

NATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO TAFT TODAY

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ment led to an impression that the White House and criticisms began to grow. The early part of Mr. Taft's administration also coincided with the heyday of the so-called "muckraking" magazines

and all of these at some time took occasion to find fault with Mr. Taft and his method of conducting public affairs. Although many of these criticisms obviously were unfair and were resented by friends of the president, Mr. Taft seldom replied to them. From a kindly, respectful attitude at first, he soon grew into a feeling that justice was not to be had. Time after time when he was urged to make certain statements or do certain things, Mr. Taft would reply:

"Oh, what's the use! Whatever I do or say is sure to be misconstrued or twisted around in such a manner that even I will not be able to recognize my own motives." The feeling that he was a party man and owed a lasting debt of gratitude to the republican party for having bestowed the presidency upon him, led Mr. Taft to give perhaps too willing an ear to the men he regarded as dominating republican forces at the national capital. For his intimacy with

Senator Aldrich and his many consultations with Speaker Cannon and others who were regarded as reactionaries by the progressive wing of the party, Mr. Taft was sharply and constantly criticized. Mr. Taft was not particularly fond of Mr. Cannon, but Mr. Cannon was at the time all powerful in the lower branch of congress. Mr. Taft sincerely admired Senator Aldrich and believed absolutely in his integrity and high-mindedness.

His Idea of Government
Mr. Taft inherently believed in the sacredness of the three great branches of government—the executive, judicial and legislative—and felt that each should be respected. He did not believe he had a right to infringe upon the prerogatives of the legislative branch by dictating what congress should do.

Thus it came about that the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill of 1909 was not all that Mr. Taft thought it should be. But he earnestly believed it was the best tariff bill enacted up to that time and he felt that it met in large degree the platform promises of his party.

For his defense of this bill, particularly in the famous Whitten speech, which it afterward developed had been prepared "between stations," Mr. Taft was bitterly assailed by the progressives. The letter which read the progressive out of the party was prepared for Mr. Taft by one of his earlier secretaries, who applied to political leadership without having had any experience in that line. Mr. Taft never could get it out of his head that this letter was anything but a great joke on the secretary. He always regarded it as such and had many hearty laughs over it, not realizing

that it was one of the rocks which were to help wreck the ship of his political fortunes.

The Ballinger-Pinchot dispute over the conservation of natural resources which marked the earlier days of the Taft administration brought out a typical phase of Mr. Taft's character. He did not regret the controversy as serious at first, but was rather inclined to look only at what he regarded as the humorous side of meetings between the two men. When the full seriousness of the affair finally came home to him, Mr. Taft found himself in deeper than he imagined.

Numerous friends urged him to drop both Pinchot and Ballinger and thus get rid of the trouble all at once, but Mr. Taft felt this would be an injustice to either one or both men and declared he would rather suffer himself the ill-effects of the controversy than do an unjust act. Pinchot finally eliminated himself.

A Clean, Honest Mind
One of Mr. Taft's closest friends once characterized him in these terms:

"He is so clean in his own mind that he cannot see anything unclean in another. His refusal to employ the usual petty tricks of the professional politician, the big-hearted indulgence with which he treats those who deliberately misrepresent him, his willingness to suffer himself rather than use the power of his great office against an individual—to rest under a false light rather than strike back it

the heat of passion and thus risk the chance of committing an act of injustice—have won for him the distinction of being called a poor politician. Mr. Taft will never understand that in politics it often is necessary to be unfair, unjust and to bring into play the ruthless rule of the survival of the fittest."

Mr. Taft's natural bent was to be outspoken at all times and after he became president he chafed under the repeated urgings of his political advisers to say certain things and not to say others. As a judge, Mr. Taft had rendered decisions which brought him into conflict with organized labor. He was at one time urged not to discuss those decisions, but he did so whenever the occasion warranted. He was at his best as a speaker when addressing a hostile audience. His prepared addresses were never so good as those extemporaneously delivered. Under such circumstances the instinct of the advocate always told Mr. Taft's favor.

"I detect hypocrisy, cant and subterfuge," Taft once said. "If I have got to think every time I say a thing, what effect it is going to have on the public mind; if I have got to refrain from doing justice to a square and honest man because I say may have an injurious effect upon my own fortunes, I had rather not be president."

Mr. Taft himself felt a lack of that character of political training which would have thrown him into closer contact with the mass of the people. He had never been an

alderman, mayor, legislator, or governor; his work had been judicial and executive and his circle of contact limited.

He did not know the people of his own country as well as he would have liked and he sought to make up for a previous lack of intimate association with them by his many travels. He found, however, that meeting the people as president was different from fighting his way up among them.

Great Traveler

In all of his travels, Mr. Taft let it be understood that automobile parades through the cities were to be a part of each program. He wanted to see and be seen by as many people as possible. Mr. Taft liked to travel. In fact he had gained such wide fame as a globe-trotter that when inaugurated on March 4, 1909, some facetious writers dubbed him as the first "traveling man" to be elected president of the United States. His professor, Mr. Roosevelt, had been something of a traveler, but Mr. Taft broke all presidential records during the four years he was in the White House and set a mark that probably will stand for many years to come.

He used every means of transportation except an airplane. "My style of architecture was not adapted to the flying machine," he said. "I would have captured the stables of them."

His desire to travel gained

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