ashes were brought to the altar from the Naval Club, where they had lain in state since shortly after the announcement of his death on May 23, through streets "densely lined by silent people," according to the broadcast which was recorded by the Associated Press.

The official announcement of Yamamoto's death said that he died in a plane crash while on combat duty in the Pacific. The exact time and circumstances never have been announced.

The fleet admiral's defeats by the American Navy after Pearl Harbor had been pictured as great triumphs to the Japanese people,

and the funeral ceremony obviously was intended to perpetuate the legend.

He was given a state funeral, the twelfth non-royal personage and the second navy man to be so honored in Japanese history; it had been announced previously that the lavish state funeral would cost \$25,000; and his ashes were buried beside those of another of Japan's naval heroes — Admiral Togo, hero of the Russo-Japanese war, whose ashes were buried in Tama Cemetery nine years ago today.

Borne on Caisson

The late fleet admiral's ashes were borne in the cortege to Hibiya Park on a caisson pulled by sailors, preceded by an officer carrying his sword and followed by others carrying his highest decorations.

The Guard of Honor was commanded by Lieut. General Kenji Dohara, commander in chief of the Eastern Japanese Army.

Shinto rites were held in the presence of imperial messengers representing the emperor and empress, the empress dowager, princes of the blood, representatives of Axis Allies and government officials.

After the ceremonies—in the park, the cortege moved to Tama where the ashes were buried.

The Tokyo radio said that Saturday was set aside as a day of mourning in Yamamoto's memory in French Indo-China, that flags were at half mast at Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and that in the Philippines, Manila's residents paused in silent prayer.

Manchukuo's 3,000,000 subjects bowed in a minute's prayer and Japanese officials in Burma also honored the memory of the dead admiral, the broadcast said.