BATH-TUB TALK IS GIVEN BY MR. TAFT

Distinguished Visitor, Pressed for Time, Accords Reporter Interview en Deshabille.

NEW PARTY THOUGHT DEAD

Military School in West to Train Citizens for Country's Defense Proposed—Presidential Conditions Declared Baffling.

Back from an automobile trip up the Columbia Highway last night, with 30 minutes in which to dress to get up to the University Club to attend a reception in his honor, William Howard Taft with large graciousness consented to be interviewed on things in general while he was in transit from his business suit to his dress suit, by way of the bathtub.

Between shedding his coat and unlacing his shoes he talked of the war in Europe, or rather explained why he couldn't talk about it.

Between unfastened collar and B. V. D.'s he gave his ideas of the advisability of establishing a military academy in the West; and through the preliminary soapsuds of his bath he considered the coming Presidential campaign and genially predicted the final evanescense of the Bull Moose party.

The dispatch from New York containing Mr. Roosevelt's militant statement concerning the recent sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine, was called to Mr. Taft's attention.

"Yes, I saw it," he remarked, sitting down and tugging at his shoelaces, "but just because he bursts out with a declaration on it at this time is no reason why I should talk, too."

And he continued his operations on the shoelace with a clear indication that he regarded it inadvisable for the diplomatic situation to be too freely discussed for publication by men of high prominence at this time.

New Military School Favored.

"I favor enlarging the work of West Point," he said, "doubling it, if necessary, to develop an adequate number of officers for our Army. After a man has completed his training in the military academy let him go out and do what he pleases, remaining, however, subject to a call to the colors for the service of his country in case the need arises."

"Do you think the new military academy, if it should be developed, should be situated in the East or in the West?" he was asked.

"In the West," he replied promptly, "for I think they would take more interest in it and in its development than they would in the East probably."

Then he discussed the possibilities of the next Presidential campaign, and what the main issue might be.

"Ordinarily there would be the tariff certainly as one of the chief issues," he said. "Under a normal course of events also, the tendency of the present Administration to regulate and to tamper with and intimidate business would develop into an issue in itself.

"The war in Europe has, of course, upset things in general to such an extent that it is after all difficult to make a definite prophecy as to what the main issue to be brought forth in the next few months may be."

Bull Moose Thought Dead.

"Do you think the Progressive party will figure materially in the coming campaign?" was the next question brought up.

Mr. Taft poked his head around the jamb of the bathroom door, blinking through soapsuds.

"I do not," he said.

"I expect to see the Progressive party fade away. To my mind it is one of the humors of the situation to see the generals and field marshals, the captains and commanders of the Progressive party meeting and solemnly considering what they shall do, while all the privates in the ranks have quietly stolen away already, or are getting ready to do so."

Ex-President Taft is having a tremendously enjoyable time on this present trip of his.

"In fact, I have been having lots of fun ever since I left the Presidency," he said, and hailed a jovial good-bye from the bathroom after the retiring visitor.

Half an hour later he was at the University Club as the guest of honor at a banquet by the Yale alumni.

President Taft has changed greatly since his last visit to Portland.

He confesses to the disappearance of 48 pounds of weight and looks fit and fine. The Taft smile is unaltered, save perhaps for an even greater expansiveness in testimony to the truth of his assertion that he is having more fun out of life than ever before.

The trip he made up the Columbia Highway yesterday after the luncheon at the Press Club was his first trip up the scenic Columbia, and he was enthusiastic when he returned. In the party that made the trip with him were S. Benson, Amos Benson, J. B. Yeon, Edgar B. Piper and C. H. Carey.

HOOD RIVER GREETS MR. TAFT

One Democrat Drives in Six Miles to Sea Former President.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Ex-President Taft received an ovation at this city this morning. People in numbers, from both town and valley, lined the platform for 20 minutes before the arrival of the ex-President's train. Both Democrats and Republicans were present. As a testimonial of the popularity of Mr. Taft, the family of M. Pendergast, a Democrat, had driven six miles to greet the Nation's former chief executive. A basket of fine peaches gathered from the orchard of W. L. Smith was presented Mr. Taft.

Towering above his fellow-townsmen out to see Mr. Taft was the tall form of E. L. Smith. "I am the only man of Oregon today, I think," said Mr. Smith, "who attended the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln the first time, and my last vote for a President was cast for William Howard Taft."

"I judge, then," was Mr. Taft's reply, "that you are a Republican, Mr. Smith."

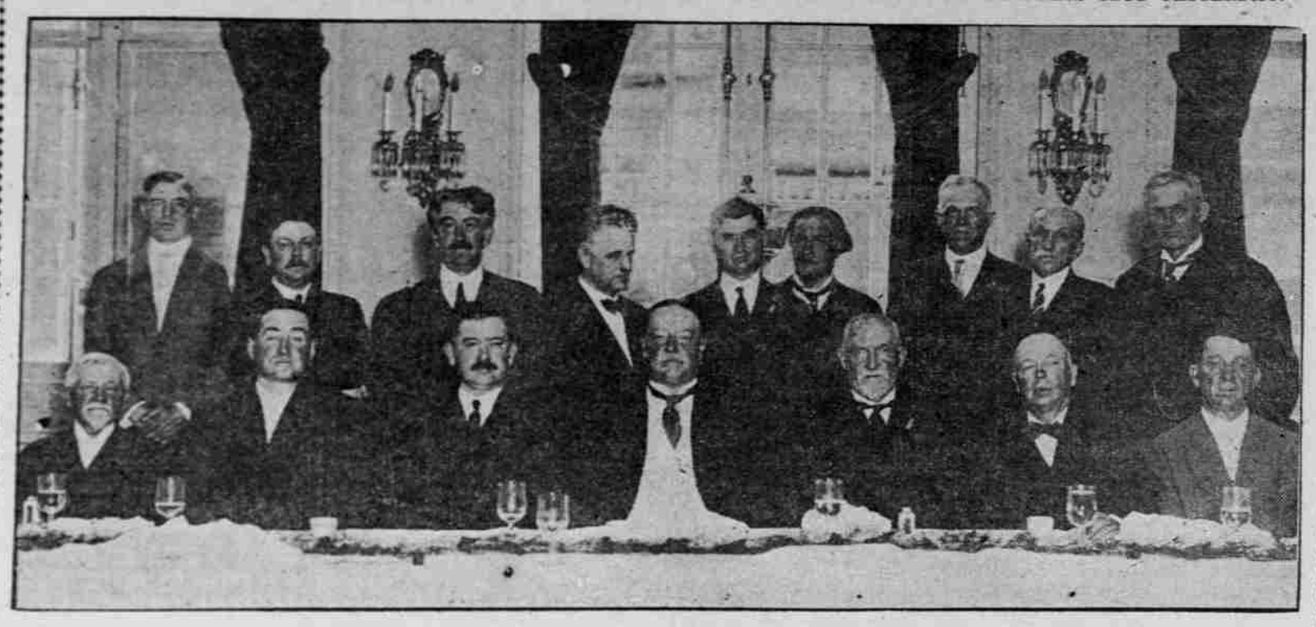
MAN HURT WHILE DIVING

Robert Hart Slips and Dislocates Shoulder on Log.

Robert Hart, 620 First street, dislocated his shoulder yesterday about 1:15 P. M. when he attempted to dive into the river from a log raft at the foot of Curry street in South Portland. His feet slipped and he struck one of the logs with his shoulder.

The injured man was brought down the river by Carl Prehn, engineer of the Harbor Patrol, in the patrol launch, and taken to the Police Emergency Hospital for treatment. Mr. Hart is 39 years old.

GROUP AT SPEAKERS' TABLE AT BREAKFAST FOR EX-PRESIDENT TAFT GIVEN BY PORTLAND PRESS CLUB YESTERDAY.



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Seated, Left to Right—H. L. Pittock, Representative C. N. McArthur, P. E. Sullivan, President of the Press Club; Mr. Taft, Governor Withycombe, Senator George E. Chamberlain, Senator Harry Lane. Standing, Left to Right—Ralph E. Williams, Judge C. U. Gantenbein, Edgar B. Piper, B. F. Irvine, John F. Carroll, W. J. Galvani, C. W. Fulton, C. B. Moores, Ex-Governor Gillette, of California.

TAFT OUTLINES PLAN

Adequate Navy Is First Need for National Defense.

PRESENT ARMY IS WEAK

Mobile Strength of 100,000 Is Required, With Provision for Requisite Officers—Cost Must Be Borne Patriotically.

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our honorable rights and to defend ourselves from such aggressions as we ought honorably to resist."

He conveyed a subtle but unmistakable hint that he did not approve the manner in which the present Administration has handled the Mexican situation, but spoke with earnestness and sincerity when he continued:

"It is not material if we differ from the Administration in its past policy in Mexico, but it is sufficient to know that the future will develop an effort to bring about an honorable solution."

Nation's Duty Outlined.

It was then that he gave a definite outline of what he believed to be the duty of the Nation to prepare itself for self-defense.

"We ought to raise our army to three or four times its present size," he started out.

"Yet," he added, in a reassuring tone, "we are not in a helpless position. We have two great oceans—one on either side of us—that give us an opportunity

He then took up a discussion of each of these three arms of National defense—the Navy, the coast defenses and the Army.

"Our first line of defense," he asserted, "is our Navy. We ought to begin righ. now to make that Navy the equal of any navy in the world, with the exception of Great Britain's.

"I do not mean that we should build a Navy for offense; it should be for defense. We must build plenty of dreadnoughts, battleships, cruisers and battle cruisers. Of this latter class we have none. We need submarines, torpedo-boats and all the auxiliary vessels that go to make a great navy.

Public Sentiment Aroused.

"I feel that public sentiment has become aroused to the necessity of such naval improvements, and believe, from what I learn, that the Administration at Washington is taking steps to carry out such a programme."

He aroused his audience to tremendous applause when he thrust his head and chest forward and declared emphatically:

"In those undertakings we must all stand back of the Administration."

He then took up a review of the coast defenses of the country which, he declared, approach nearer the modern European standards than either the Army or the Navy.

As the Navy is the first line of defense, he explained, the coast works are the second line.

"These fortifications are not, as is so generally believed, for the purpose of preventing an army from landing on our coasts," he continued. "With more than 10,000 miles of open shore line it would be impracticable for us to defend all our coasts with fortifications. These forts are intended to protect our harbors and our great cities from naval invasion and afford a refuge for our Navy.

Full Navy Can Check Invasion.

"If we have a full Navy it will be a bold nation, indeed, that attempts an invasion of our shores. They won't dare come to our shores until they have swept our Navy from the seas. If we have an adequate Navy it can keep a prospective invader engaged at least long enough to enable our Army to get ready."

He asserted then that the present coast defenses of the United States are as good as any in the world.

"This idea that some of the foreign nations could send warships within 15 miles of our borders and from there drop shells into our forts until they had reduced them to crumbling ruins is all poppycock.

"Our guns are big enough to keep out any navy in the world.

"You all know what happened at the Dardanelles. One of the strongest navies ever assembled went down there to attack those forts. And the forts were not equipped with the biggest modern guns, either. You know the rest. The forts are still standing."

His discussion of the Army was summed up in his opening statement on this subject, which was expressed bluntly but deliberately:

"Our Army is very weak."

He pointed out that the United States Army, not including the men in the insular possessions and in the Coast defense service, consists of only 25,000 men.

"The Secretary of War, in a recent report," he continued, "made plain that this number is just twice as many as the police force of New York City. And that's a fact.

"We should have a mobile Army of at least 100,000 men," he continued. "We need 16,000 more Coast artillerymen to man the guns of our ports.

"We have in our National Guard about 100,000. Experts say we should have 500,000.

"We are deficient, too, in that we have not officers enough. Our West Point should be doubled and others like it should be established to train officers."

He pointed to the example set by Switzerland.

"But," he continued, "if we are to prepare for our defense, we have not money enough.

"Why, we have been having too easy a time in this country. We have been too smug. We must agitate ourselves.

"Now if we are to raise more money we must tax ourselves, and that means additional burden.

Cost Must Be Borne Patriotically.

"We will not bear this burden for the purpose of waging a war of aggression, but to carry on, if need be, a defense of our National honor."

The ex-President was loudly cheered when he concluded and many of those who heard him crowded forward to shake his hands and to voice their approval of the sentiments he had expressed.

Judge Taft prefaced his more serious remarks by a happy speech that kept the whole audience in a round of laughter.

Ex-President Taft was the last speaker. He was preceded first by Governor Withycombe. The Governor referred to the ex-President as "not only one of the country's greatest statesmen, but one of the world's greatest statesmen."

Edgar B. Piper, of The Oregonian, spoke on "Ex-Presidents." He presented a lofty view of what the public imagination expects an ex-President to be. His qualifications in many particulars were recognized by his hearers as fitting particularly the acts of ex-President Taft. He won a storm of applause with the following significant declaration:

"An ex-President should not withdraw so far from public life but that if a call again be made he'd hear it and respond to it."

He urged that ex-President Taft continue to give the Nation the benefit of his wise counsel.

John F. Carroll, of the Evening Telegram, had "Peace" as his theme, and pointed to the fact that rival newspaper men can gather peacefully together as one of the unmistakable signs of the approaching peace among nations.

He took occasion to welcome the guest of honor as "one of the profession."

"As an ex-President," continued Mr. Carroll, "he has risen to the full dignity of an American citizen, and not as a partisan. He has brought new honors and credit to our profession."

B. F. Irvine, of the Journal, indulged in a satirical review of the events of 1912 that brought President Taft into new prominence through the attacks of his opponents. He humorously portrayed Mr. Taft as the "bad man" of the Republican convention—the man who was responsible for all the ills of the social world that his enemies of the time undertook to cure.

He continued in this manner for a brief period, and none enjoyed his subtle references to the campaign of 1912 more than did Mr. Taft himself.

He concluded with an eloquent tribute to Mr. Taft's course of conduct, through which, he said, he has risen "broadly, nobly, magnificently, resplendently, triumphantly, and has given this country an example of what an ex-President should be.

First Thoughts Are of Republic.

"He speaks first and only of his thoughts for the Republic. William H. Taft certainly deserves our honor and he has it."

P. E. Sullivan, president of the Press Club, presided. The reception and entertainment was in charge of a committee consisting of Orton E. Goodwin, chairman; Charles W. Myers and A. A. Rosenthal.

In order to fill another engagement, Mme. Jomelli, who was to have sang at the close of the programme, appeared while the crowd was eating. The entire gathering stood up as she began "The Star-Spangled Banner." They applauded vociferously when she concluded. She responded with another verse and again was loudly approved.

A committee of the Oregon Bar Association, including J. N. Teal, C. H. Carey, George N. Davis and others, met the ex-president at the Union depot when he arrived on O.-W. R. & N. train No. 19 at 12:16. William McMurray, general passenger agent, had gone to The Dalles to meet him. Yesterday, in company with S. Benson, John B. Yeon, Edgar B. Piper, C. H. Carey and Amos Benson, Mr. Taft made a trip over the highway as far as Multnomah Falls. He returned to the Multnomah Hotel in Portland late in the evening. He was a guest of the Yale Alumni at the University Club last night.

Judge Taft is staying at the Multnomah while in Portland. At noon today he will be the guest of Ralph E. Williams, Republican state committeeman, at luncheon at the Arlington Club.

His principal address will be delivered at the Heilig Theater at 1:30 today, when he will speak before the Oregon and Washington bar associations on "Law and Government."

He will leave on the Shasta Limited at 2:50 for San Francisco.

Those present at the breakfast were:

Harry Lane	Dr. Ed. A. Marshall
J. N. Gillett	Stanhope S. Pier
R. E. Williams	Sig. Sichel
Edgar B. Piper	S. C. Bratton
H. L. Pittock	John McCourt
C. N. McArthur	W. J. Hofmann
P. E. Sullivan	A. A. Rosenthal
William H. Taft	Frank W. Wood
James Withycombe	E. L. Van Dresar
George E. Chamberlain	J. R. Wood
Harry Lane	Colonel Cornelius Gardener, U. S. A.
Charles B. Moores	R. W. Hagood
John F. Carroll	W. M. Davis
C. W. Fulton	J. P. Finley
John L. Travis	Joseph L. Gould
B. F. Irvine	William H. Galvani
Monroe Goldstein	A. E. Rockey
E. J. Solomon	Charles H. Carey
Merrill A. Reed	O. M. Clark
James H. McCool	Frederick V. Holman
I. M. Howell	Edward Curran
Milton A. Miller	S. M. Mears
Orton E. Goodwin	A. C. Jackson
C. W. Myers	Gustav Anderson
George M. Trowbridge	E. T. Rehfield
Franklin T. Griffith	F. E. Taylor
Hugh Hume	Jacob Kanzler
Henry Nell	John H. Scott
J. Fred Larson	Dean Collins
S. Benson	Edward D. Baldwin
J. B. Yeon	Frank F. Toevs
A. S. Benson	Thad. W. Vreeland
Mark Woodruff	R. E. Menefee
Paul R. Kelty	H. L. Underwood
Frank J. McGettigan	W. N. Gatens
Ralph A. Fenton	Frank T. Collier
T. B. Neuhausen	Claude McColloch
Paul Wessinger	Elof T. Hedlund
Fred G. Taylor	Harry G. Haugsten
Austin B. Richeson	J. L. Wallin
Harold E. Hunt	Shad O. Krantz
H. Earl Smith	George M. Cornwall
Walter J. Larson	I. N. Day
James V. Sayre	Robert G. Morrow
E. N. Blythe	L. A. Fernsworth
Dix H. Roland	Edward C. Luce
Howard G. Cosgrove	Edward Lyons
Joe D. Thomison	Gilbert H. Grosvenor
H. E. Thomas	John M. Scott
E. S. Reynolds	Charles T. Hoge
George A. White	C. M. Idleman
Harvey Wells	W. P. LaRoche
G. F. Putnam	Charles A. Johns
F. W. Bell	Robert L. Withrow
Stanley Myers	C. U. Gantenbein
Philip H. Dater	Charles J. Schnabel
R. A. Rostad	L. K. Hodges
Earl R. Goodwin	Louis Sondheim
J. J. Folen	Kenneth A. J. McKenzie
Clifford H. Shinn	W. Lair Thompson
William McMurray	Jay Bowerman
Edward Ehrman	D. Mahoney
E. A. Beals	Clark Wood, Weston
David W. Hazen	J. A. Mahoney.
J. W. Cochran	
W. H. Warren	

YOUNG TREES SWELL CROP

Cheaper Peaches Being Canned at Quinaby for Domestic Use.

QUINABY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Despite the falling fruit earlier in the season, the peach crop is larger than ever before since the young orchards have come into bearing. The Lachmund orchard is shipping 500 crates daily, and many orchardists are running wagons through the country offering peaches at 75 cents per bushel, while they are only 50 cents at the orchards. Last year merchants asked $1 a crate.

The reduction in price makes the peach a popular fruit for canning, and many are trying sun drying in a limited way.

Town of Employes Started.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A general merchandise store, a warehouse and six cottages are to be built near Olympic View schoolhouse, four miles east of Montesano, by the Schafer Bros'. Logging Company as the nucleus of a new settlement. The new buildings are for the particular use of employes in the Schafer camps.

Engine Carries Man 50 Feet.

Carried 50 feet on the cowcatcher of an engine which struck him last night in Kenton, Charles Moxley escaped with a fractured rib. The man was attended by Assistant City Physician Lawton at the Emergency hospital.

JOMELLI THRILLS CROWDS AT MAJESTIC THEATER.

So much of a popular hit did Madame Jomelli make before the audience of 25,000 at the open-air concert in Laurelhurst Park last Thursday night that a widespread demand arose to hear her in a new repertoire of songs right away.

Jomelli began a week's concert engagement yesterday at the Majestic Theater, and she and her magnificent rendition of songs and ballads were quite successful, drawing round after round of applause from large audiences. Jomelli is in fine voice, and she understands programme-making with any artist in America. It is rare that vaudeville attracts such a grand opera prima donna superbly dowered with vocal gifts.

Jomelli began by singing a gay, dazzling French song by Chaminade, a number that had lots of runs and trills in it—and the singer was more than equal to the heavy demands made on her vocalism. The song has a tremendous climax, and the last note was a beautiful, shining, sparkling one.

A rousing recall was Jomelli's reward, and she responded with that favorite song of John McCormack's, "I Hear You Calling Me," sung with a mysticism, a romance, a fine, tender sentiment that thrilled.

Warm applause. In reply to a second recall, Jomelli sang, with fine optimism, "The Year's at the Spring." She looked beaming, happy and youthful.

Miss Constance Piper was the piano accompanist, and played with splendid ability and musical finish.

The Jomelli programme heard is only one of many. She is to sing new songs every day of her engagement, out of her large and varied repertoire.

This chance to hear a real prima donna, and a Portland one, should be taken advantage of. To hear Jomelli sing is a positive vocal revelation.