

PRESIDENT'S TASK AS SEEN BY TAFT

Republican Nominee Gives His Views in Article Written for Magazine.

NO PLACE FOR SHIRKING

Better No President Than Poor One. His Office—Holder of Highest Motive—Must Keep Close to the People.

NEW YORK, June 22.—Secretary William H. Taft has written the following article on his conception of the Presidency for the current issue of Collier's Weekly:

"In the four years that I have been a member of the Cabinet I have become familiar enough with the responsibilities and burdens of the Presidency to know that no man can afford unduly to shrink from the office, if he is attracted by honor and power alone without the hope of being useful, he is unworthy of the honor and unfit for the use of the power. He must prefer, for the sake of his own peace of mind, never to be President to being a poor president. Contentment that the platform on which he stands is for the best interest of the Nation, he is untrue to himself and his supporters if he does not fight valiantly for election after he accepts the leadership. But of course, he must draw the line at any compact which will not leave him free of promises and of the control of any faction.

Must Be in Prime, Work Hard.

"The President's duties, clearly outlined by the Constitution, have grown broader in their interest in the better government of the country. He should be in the prime of years, health and vigor. The capacity for hard work is a better equipment than any other in the hands of the President of all the departments of the Government and undergoing the strain of countless interviews. He should not only to those in office, but to those out of office, in all branches of private activity, for information and opinion. In order that he may arrive at the truth when he is surrounded by the conflict of interests which come to him with the fair words of the special pleader.

Near the People, Never Waver.

"In many senses, though the most sought after, he is the loneliest man in the United States. Elected directly by the people, their representative body, from them, in the sober thoughts of the majority, he will get his best counsel. Though indifference or preoccupation with private affairs may keep them from attending primaries or caucuses, or endorsing either candidates or measures, they can center on the President as their instrument for the expression of their wishes. He should always be near the people in thought and as near them in person as his position will permit. In common with the people, he is human and must ask their charity for his mistakes. When they have ceased to believe in his sincerity and uprightness of purpose, his is a cheerless task. Once convinced that he has divided and is carrying out their real wishes, neither elated by any outburst of applause, nor diverted by any outbreak of censure, he must persevere in the accomplishment of the popular will.

Sources of Inspiration.

"From Washington we may learn nobility, fortitude and the power of the word. Lincoln's life and speeches must be his source of inspiration when he is misunderstood, and he has to say to himself, 'patience and courage.' It is in the words we had Lincoln that it was before to be a good President. He set a standard. "It remained for Roosevelt to prove how the people will respond to a strong leadership when the hour has come for great reforms. The policies which he inaugurated must be continued and developed. They are right and they are the policies of the people. For that reason his successor may well disregard any charge of lack of originality if he does not make an entirely new programme of his own.

Equal Enforcement of Law.

"A President at this time has work before him clearly defined. The enforcement of law equally against high and low, the powerful and weak, should be his thought. The danger of favoritism or laxity or favoritism in this is the greatest one we have to face. The conservation of our National resources and their development for the use of all, along the lines of social opportunity too, must command his immediate attention. "It should be his aim to give high tone to his administration, as President Roosevelt has, by surrounding himself by men of prominence, enthusiasm in the public interest and of the cleanest and most effective methods.

Enthusiastic About Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, June 22.—Secretary Taft arrived from Cincinnati this morning and left for New Haven at 11 A. M. He said he expected to call on the President at Oyster Bay on Friday in company with General Luke Wright, his successor as Secretary of War. "Asked as to the political outlook, Secretary Taft said a man must be an optimist to succeed. He is an optimist about the demonstration for President Roosevelt at the Chicago convention, saying: "It was a genuine demonstration, and I tell you, it was a great demonstration." "Concerning the Vice-Presidential nomination Mr. Taft said: "I have known Mr. Sherman for a long time, and I think very highly of him. However, I do not think this is the time to discuss personalities." Mr. Taft said he did not expect to return to Cincinnati until the Fall and that he will start his campaign for the Presidency in that city in September.

Holiday on Notification Day.

CINCINNATI, June 22.—A general holiday for the day when William Howard Taft will be formally notified of his nomination as Republican candidate for the Presidency is planned by the local organizations. The celebration, to be entirely non-partisan, committees met today at the Business Men's Club to begin the preparations. Secretary Taft will be invited to make an address. Nothing will be left undone to make it Cincinnati's biggest day.

THINKS TAFT IS VERY WEAK

W. J. Connors, New York Democratic Chairman, Feels Hopeful.

NEW YORK, June 22.—William J. Connors, chairman of the state Democratic committee, was in New York today and said to several newspaper men that he believed Mr. Taft would be an easy candidate for the Democrats to defeat. "There were several stronger men who

might have been nominated," said Mr. Connors. "but none weaker. His only qualification for the office is that President Roosevelt wanted him. I'd rather say nothing about Sherman. Everybody knows about him." "Is the nomination of Bryan as certain as was that of Taft?" Mr. Connors was asked. "I won't believe it until I see it," he declared. "There are other Democrats who can defeat Taft beyond a doubt."

"To a certainty." "Well if the New York delegation sees that Bryan's nomination is certain will it come?" Mr. Connors was asked. "We will wait until we get to the convention." "Will the platform be radical?" "Yes, to a certain extent." "Will it contain a court plank?" "I'd rather have it contain none than the one that was put into the Republican platform that means nothing." "Labor will cut a strong figure in the election, will it not?" "It always does," said Mr. Connors.

HUGHES IS STRONG FOR TAFT

Declares Him Able and Well-Equipped for Office of President.

NEW YORK, June 22.—As the first gathering of New York Republicans to ratify the ticket nominated by the National Convention at Chicago last week, the ratification meeting held by the Republican Club at its headquarters tonight, took on added interest from the presence of Governor Hughes, New York's candidate for the Presidency. He was the principal speaker of the evening, saying: "The Republican party is never in want of a man able and equipped for the great task of governing a free people in constitutional methods. But there never has been a man called to that task with the equipment of William Howard Taft. That is the plain truth. His record may be examined with a microscope."

DECLINES POLITICAL HONOR

John Mitchell Prefers to Continue to Work for Industrial Peace.

CHICAGO, June 22.—John Mitchell, executive of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight gave a letter declining to become a candidate for political office and indicating that he will become instead head of the trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation. Mr. Mitchell's work with the Civic Federation will involve attempts to settle labor disputes without resort to strikes or lockouts. The position carries a salary of \$6000 a year. Mr. Mitchell says he feels that he can be of more service to organized labor by trying to secure industrial peace than by being Governor of Illinois.

WON'T TAKE SECOND PLACE

Judge Gray Will Refuse Nomination for Vice-President.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Federal Judge George Gray will not under any conditions accept the Democratic nomination for the Vice-Presidency and announcement was made today to this effect by Congressman Irving Handy, who will make the speech at Denver during the judge's nomination for President.

Ellis Will Answer Bryan.

COLUMBUS, O., June 22.—Attorney-General Wade Ellis, who arrived here from Cincinnati today, has prepared a statement in answer to what William J. Bryan and other critics of the Chicago convention have said, the tenor of which will be that the platform is not a retreat from the position taken by the President on more vital public issues.

Club Women in Convention.

BOSTON, June 22.—Every train coming into Boston today swelled the arrivals of delegates to the ninth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and it was expected after the arrival of the late evening trains more than 2000 of the 2500 club women expected to attend the convention. It is expected that the next two weeks will be in the city.

Rodeson Off for Denver.

OWENSBORO, June 22.—Urey Rodeson, secretary of the Democratic National committee, left today for Denver, where he will establish quarters and remain until after the convention.

OPENS HER LOVER'S GRAVE

CHICAGO GIRL WILL NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IS DEAD.

Insists on Having Corpse Exhumed. Becomes Hysterical When Coffin Lid Is Raised.

CHICAGO, June 22.—It was disclosed today that to convince a fiancée that her sweetheart was dead and that the body of another man had not been substituted for him, the corpse of Dr. Henry Cragan, formerly of Philadelphia, was recently delivered to the East Seventeenth street, at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Burns, of Chicago, whom the physician was to marry, had carefully scrutinized the features, she would not give up the conviction that the man who had wooed and won her was living.

House Burns; No Water.

Fire originating from causes unknown completely destroyed the two-story frame residence, 1115 East Seventeenth street, at 10 o'clock last night. The building was owned by Charles Lane, who, with his wife and family, watched his property burn. The firemen were unable to get a stream of water into play. The nearest plug is at Fourteenth and Alberta streets. The one hose company which responded to the call laid all their hose, 100 feet, and were still 500 feet short of reaching the blaze. In a few moments the house was burned to the ground. It was valued at \$1800 and was insured for \$1200.

The Midsummer Fiction Number.

The July Sunset contains some rare fiction. Among the contributions are: "The Slames Opposites," by Bailey Mellard; "Careless," by Blaise Glynn; and "With Feet of Clay," by Alfred Daymon Runyon.

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TAFT'S GUEST AT CONVENTION

Yale Delights to Honor Her Most Distinguished Alumnus.

TALKS TO YOUNG LAWYERS

Spencer Speaks on Relations of Law to Liberty.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 22.—Secretary of War Taft returned to Yale, his alma mater, today to attend the reunion of his class of '78. He was the first to join his classmates as "Taft of '78," he found himself the chief guest of the commencement exercises, and he had scarcely entered the shadow of the University buildings before he took up his duties as a member of the corporation. Few opportunities came for him to clap the hands of '78 men who had gathered in the old Edwards mansion on Elm street, selected as class headquarters, for he was immediately escorted to Woodbridge Hall for the corporation meeting, then into the commons to speak to the young men who were about to be given their law school sheppards, actively to engage in the medical school exercises were held.

Met by Classmates on Arrival.

Mr. Taft reached the city at 1 o'clock unaccompanied. Mrs. Taft and Master Charles Taft having reached here on an earlier train and gone to the home on the opposite side of the city. Mr. W. F. Eastman, whose guests he was to be until Thursday. Mr. Taft was met at the station by a delegation from his class and after exchanging greetings he stepped into an automobile and was whisked away to the Edwards house, where about 40 '78 men were ready to extend a welcoming hand. After a short stay the Secretary went to Woodbridge Hall, where the corporation was in session. He left this meeting a little later, walked across the campus to the commons, and, passing in a street with a cheer from those who first got a glimpse of him. His advent was just at the conclusion of an address by ex-Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin.

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Spencer on Law and Liberty.

I want to impress upon you that, while you may differ on political questions, there is something which rises above politics, and something which lawyers cannot afford to differ on. The lawyer under his oath owes to his country and to his client a firm on the basic principles of popular government. The three co-ordinate branches of government are the executive, legislative and judicial. Each must keep its place. If representative government cannot exist, when you and a government in which the three branches have become subordinated to the will of the executive, popular government has ceased to exist. I speak of this in an impersonal way. The last hope of liberty in this government is in the spirit of the people. If a political body advocating any measure which seeks to limit the foundation of government as laid down by the founders, as you value your oath of office, fight it.

POISON TO SAVE BETTING

VICTIOUS FIGHT ON LOUISIANA ANTI-GAMBLING BILL.

Senator Suddenly Taken Ill and Doctors Have Suspicion—Adjournment Prevents Defeat.

BATON ROUGE, La., June 22.—By forcing an adjournment the friends of the Locke anti-racing bill saved that measure from defeat in the State Senate. The bill will come up again at noon tomorrow. A hurried adjournment tonight, with 20 members present who could be relied on to vote for the passage of the bill, so a motion to adjourn was carried, 20 to 17. An announcement in the morning by J. McLaughlin, chairman of the New Orleans anti-racing track league, put an unusual phase of the illness of Senator McLaughlin, who attended tonight, in the news. The attack may be due to "some unknown foreign substance," which "resembles poison very much."

TROLLEY LINE ASSURED

Right of Way Deeds Filed for Milton-Athena Extension.

PENDLETON, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—All doubt concerning the Walla Walla Valley Electric Company's intention to extend its interurban line from Milton to Athena was met at 10 o'clock today when 16 right-of-way deeds were placed on file in the office of the county recorder. The deeds are all across land lying between Milton and Athena and extend to the very heart of the wheat belt.

Helped Man Get Broken Neck.

COLFAX, Wash., June 22.—Deputy Sheriff Dickinson returned Sunday from Palouse with Win Burden, accused of being instrumental in causing a man to fall down flight of stairs at a Palouse lodging-house Saturday. The man, a butcher, known as "Jim," was killed, receiving a broken neck.

Lawyer's Duty to Public.

The administration of criminal law of the country is defective. Members of the bar do not recognize that their duty is not only to the court, but to their clients at large. A lawyer is not justified in resorting to the tricks of a pettifogger just to indicate that the man sitting beside

him is his client. We are having a general moral awakening and the members of the bar need that awakening just as certainly as men in other walks of life. We cannot afford to sacrifice everything for success nor permit loyalty to a client to carry one beyond the line marked by duty to the court. If you have opportunity to take criminal cases, become a prosecutor, take them, for criminal law develops recognition of the importance of facts. I venture to say that when presentation of facts is needed, the men who have had experience in criminal cases show greater skill. I am glad to have this opportunity to speak to you. Because we have been out 30 years, we must not forget that we have a great deal to learn. Take the advice of Justice Clarke in preparing your cases, sit up nights and prepare your statement of facts, put it in plain language and I know you will reach the heart of the court. I know that must have reached the heart of Justice Blatchford when, as Solicitor-General, I rose and asked to have dismissed certain appeal cases. The judge wrote me a letter praising my prompt disposal of the cases and assuring me that a future opportunity would be given to me.

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