

# **BODY OF KAHLIL GIBRAN STARTS BACK TO SYRIA**

**Poet, Artist and Philosopher  
Died in April—Countrymen  
Eulogize Him as Liner Sails.**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 24 (AP).—  
The body of Kahill Gibran, Syrian  
poet, artist and philosopher, who  
died in New York last April, was  
today taken back to Syria aboard the  
Fabre liner *Sinaita*. It was accom-  
panied on its journey by Miss Mari-  
ana Gibran of Boston, the poet's sis-  
ter, and Mr. and Mrs. Asaf George,  
also of Boston.

Gibran will be buried in his native  
town of Bechare in Lebanon, where  
a national shrine containing his  
manuscripts and paintings will be  
erected.

Before the coffin was placed on  
board the ship services were held at  
the pier in the presence of more than  
200 Lebanese from New York, Bos-  
ton, Providence and Fall River. Gib-  
ran was eulogized in English and  
Arabic by a number of speakers and  
a wreath from the 700 Lebanese liv-  
ing in Providence was placed at the  
base of the casket.

The speakers at the services were  
the Rev. Philip J. Nagem of Provi-  
dence, Mgr. Stephen S. El Douahiy  
of Boston, the Rev. M. Stephen of  
Brooklyn, the Rev. Joseph Eid of  
Fall River, Elias F. Shamon, Boston  
attorney; Mrs. Mary Kahwaja of  
Boston, J. G. Raphael of New York  
and N. A. Mokarzel, editor of a Syr-  
ian newspaper in New York, who  
presided.