



PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, INAUGURATED YESTERDAY.

TAFT USHERED INTO OFFICE AS PRESIDENT

Ceremony in Senate Chamber Due to Blizzard.

SUN SHINES FOR PARADE

Dramatic Scene When Roosevelt and Taft Exchange Farewells.

OVATION IS GIVEN TO EACH

Senators and Populace Join in Cheering Speech.

GORGEOUS SCENE AT BALL

Amid Swirling Snow and Biting Wind, Huge Throngs Applaud New President on Journey to White House.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The first Chief Executive to take the oath of office in the chamber of the Senate in 75 years, William Howard Taft became President of the United States today.

Accompanied by the weather through a swirl of blinding snow by President Roosevelt and a guard of honor, Mr. Taft returned to the White House just as the sun began to force its way through the clouds. A sudden blizzard sweeping in from the northwest last night set awry the weather Bureau's optimistic promise of "fair and somewhat cooler," caused an abandonment of the outdoor ceremonies on the famous east front of the Capitol, much to Mr. Taft's chagrin, and threatened for a time to stop the brilliant pageant of the afternoon.

However, a passageway was cleared along the center of Pennsylvania avenue, and for nearly three hours President Taft and Vice-President Sherman reviewed a passing column which was replete with martial splendor and picturesque with civic display.

Goodbye Ovation to Roosevelt.

After the inaugural ceremonies in the Senate, Theodore Roosevelt, again a private citizen, bade an affectionate adieu to his successor while all in silence and then hurried away through a side door to take the train for New York. As he passed out of the chamber, Mr. Roosevelt was given an ovation quite the equal of that rendered to the new President. Outside the Capitol the retiring Chief Executive was met by 500 members of the New York Republican committee and under their escort was driven to the Union Station, a short three blocks away.

There was a wait of nearly two hours at the station, during which Mr. Roosevelt held an impromptu reception in the Presidential suite. Many of his old friends among Government officials and the Diplomatic Corps surrounded him there for a final word of farewell.

To all with whom he spoke Mr. Roosevelt declared that while he had a "bully time" as President of office, he would lay down the duties of office, and especially commented upon the latter's inaugural address as a splendid effort.

Ball Is Culminating Feature.

President and Mrs. Taft were the centers of interest at the culminating feature of the day—the inaugural ball in the Pension Building. The scene in the cavernous building, which had been transformed into a canopy of court of ivory and white, was another of the brilliant pictures quadrilaterally painted here by the gathering of a vast and brilliant assemblage from every section of the country. With all the color and movement of a military spectacle, with the softening influence of delicately tinted gowns and the interest of a personnel seldom equaled at a social function, the inaugural ball holds a place unique in the history-making of the day.

While the ball was in progress indoors, a display of fireworks on the monument lot in the rear of the White House marked the end of the outdoor celebration. For hours the thinly clouded heavens were alight with rockets, with sun clusters that challenged the brilliancy of day, with fiery "cobras" and all the fantastic creations of modern pyrotechnic skill.

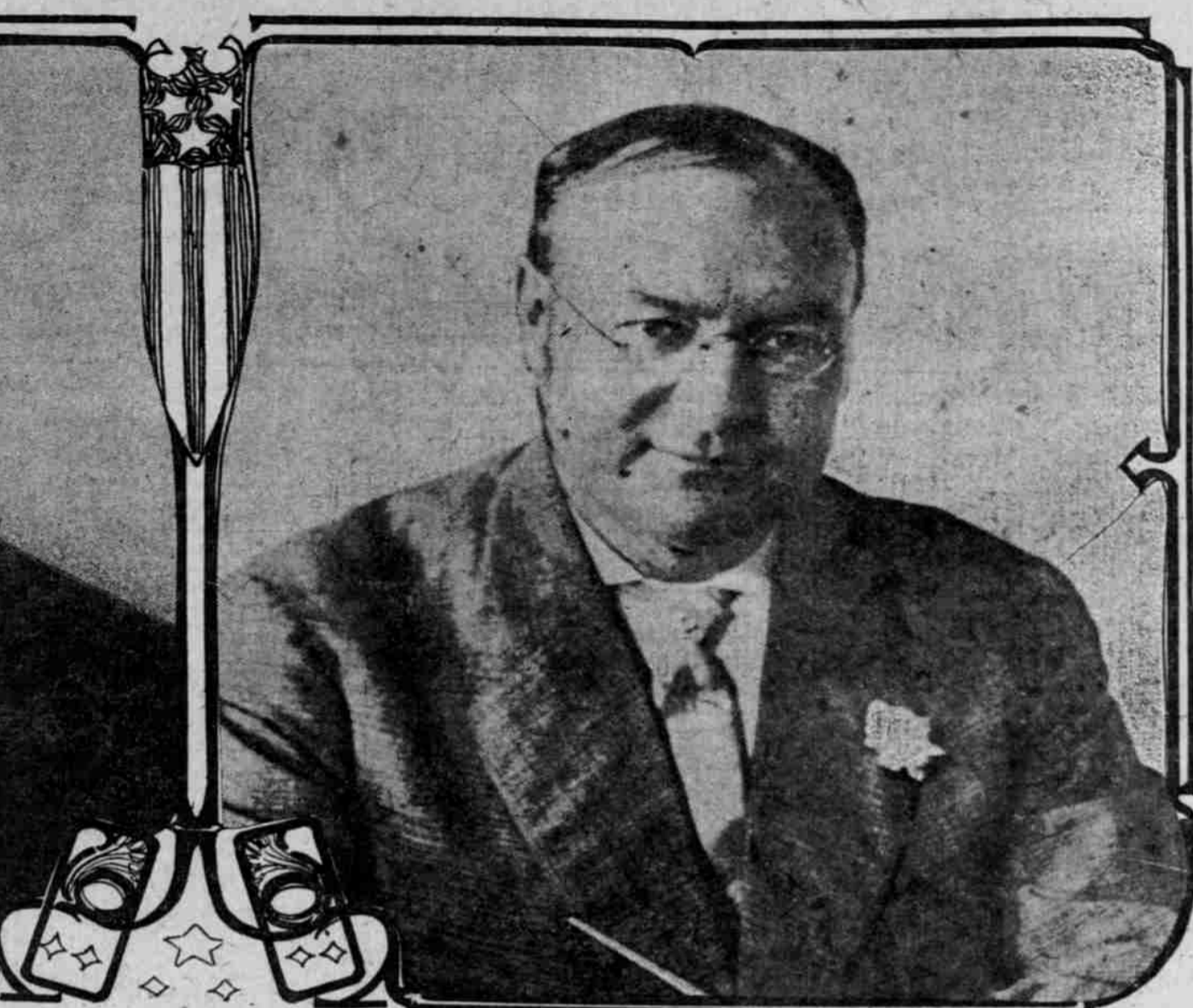
Day of Continuous Plaudits.

Prior to his visit to the ball, President Taft had entertained at tea in the White House the members of the Yale Club; had dined with Mrs. Taft at 7 o'clock and had called at the Metropolitan Club



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

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JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN

JAPAN SEES OMEN

Regards Taft's Inauguration as Peace Guarantee.

PRESS UNITES IN PRAISE

Likes Incoming President's Idea on Asiatic Question and Says That Friendship of Two Nations Is Cemented Anew.

TOKIO, March 5.—The press of Japan continues to felicitate President Taft upon his inauguration and is unanimous in rejoicing over the fact that his knowledge of Japan is based upon his personal observations while a visitor in the empire. The papers say that in consequence of this the friendship between Japan and the United States is certain to be strengthened materially during President Taft's term of office.

The editorials express the confident expectation that Japanese interests in the United States will be safe with President Taft in office.

The full text of President Taft's inaugural address has been received by cable and widely published, inspiring further expressions of confidence on the part of the press. Especial attention is called to that portion of the address which outlines the policy of the incoming President on Asiatic immigration. This is commended in the various papers.

MINNESOTA SOLONS LOYAL

Praise Both Old and New Presidents During Special Recess.

ST. PAUL, March 4.—The House today took a recess during the hour when President Taft was inaugurated and Republicans and Democrats vied with each other in expressions of loyalty to Ex-President Roosevelt and for President Taft. At the conclusion of the eulogies the House testified its respect for the incoming President with a rising vote and the Speaker was instructed to send telegrams of congratulation to both Roosevelt and Taft.

FRANCE DISCUSSES CHANGE

Papers Honor Roosevelt and Have Confidence in Taft.

PARIS, March 4.—The papers of Paris today give much space to the inauguration of William H. Taft and the retirement of Theodore Roosevelt. The consensus of opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt has had a remarkably successful and picturesque career; that he has aroused the moral force of the United States and internationally has filled an important role on the world's stage.

Although he is a great preacher, he has been distinctly a man of action, "an

KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN PARIS

NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBE AND DEPICT INAUGURATION.

Make Usual Blunders and Tell About Bill Taft and Possum, Teddy and His Bear.

PARIS, March 4.—(Special).—The front pages of the Paris morning newspapers today contain long articles devoted to the incoming and outgoing American Presidents. Illustrated profusely and containing the usual array of amusing errors regarding everything connected with the inauguration, they yet serve to show the striking increase of French interest in American affairs, which has marked the Roosevelt Administration.

GIRL'S BROTHER RETURNS

Miss Karasek, However, Remains East Until Troubles Are Over.

TACOMA, Wash., March 4.—(Special).—Frank Karasek, brother of Miss Rose Karasek, arrived in Tacoma today from Vienna, stating that his sister had returned to America, but would remain in New York until the present agitation relative to Joshua Klein had passed away.

Miss Dora Sauvaget, at Klein's chiel in the Swiss Alps, was on the point of returning to her home in Tacoma when she weakened under the influence of some of Klein's followers, at Amden, and refused to return.

Mr. Karasek said his observations led him to believe that the people of Amden, as well as some of the people he met in Vienna, are fanatical over Joshua Klein's powers. Some, he says, even proclaim Klein to be a second Messiah. They idolize Klein and his belief.

WADDELL SEEKS DIVORCE

Ball Player Says He Cannot Stand Wife's Temper.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—A petition for divorce was filed by George Edward ("Rube") Waddell, the ballplayer, here today. The document charges that Mrs. Waddell showed a "violent and unbecomingly temper" at various times, and also that on one occasion when Mr. Waddell threatened to leave her on account of her association with persons distasteful to him, she caused him to be attacked by two vicious dogs.

BEAR AND DRAGON CLASH

Russian and Chinese Troops Reported Fighting at Harbin.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 4.—It is reported that there has been a conflict between Russian and Chinese troops near Harbin. If the reports are true the trouble probably arose out of the situation following the efforts of the railroad authorities at Harbin to control the local administration.

TEN DIE IN STORM

Atlantic Seaboard in Grip of Raging Blizzard.

ALL TRAFFIC PARALYZED

Wireless Telegraphy Only Way That News of Suffering Can Be Sent, Sleet Having Put All Lines Down.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—With ten already known dead and wires down so that reports can scarcely be received, inauguration day of 1909 will go down in history as being accompanied by one of the worst storms that ever swept the Atlantic seaboard. In Washington, where the greatest crowds were gathered, the sleet of the day before swept down miles upon miles of wires, and in their deadly and tangled coils a policeman and a young woman visitor were electrocuted.

Aside from these deaths, the paralysis of railroad traffic cooped up thousands of people in the capital city who were unable to obtain lodgings of any sort and who were compelled to spend a shivering night on the street.

On the nearby reaches of Chesapeake Bay five oystermen perished in the cold that swept with the blizzard over the land, and many others were badly frost-bitten.

In New York the blizzard conditions of 1888 were repeated, and so far two deaths have been reported.

Everywhere wires are down, trains delayed and roads blocked, and news of the extent of the storm is only being received by wireless telegraphy. When the full reports are in, greater loss of life is expected to be recounted.

SUFFERING IN WASHINGTON

Thousands of Visitors Sleep All Night in Doorways.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 4.—(Special).—The first train to get to Philadelphia this evening arrived at 8:30, having left Washington at 11 o'clock this morning. At that time five inches of snow lay on the streets and it was bitterly cold. There were nearly half a million visitors in Washington and thousands of these are tonight without beds or board. Farmers and country folk from nearby counties came only prepared to spend the day and are now without food or money with which to buy any.

Last night women, children and men were compelled to sleep in doorways and lobbies because there was no other place to sleep, and tonight conditions will be indescribable. Early today \$5 and \$10 were being paid for sleeping accommodations by persons who were unable longer to stand the strain, and tonight even this resort will no longer be possible.

Today crowds went to see the parade, despite the biting cold and many suffered severely. So did the soldiers who participated in the parade, especially those who were on guard at the Capitol. Troops were lined up on the side streets until the new President and Vice-President had been sworn in. Then they were dismissed to suffer further suffering.

As an example of the frightful demoralization of all railroad traffic, troops still going down to Washington

CHAMBERLAIN IS DELAYED BY SNOW

FAILS TO REACH WASHINGTON IN TIME TO TAKE OATH.

Young Completely Out Unless Taft Appoints Him—Jones Applauded by House.

TRY NEW AIRSHIP SOON

Germany to Test Aeroplane and Dirigible Again.

BERLIN, March 4.—Major Parseval has completed a new aeroplane which will be tried out soon near Berlin. It is a monoplane, driven by a motor, and is arranged to ascend from and descend to the surface of the water. Parseval's third dirigible balloon, which is considerably more powerful than his previous airships, has just undergone a series of successful trials under the superintendence of the military authorities.

TRAMPS ATTACK FREIGHT

Thirty Hobos Mob S. P. Train in Southern California.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 4.—Southern Pacific Westbound freight No. 29 was attacked by 30 armed tramps three miles west of Ontario today. Conductor Sutherland, of Los Angeles, and crew put the vagrants to flight. Posses were hurried to the scene and 14 vagrants were captured.

FORM LIBEL INDICTMENTS

Federal Grand Jury at Washington Takes Action in Case.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Federal Grand Jury here, which has been investigating alleged libelous publications in connection with the Panama Canal project, today returned indictments against the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, and Caleb Van Hamm, one of the editors of the World. The text of the indictments was not made public.

INUNCTION FOR SALOME

Kansas City Morals Cannot Stand Sensuous Dance on Stage.

KANSAS CITY, March 4.—Gertrude Hoffman, the actress, was enjoined by the Circuit Court here today from presenting the Salome dance during the rest of her engagement here in the leading part of the "Mimic World," on the ground that the dance is obnoxious to public morals.

GOODBYE TO 'TEDDY'

Thousands Shout and Cheer ex-President.

OVATION IS TREMENDOUS

New York County Committee Escorts Him From Capitol Amid Hubs of Enthusiasts—He Praises Taft's Speech.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—With thousands of his countrymen bidding him an affectionate adieu, Theodore Roosevelt, retiring President of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, departed from the National Capitol for his Oyster Bay home at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. As he was leaving the scene of seven years of strenuous activity, Mr. Roosevelt gave every indication of delight over being relieved of official cares. Looking somewhat tired, but happy, the ex-President was deeply moved by the affectionate demonstration in his honor while waiting for his train at the station.

Thousands Shout Goodbye.

"Good-bye, and good luck to you," were his farewell greetings to the thousands who witnessed his departure. It was a magnificent spectacle when the great crowd waved handkerchiefs in unison and shouted: "Good-bye, Teddy!"

All the way from the Capitol to the Union station, Mr. Roosevelt, escorted by the New York County Republican Committee, 800 strong, received a tremendous ovation, which he greatly appreciated. A band played "Auld Lang Syne."

"What's the matter with Teddy?" shouted Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, who headed the escort.

"He's all right," answered the crowd, and three cheers followed.

Thanks His Escort.

Addressing the escort, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I want to thank you heartily for escorting me down to the station, and let me say to you how much I appreciate your courtesy. Good-bye, and good luck to all."

Then Mr. Roosevelt, who had been preceded to the station by Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, held an impromptu reception in the President's private room at the depot. All of his former Cabinet officers, members of the diplomatic corps, officials and other admiring friends went there and bade him farewell.

Mr. Roosevelt, in conversation with friends, declared he was glad to give up his arduous duties.

"My that was a fine inaugural address of Mr. Taft's," remarked Mr. Roosevelt to Senator Root.

Mr. Root responded: "It was splendid."

PENSION BUILDING SCENE OF GAITY

Inaugural Ball Crowds It to Utmost.

NEW PRESIDENT HERO OF HOUR

Fair Women and Brilliant Uniforms Add to Scene.

OVER 10,000 ARE PRESENT

Taft and Sherman Families Are Center of Congratulating Throng, While Former's Children Look On Gleelessly From Box.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Magnificent in its splendor and presenting a scene of rare beauty, which quickened every human emotion, the inaugural ball tonight was the climax of a day of triumphs for William H. Taft.

In the vast hall of the Pension building, resembling a dream of fairyland, mingled fair women, beautifully gowned and from every clime; men whose names are known in every corner of the world; diplomats in courtly raiment; statesmen in somber attire; officers of the Army and Navy in their gorgeous uniforms, and ordinary American citizens, whose presence testified to the democracy of the affair.

In the gallery thousands of American girls looked down upon the scene.

Taft in Good Spirits.

President Taft appeared especially light-hearted and unimpaired of the serious things, as he and Mrs. Taft, with Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, made their promenade around the great ball, where on every side they were flanked by members of the reception committee.

The President held a delightful ten-minute reception in his room following his arrival, during which he greeted a number of personal friends, including Ambassador Jusserand of France, Robert, Charlie and Miss Helen Taft, and Miss Torrey, the President's aged aunt, who came from New England to attend the inauguration.

New Chief Met at Door.

Both the Presidential and Vice-Presidential parties were met at the door by the ball reception committee. Theodore W. Noyes was chairman and escorted them to their respective rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman arrived shortly before 9 o'clock and the President and Mrs. Taft half an hour later. There was

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