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## BLIZZARD MARS CEREMONY

one in the congested capital believed the least attempt would be made to conduct out-of-door exercises with the inauguration of William Howard Taft. But just before noon the blizzard subsided, ruined telegraph wires were restored to usefulness, a curtailed parade became possible, the belated trains commenced to arrive, and before noon weather conditions were such that at least a semblance of the original inauguration plans could be carried out. But regardless of the storm that marred the beauty of the decorations, Theodore Roosevelt and his "big stick" have been relegated to private life and William H. Taft, with his steam roller, has grasped the helm of state.

When Taft and Roosevelt arrived at the capitol this morning it was apparent no outdoor exercises would be possible. They rushed to the president's room in the rear of the Senate Chamber, where President Roosevelt signs the last bills passed by the 60th congress.

11:55 A. M.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft enter Senate chamber.

12 Noon.—Vice-President C. W. Fairbanks administers oath of office to Vice-President-elect J. S. Sherman, who delivers his inaugural address.

12:30 P. M.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft entered the senate chamber and Taft took the oath of office at 12:55, from Chief Justice Fuller and delivered his inaugural address.

1:30 P. M.—President Taft starts back toward the White House at the head of the inaugural parade, and ex-President Roosevelt proceeds to Union station to take train for Oyster Bay.

2:30 P. M.—President Taft begins review of inaugural parade from stand in front of the White House.

7:30 P. M.—Illumination of city and display of fireworks on the ellipse south of the White House.

9 P. M.—Inaugural ball in pension building.

Washington, March 4.—Washington and its thousands of guests awoke this morning to find the worst blizzard in years sweeping down Pennsylvania avenue, the path of the inaugural parade, with such terrific force that not

ber for the parade down Pennsylvania avenue. He entered the carriage with Taft. Roosevelt wore a lightweight overcoat, but Taft had a fur coat from Russia, that kept the blizzard from his body. Taft was smiling; he nodded, but said nothing. Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roosevelt remained at the White House while their husbands were taken to the senate chamber. Mrs. Roosevelt gave Mrs. Taft the keys to the White House and went directly to the depot, where the train was boarded for Oyster Bay.

Mrs. Taft was accompanied to the capitol building by Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Lodge. Taft delivered his speech immediately after he was inaugurated, and after the address the parade started from the capitol building at 1:45.

While there was general disappointment at the failure of the crowds to witness the ceremony, there was no lack of enthusiasm and fervor. The crowds joined in the clamor with great vigor. Everywhere bright-colored cloaks and wraps of women mingled with flags. The scene was one

of the most beautiful ever witnessed in this city.

**President Appears Through Portals.**  
Through the main portals President Roosevelt and Taft entered, arm in arm, amid cheers from the floor and galleries. They were escorted to their chairs by a committee consisting of Senators Knox, Lodge, and Bacon, and Representatives Burke, Young and Gaines. At noon the committee reappeared with Fairbanks and Vice-President Sherman. The ceremonies were quickly begun.

**Taft Repeats Oath.**  
The usual formalities were carried out to the letter. When Taft and Roosevelt had taken places, gray-haired Chief Justice Fuller arose and met Taft in the center of the rostrum. Solemnly, Taft repeated after Fuller, "I do solemnly swear I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

**Guns Warn the Populace.**  
The crowds in the streets who scorned the worst blizzard of years,

were parading up and down Pennsylvania avenue, regardless of the wind and snow, and heard the roar of 10-inch guns in the navy yard a mile away, that told Taft had taken the oath of office as president. They took up a cheer which was augmented by every noise-producing instrument in Washington, with 21 guns of the presidential salute booming over the turmoil. The joyful noise continued 15 minutes. The first gun was fired in response to the message flashed from the capitol dome at 12:55. The change in inauguration from the outdoor platform to the senate chamber made a great difference in the situation, as only a very small number were admitted in comparison with the throng that would have witnessed the ceremonies out doors.

As Taft was driven from the capitol to the White House at the head of the parade, his carriage was surrounded by troop A, United States cavalry, mounted on black horses. Luncheon was served at the White House at 2 o'clock, and half an hour later Taft began to review the parade. This feature of the day was greatly curtailed by the weather conditions, but it was carried out as nearly complete as possible.

**INAUGURAL ADDRESSES DELIVERED**

**TAFT CLEARLY DEFINES HIS STAND ON NEGRO QUESTION.**

Taft's Inaugural Speech Teems With Concise Statements That Reflect the Policy of the Administration During the Coming Four Years—Sherman Uses Customary Brevity—On Tariff and Negro Question, Labor and the Courts, Taft is Equally Clear in His Personal Attitude and Future Policy.

Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C., March 4.—President William Howard Taft set a pace of strenuousness in his inaugural address here today. He took decided stands on every issue touched in the speech, making it clear that mollycoddledism is an unknown word in his makeup. He said in part:

My Fellow Citizens:

Any one who takes the oath I have just taken must feel a heavy weight of responsibility. If not, he has no conception of the powers and duties of the office upon which he is about to enter, or he is lacking in a proper sense of the obligation which the oath imposes.

The office of an inaugural address is to give a summary outline of the main policies of the new administration, so far as they can be anticipated. I have had the honor to be one of the advisers of my distinguished predecessor, and, as such, to hold up his hands in the reforms he has initiated. I should be untrue to myself, to my promises and to the expectations of the party platform upon which I was elected to office, if I did not make the maintenance and enforcement of those reforms a most important feature of my administration. They were directed to the suppression of the lawlessness and abuses of power of the great combinations of capital invested in

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## Stephenson is Elected

### ENGLAND PRAISES PRES. ROOSEVELT

#### HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS SENT TO WASHINGTON.

Extend Good Will to All American—Messages Sent to Capital City—Papers Express Appreciation for Administrative Ability of Roosevelt.

London, March 4.—Resolutions heartily congratulating William H. Taft and expressing good will to the American people were adopted by the chamber of commerce today. Similar action was taken by scores of commercial bodies throughout England. Newspapers refer to Roosevelt in the most complimentary manner and lay stress on the friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States during his administration.

The Westminster Gazette says: "Roosevelt has certainly contrived to give his countrymen a good shaking up. We are content to leave to his own people the verdict on his domestic achievement. He will certainly receive a hearty welcome when he visits England."

**CALL COMES TOMORROW.**  
Salem, March 4.—It is stated on good authority that if the call for a special legislature is not issued late this afternoon, it will be announced tomorrow morning. It is said that all that keeps the governor from issuing the call now is the failure of certain legislators to respond to messages sent by him urging "only one bill" pledge.

**INAUGURAL DAY WEDDING.**  
Westinghouse, Jr., and English Royalty United Quietly.

London, Eng., March 4.—George Westinghouse, Jr., of Pittsburg, and Miss Violet Brockelbank, daughter of Sir Thomas Brockelbank, were married quietly today at Irton, Cumberland county, the home of the Brockelbanks.

**Apply for Bank Charter.**  
Application has been made to the proper treasury officials for a charter for the Enterprise National bank, with a capital of \$25,000. This is the new bank that was organized by local capitalists a few weeks ago.—Enterprise News-Record.

Madison, Wis., March 4.—Isaac Stephenson was re-elected United States senator from Wisconsin today on the 23d ballot, by a vote of 63 out of 123, or one more than was required. This ends the senatorial deadlock that has been on for weeks and carries out the will of the people who chose Stephenson in the primary election. The deadlock was continued by charges of graft in the primaries wherein Stephenson was charged with having spent thousands to further his candidacy. The instance is analogous to Oregon, where the will of the people likewise ruled in the end. Stephenson was first elected to fill the unexpired term of Senator J. C. Spooner.

### BIG SUM FOR SEATTLE FAIR

#### STATE BUILDINGS AND EXHIBITS TO COST \$300,000.

Various State Legislatures Throughout the Nation Donate Liberally to Seattle Exposition Exhibits and the State Buildings—Commissioner Returns Elated.

Seattle, March 4.—Practically \$300,000 will still be invested in state buildings and exhibits at the exposition, in accordance with the appropriation bills pending and funds being raised in the state where the legislatures are in session. This statement was made today by James B. Meikle, commissioner of the exposition, who has just returned from a trip through the middle west.

**HARRIMAN TO GO SOUTH.**  
Will Inspect Lines in Mexico—Cares Little of Politics.

Tucson, Ark., March 4.—Harriman and party arrived here today on a special train, and will take their departure tomorrow for an inspection trip over the lines in Mexico. He was asked for an opinion of the effect the new administration will have on business conditions, and said: "Oh, there is little probability that Taft, or the public, generally, will care much for my opinion." He pretended he took more interest in the climate of Arizona than in political conditions.

Max Shillock of Enterprise, came in on the train this afternoon.

### MERRYMAKERS ARE CREMATED

#### FIRE ON BOARD FLOWER BOAT NEAR HONG KONG.

News Brought From Hong Kong by Steamer That a Flower Flotilla Caught Fire, Burning One Thousand Merry-makers—Fire Spread to Other Boats.

Victoria, B. C., March 4.—Following the overturning of a kerosene lamp on a flower boat on the Canton river, over 1000 lives were lost near Hong Kong, while the steamer Akimaru, which has just arrived here, was in that port. A large fleet of flower boats were massed opposite the Chinese pleasure resort. Occupants were making merry when a Chinese girl sprang into the river with her clothes aflame. The boat was burned to the water's edge. The fire extended to other boats and thousands leaped into the river. Three hundred were rescued.

### OUR OWN HEADACHE CURE

There are a good many good headache remedies made these days but we know of none more harmless, and reliable than ours. We have made Newlin's Instant Headache Cure for many years and it has given entire satisfaction to the increasing number of customers who have used it.

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