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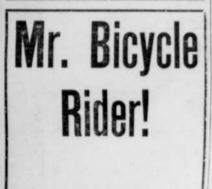
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Though Mr. Toft's home has been in

sidered for the presidency of the United

States has been such a globe tratter

Mr. Taft has been nearly everywhere

mately 150,000 miles, or half a dozen

times around the earth. It seems as easy for him to undertake a journey

the average person to make a hundred

other young ladies found their life

romances en route the secretary of

war was exceedingly busy. He had

war department. A messenger noti-

Five minutes later the messenger an-

and tried to hurry up the chief person-

"Train leaves in ten minutes, Mr.

messenger walked in and remarked:

age connected with the journey.

continuing at work.

working at his desk.

Secretary."

nounced the flight of time.

"All right," said Taft.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

[Copyright, 1908, by Robertus Love.] DERSONAL pop- them the increase until such time as ularity counts all other classes of labor employed on for much in the canal could have a proportionate this world. Partic- raise in pay. The lot ularly does it bear weight in politics. Cincinnati all his life and he still votes No unpopular man in the city where he was been, it is ever was elected to probably a fact that no man ever con-Still, there office. are degrees of popu-

larity, and there are men who possess He is essentially a world citizen, hav the quality of lika-ing hobnobbed with kings and com-CHARLIE TAFT. bleness far above the average of their mons, with princes and peasants. In William H. Taft is one of various countries. It is estimated by fellows these. "Personal magnetism"-he has a careful statistician that in his official it in great abundance. An old darky capacity since his appointment as in the south was discussing Mr. Taft's chairman of the Philippine commis chances for the presidency. He was slon Mr. Taft has traveled approxifor Taft because Taft is popular. "What makes Mr. Taft so popular,

uncle?" asked a bystander. "His pussonal magnitude," promptly halfway around the world as it is for replied Uncle Rastus.

It cannot be denied that there is mile trip. And Mr. Taft always works nuch of personal magnitude about Mr. hard right up to the last minute. When Taft, who weighs in the neighborhood he was about to start on the journey of 300 pounds when he is in fighting to the Philippines which became fatrim. He is a big man, and he was a mous as the "matchmaking trip" bebig boy. Somehow men of extra avoir- cause the president's daughter and dupois usually enjoy a greater degree of popularity than do their brethren of the shrunk shank and the lean and natured and jolly. When bigness runs to frame, to head and to heart the com- fied him that it was but twenty minbination is irresistible. That is the utes to train time Taft sort of bigness, for the secretary of war combines with his big frame a large and active intellect and a heart of human kindliness that beats for all, The Rev. Dr. Lyman ... bbott says: 'It is this intensely human quality in Mr. Taft that gives him his popular sobriquet of Bill Taft. He likes men. and he likes all sorts of men 'except those that are dishonest or disloyal. He was the most popular governor the Filipinos have ever had. This was not wholly because he was absolutely just, was loyal to their interests, urged the earliest possible substitution of civil law for military law and offered an invincible opposition to all schemes of exploiting the islands for the benefit of unscrupulous American pioneers. He

was the personal friend of the Fillpinos; he believed in them, defended them, befriended them, trusted them and-danced with them. This last fact, I am inclined to think, went as far as

the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra. She believes in the higher education for both men and women, and it is her proudest boast that all her children are studious. Her daughter, Miss Helen Herron Taft, now sixteen, has elected to take a full college course and is at Bryn Mawr. The eldest son, Robert Alphonso Taft, is nineteen and is a junior at Yale. He took two entrance prizes when he entered the university. He has chosen the law as his profession. The other child is Charlie, a boy of ten, who now dreams of West Point.

"I am old fashioned enough," says Mrs. Taft, "to believe that woman is the complement of man and that what is most feminine about her is most atthey went back to work. Taft investi- tractive to man and therefore of the gated their claims and after due con- greatest utility to the world. It does not seem to me that a college course makes a girl unfit for domestic obliga-



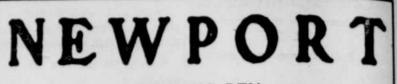
MRS. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

women are not called on to preside over a home or to rear children, but I think that all broad minded women conhungry look. Most large men are good much work to do in his office in the cede that this is the loftiest type of usefulness.

> time for fads or to cultivate eccentricities-she has been too busy. She de-"All right," cheerily responded Taft. lights in traveling and in studying forelgn tongues. During her residence in Manila she studied Spanish very diligently, and also some of the Tagal dialects. When there were but ten minutes to her husband on most of his long jourspare a second messenger rushed in neys, she, like him, is an exceptionally experienced traveler. She is still a young woman, having been married but twenty-one years, and is the most youthful looking lady in the cabinet "Very well," said Mr. Secretary, still circle. Until the accession of Mrs. James R. Garfield she was, in fact, the About eleven minutes later the first youngest.

> > scribed as ideal. Miss Helen, like her mother, is bookish and intellectual. Robert, like his father, is ambitious to excel in the law. It is remembered that up to a few years ago Judge Taft's great ambition was to become a member of the supreme court. He has





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#### ROBERT TAFT.

any, perhaps as all the others com-bined, to make the Filipinos idolize him, as they certainly do, for Judge Taft is in the best sense of the term a democrat. He is as free from race and class prejudices of every description as any man I have ever known. He is as thoroughly a believer in the motto, 'A man's a man for a' that.""

Those who know Mr. Taft either intimately or casually testify to his unfalling good nature, his spirit of comradeship. He is a man who likes a joke and upon occasion can crack one nimself. The Taft smile is famous beause of its reproduction in newspaer and magazine pictures. The Taft augh cannot be reproduced thus, but a recent caller at the war department said after having heard the big cabinet officer laugh, "A great, deep volced augh-the Taft laugh, in fine-which sught to be put on a phonograph record and sent to all those sad places on nis earth where folks never smile."

But Mr. Taft can be stern when sternness is required. He knows how to enforce discipline in the army or out of it. When Taft was placed in harge of the Panama canal work as secretary of war he received a delegation of steam shovel engineers who were threatening to strike for more "We'll strike right now if you don't

agree to give us this raise."

"Do I understand you rightly, gentlemen?" inquired the secretary. "Do you mean to say that you want that talse before I have decided and that if you don't get it you'll strike?"

"Yes; that's right" mylled the other,

table and write out your resignations?"

The men didn't want to resign. They



GOLFER TAFT ON THE PUTTING GREEN. "Your train has just pulled out of the station, Mr. Secretary.

"Fine!" cried Taft, with the Taft laugh. He knew very well, of course, that his train would wait for him, and he was not worried. Twenty minutes later he bundled up the department papers on which he could work en route stepped into his carriage and went to the railroad station.

"A train can wait," he remarked to his private secretary, "but the United States war department business can't." Though Mr. Taft is a very busy man, he finds time to keep well acquainted with his family. He is a fine family man, with a fine family. Mrs. Taft, the first lady in the land in the event of her husband's election to the presidency, is a daughter of John W. Herron, who was President Hayes' law partner. The Hayes and Herron fami-Hes were on terms of close intimacy During the Hayes presidency young Miss Helen Herron, now Mrs. Taft, spent the Christmas holidays in the White House, the president being "uncle" to her and Mrs. Hayes "Aunt Lucy." This visit remains Mrs. Taft's pleasantest recollection of girlhood umes, "Nothing in my life," she has aid "mathes the eliman of human bliss which I felt as a girl of sixteen when I was entertained at the White

Mrs. Taft is handsome, intellectual,talented, witty and vivacious. She has dent to reconsider and finally name an been a student of music all her life reconsidered. The upshot was that and for seven years was president of oider man.