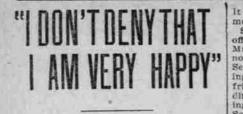
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Secretary Taft Finds It Most **Difficult to Express His** Feelings.

WORDS ALMOST FAIL HIM

Presidential Nominee Hears Good News at His Desk in War Department - Wife, Family and Friends Are Present.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—"Words do not find themselves at a time like this. I do not deny that I am very happy." This was the response of Secretary Tafi to a request for an expression of his views on his nomination for the Pres-idency. The sentences did not come early. Throughout the afternoon pre-ceding the announcement of his nomina-tion the Secretary had been laboring under suppressed nervous strath. The at-mosphere of his office was electric with existement. Notwithstanding the personal at Chicago. How miles away, Secretary

interest which he had in the proceedings at Chicago, 1000 miles away, Secretary Taff did not permit politics to interfere for a moment with his transaction of official business as Secretary of War. In the intermissions between builetins from the convention the Secretary dis-posed of several important departmental for the termination for questions, and when his nomination for the Presidency was announced his desk was practically cleared of important official business

Private Office Crowded.

Throughout the afternoon the private office of Secretary Taft and the office of his private secretary, Frederick Car-penter, were thronged with members of his family, intimate personal and official friends and newspapermen. Shortly be-fore 12 o'clock Mrs. Tait arrived at the War Department. She scanned carefully the bulletins which had been received from the convention and distinctly mani-fested her pleasure at the result of the action of the convention regarding the platform.

She is a close accurate observer of things politically and is one of the best advisers the Secretary has had through-out the preliminary campaign for the Presidential nomination. Mrs. Taft remained in the Secretary's

private office throughout the afternoon She was attired in a becoming suit of pure white, and wore a big picture hat of pea green straw adorned with seal brown and pale green ostrich plumes. Accompanying her was the young son of the Tafts, Charley, whose special function it was to carry the buildtins received from the convention from the telegraph operator to the Secretary's desk. He was the busiest person in the War Department.

Young Son Is Messenger.

While awaiting the coming of the while awaiting the coming of the bulletins he stood at the desk of the telegraph eperator, listening anxiously to the fateful ticking of the instru-ment. He wore a suit of khaki knick-erbockers, with a blue and white striped waist. As each bulletin came from the operator's transvitter he from the operator's typewriter, he scanned it quickly, and rushed with it into his father's office. It was to Mrs. Taft ordinarily that he presented bul-letins, rather than to Secretary Taft, and he listened while his mother read the bulleting to the Secretary's assemthe bulletins to the Secretary's assem-

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it was a happy scene-the realization of onths of labor and tribulation Secretary Root was the first Cabinet filter to extend to Secretary Taft and Mrs. Taft his congratulations on the iomination. He remarked facetiously to Secretary Taft while the latter was shak-ing hands with some of his newspaper friends that he probably would find it friends that he probably would had a difficult to "shake" these men either dur-ing his campaign or after his election. Secretary Taft responded that he had no idea of shaking them at any time. Greets Personal Friends.

Among those whom the Secretary greeted after his nomination were all the en ployes of the insular bureau of the War Department, with whom Secretary Taft was acquainted personally. Turning to Secretary Root after the informal recep-tion. Secretary Taft inquired. "Shall we go to the War College now?"

"Tes," replied Secretary Root. Secretary Taft was already in his rid-ing clothes and he and General Edwards made the trip to the War College on horschack, while Secretary Root and General Bell, chief of staff, went in an automobile. As he was leaving his office automobile. As he was leaving his office Secretary Taft leaned over the desk of the telegraph operator and inquired ten-

tatively: "I guess it's certain enough?" "Certain enough?" said General Oliver. who was standing near. "You want it unanimous?

A minute later a flash came over the wire that the nomination had been unani-Just before Secretary Taft left his of-fice William Pannelly, his personal mes-senger, rushed into the room with a great jar of bride roses as an offering of con-gratulation from the messenger force.

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Exercises Held at Hellig Theater. R. K. Warren Addresses Graduates_Music by Glee Club.

At the 59th commencement exercises f the Portland High School, held last night in the Hellig Theater, diplomas were presented to the 110 members of the class of 1908. The exercises were under the direction of Principal T. T. Davis. The address to the graduating class was delivered by R. K. Warren, a former member of the Board of Education. Herman Wittenberg, chairman of the Board of Education, presented

of the Board of Education, presented the diplomas. The High School Glee Club of 30 voices, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Reed, gave three selections. Miss Metta C. Brown pleased the large audience in the two solos sung by her. The plano solos of Miss Grace von Groenwold were especially enjoyable. Noticeably in the Chopin Ballade in E flat she displayed a brilliant technique. The floral effic to the graduates were

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Walter Young, Zeila Aldine Zeigler. German—Adolph B. Adams, Martha Roelfina Jensma, Edith Albert John-son, Winnifred Osten, Leonard W. Schauer, Wilbur Sharp, Florence La Runyan. Swell tan shoes at Rosenthal's.

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Rev. W. B. Riley, of Minnenpolis, Who In Conducting Special Meetings in Portland.

Rev. W. B. Riley, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., preached his initial sermon last night in the evangelistic meetings which he is to conduct for the next two weeks at the White Temple He

The floral gifts to the graduates were unusually handsome, far exceeding in numbers and quality last year's beauti-ful display, the entire orchestra section

nominating speeches had been conclud-ed-Miss Helen Herron Taft, the Secretary's daughter, joined the group in Mr. Taft's private office. The Secre-tary laughingly explained that she probably would have been there sconer if she had not been too nervous to withstand the strain. Miss Taft was in-clined to resent this comment, but it was apparent that she was infected with "nerves," as were all others in the office. the office.

Throws Sidelight on Man.

One of the bulletins received from the convention indicated that a speaker while nominating a candidate had been greeted with jeers. When Secretary Taft read it he frowned: "I am com-passionate," said he, looking out of a window of the office, "toward anyone who goes through a nominating expe-rience in a couvention." The remark in a convention." The remark of the Secretary was a sidelight on the man. He knew what it meant to pass through so grave an experience as a campaign for a presidential nomina-

Secretary Taft had arranged to visit the War College with Secretary Root at 5 o'clock, but at the last moment he at a o clock, but at the last moment he naturally concluded to wait the result of the ballot which was about to be taken in Chicago. By this time the situation in the Secretary's office had become tense. The door between the Secretary's private office and Secretary Carpenter's office was thrown wide open. In the former stood Secretary Tart surrounded by members of his family and personal and political friends. friends.

In the other room with Secretary Carpenter were 25 Washington correspondents, each hanging on every word that came from the telegraph office.

Tension Becomes Excessive.

As the balloting began in the convention the atmosphere in the conven-seemed surcharged with excitement. Scarcely a word was spoken. Men who ordinarily are not affected by nervous-ness hung once the telescone instanness hung over the telegraph instru-ment as if their lives depended upon the words which the stolid telegrapher was ticking out on his typewriter.

was ticking out on his typewriter. Something went wrong with the officials dispatches. The first announcement was that Massachusetts had cast 32 votes for Taft. Then the announcement from Michigan with its one vote for Cannon. At this moment Secretary Carpenter's telephone jingled and William Pannelly, Secretary Taft's personal measurement re-Secretary Taft's personal measurger, re-ceived a flash from the Associated Press that Taft had been nominated. The con-clusion conveyed instantly to the Secretary, created a commotion.

Pannelly had the convention hall are rained in the contrast of a contrast of a account of the confusion in the Collseum was unable to confirm the report for a moment or so. A builtein from the As-soclated Press confirming the report was then received and was quickly followed by confirmations from other quarters.

Wife's Handshake First.

Scarcely had this news been conveyed Scarcery had this news over the official to Secretary Taft when over the official wire came the flash "Taft is nominated.", Mrs. Taft rose from her seat at the Secretary's desk and turned to her hus-band who was standing at her right. It was an eloquent hand-clasp they gave each other. Mrs. Taft was bubbling over with handings All evidence of the with happiness. All evidence of the nervous strain which had been in her face during the afternoon haid disap-peared. The Secretary himself laughed peared. with the joy of a boy. Around both the Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.* Secretary and Mrs. Taft their friends crowded to offer their congratulations.

his services here in Portland.

when Mr. Loeb took him the news of the nomination of Secretary Taft for the Presidency by the National convention. He had previously prepared a statement declaring Mr. Taft to be the best candidate the Republican party could get for

the high honor paid him today, and as soon as the news of the nomination reached him it was given to the newspapers. Then he continued his game of singles until the time arrived for going to dinner. While the day was one of great interest

and while Mr. Roosevelt read all the important bulletins, there was no such in tense period as that which characterized the previous day, when for nearly an hour the convention broke Into an up-roarious oyation for the rresident.

There were many callers at the White House during the day, Secretary Taft remaining in the executive office for nearly an hour in the morning. Other

visitors who saw the President occupied his time quite fully, but at 3 o'clock he broke his custom by going driving for an hour with Mrs. Roosevelt. Their horses having been forwarded to Oyster Bay, they had to forego their customary recreation of horseback riding. This evening, by invitation, Mr. Taft went to the White House.

KNIGHT SECONDS TAFT Californian Briefly, but Eloquently, Tells Secretary's Merits.

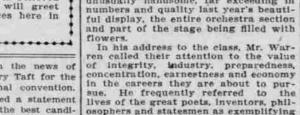
CHICAGO, June 18 .- In seconding the nomnation of W. H. Taft, George A. Knight, of California, said in part:

the nomination of W. H. Taft, George A. Knight, of California, said in part: Four years ago in this Collseum we met and nominated our candidate for President. His strong individuality, unimpeachable in-tearity and recognized ability made him the idol of the people and their invitable as human action and thought. His administration has been as virial and meteoric as the firing of Port Sumpter and it has done as much for the stability of our Government as the plen-teous products of the mill, farm and mine. Today we choose his successor with voices and never surrendered to any opposing force through fear of defeat, that in storm and sumshine fought the good fight for personal inder the work the start of defeat, that in storm and now the time bas come for this his-toric organization again to choose an execu-tive whose fitness is up to the high standards of the past. It is not of the high offician the parts of the out the start is and the has come for this his-toric organization again to choose an execu-tive whose fitness is up to the high standards of his official life in true companionship, but forceful circumstances write at a most opportune time of William H. Taft as a header of men. His personal character, bended with ability and experience, is a trinity of power that makes him a fit suc-cessor of those who have enriched our his-tory with their patriotic lives.

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