

**EX-PRESIDENT TAFT  
DIED ON SATURDAY.**

William Howard Taft, the only man in history to serve his country both as President and as Chief Justice of the United States, died at his home in Washington on Saturday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock from heart disease. He was in his 74th year.

The twenty-seventh President of the United States resigned from the Supreme Court bench a little more than a month ago because of the illness that brought his life to an end. His health had been on the down grade for some time before he finally relinquished his post as Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Taft was born at Cincinnati September 15, 1857. His father was Alphonso Taft, who was Attorney General of the United States in 1876-1877, and his mother was Louisa Maria Torrey Taft. The Chief Justice received his early education in Cincinnati and after being graduated from high school went to Yale University, where he was graduated in 1878. He stood second in a class of 121 and was salutatorian and class orator.

He took his law course at the Cincinnati Law School, where he was graduated in 1880. There, as at Yale, he maintained his high standing as a student and when graduating as a first prize with another member of the graduating class.

Besides the various public offices which he had filled, Mr. Taft served the Government on numerous missions. In 1904 he was sent to Rome by President Roosevelt to confer with the late Pope Leo XIII concerning the purpose of agricultural lands of religious orders in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Roosevelt generally was credited with making Mr. Taft President, and most political observers agree that he unmade him seven years later. Backed by the Roosevelt influence, Mr. Taft was elected President in 1908 by the overwhelming majority of 321 electoral votes out of a total of 488.

With the Roosevelt influence against him and Colonel Roosevelt ticket in candidate on a third party ticket in 1912, Mr. Taft received but a paltry eight votes out of a total of 531.

It was said of Mr. Taft at this time that although he was the worst loser of any. He left the White House in the happiest frame of mind, apparently glad to lay down the cares of state, which had been far greater than he anticipated.

Mr. Taft was appointed a member of the National War Labor Conference Board in 1918 and was co-chairman until the board was dissolved, in August, 1919. He served as president of the American National Red Cross from 1906 to 1913; president of the American Bar Association in 1913 and of the American Academy of Jurisprudence in 1914. He also served for several years as president of the League to Enforce Peace.

Mr. Taft's brothers were Henry W. Taft, who practiced law in New York from the time he was admitted to the bar, and Horace Dutton Taft, headmaster of the Taft School at Watertown, Conn. Charles P. Taft, editor and publisher of the Cincinnati Times-Star, was a half-brother.

The Chief Justice was an ardent baseball fan and frequently attended the games in Washington as well as in other major league cities. He was personally acquainted with many of the star players of the National and American Leagues.

Mr. Taft married, when he was 29 years old, Helen Herron, daughter of John W. Herron, of Cincinnati, and by her had three children, Robert, Helen and Charles. He was devoted to his wife and family. On his many travels not a day went by that he did not write or telegraph to Mrs. Taft.

On Tuesday morning the body was taken to the Capitol, in Washington, where it lay in state in the rotunda for three hours. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock that afternoon in All Souls Unitarian church, of which the Chief Justice was a member. Burial was made in Arlington National cemetery.

"A negro was brought before a Southern judge for speeding in an old tin lizzie.

"What have you to say for yourself?" asked the judge.

"I wasn't going more than ten miles an hour," replied the negro, "but I've got something that beats 'em all hollow."

"What is it?" asked the judge.

"It's a cuckoo clock. When Ah goes at ten miles an hour, the fenders rattle; when Ah goes at twenty miles an hour, the whole top rattles, and when Ah goes at forty miles an hour the old cuckoo sings 'Nearer My God to Thee.'"

A couple of university students were hauled into traffic court the other day on a charge of highway hurdling in their collegiate fliv.

"Have you a lawyer to act as counsel for your defense?" the judge inquired.

"No, Your Honor," responded the young man who appeared to be the older of the two. "We don't want a lawyer; we're going to tell the truth."

"—Irate Master (to negro servant): "Rastus, I thought I told you to get a domestic turkey. This one has shot in it."

Rastus: "I done got a domestic turkey, sir."

Master: "Well, how did the shot get in it?"

Rastus: "I sneekts they was meant for me, suh."

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**No "Frills," but Real Meals in Lumber Camps**

Some one recently writing of Maine lumber camp feeds describes the table in rather interesting terms: "The food is all on before the cook shouts: 'Come and get it!' You will not find finger bowls, white napkins or a dozen knives and forks to every person, but you'll find real grub, the kind that delights the stomach of every woodsman. There are no 'courses.' You eat as much as you want of anything that is on the table. The dishes are kept filled by the cook. Coffee, milk and tea are in large pitchers. Other food is in tins or enameled basins and in large quantities. The cups are of tin and hold a pint—a real man-size cup. Knives, forks, spoons and plates are also of tin or enameled ware. Some of the men mix beans, bread, pickles, potatoes and onions together and then cover it with molasses. As soon as a man has eaten, he takes his dishes and deposits them in one of the huge dishpans that is usually in the sink at one end of the cookroom. To leave your dishes on the table would be a certain sign of 'greenhorn.'"—Lewiston Journal.

**Scottish Judge Noted for Baths on Bench**

Newly appointed judges are invariably warned against undue loquacity on the bench. A dreadful example of such verbosity is found in the case of Lord Eskgrove, a Scots judge of a hundred years ago. Eskgrove could never be content with a plain statement, and his efforts to adorn the tale often led him into almost incredible depths of bathos. Condemning a tailor to death for murdering a soldier he declared: "Not only did you murder him, whereby he was bereaved of life, but you did thrust, or push, or pierce, or project, or propel the lethal weapon through his regimental breeches, which were his majesty's." On another occasion, sentencing two criminals for housebreaking with violence, he ended a long recital of their crimes by deploring: "And all this you did, God preserve us, just as the family were sitting down to dinner."—Montreal Star.

**Eliminating Ground Ivy**

A simple and effective remedy for ground ivy on lawns has been found. This consists of a single spraying with sodium chlorate, using 1 to 2 ounces per gallon of water, and that quantity of solution is sufficient to cover 100 square feet, providing a pressure sprayer is used. If applied with a sprinkling can, a trifle more solution will be needed, as that method of application is somewhat wasteful of material. The leaves should be thoroughly covered. The spray can be applied any time during the summer or fall. Since the spray discolors the grass for a short time, it is perhaps best to defer application until late fall.

**English Poets Laureate**

The origin of the poet laureateship in England is involved in obscurity. In early days the word "laureate" came to mean in English "eminent." It was thus generally, although not always, applied in a literary sense. Medieval kings had poets or minstrels attached to their households, who received pensions, although their appointment was not official. In this way Ben Jonson was looked upon as the first laureate, but the title seems never to have been really conferred on him. John Dryden was the first English poet to receive the title by letters-patent in 1670. From that time the post became a regular institution.

**Lost Property**

It was kit inspection, and the soldiers had their things laid out on their beds. The orderly walked into the room and approached Private Brown. "Three shirts, Brown?" he asked. "Yes, sir. One on, one in the wash, and one in the box," replied the private. "Two pairs of boots?" "Yes, sir, one pair on and one pair in the box." "Two pairs of socks, Brown?" "Yes, sir; one pair on and one pair in the box." "Good! Now, where's the box?" "Dunno, sir; I've lost it."—London Answers.

**Earliest English Clock?**

In the first chamber of the great tower of Salisbury cathedral lies a rusty, odd-looking piece of mechanism which may prove to be the earliest turret clock in England, dating back to 1386, or six years before the earliest record of the Wells clock, now in the Science museum at South Kensington. An interesting feature of the Salisbury clock is the hand wheel for winding the going (as distinct from the striking) part. Only a little work at a trifling cost would be required to make the clock go again.

**Let Down**

Mother had been trying very hard to teach little Betty to be more polite. At last she really seemed to be successful. "Just you see how good she is at dinner time," mother boasted to her husband. Dinner time came. There was suet pudding. "Betty," said the child's mother, "will you have some more pudding?" "No!" replied the daughter. "No what, Betty dear?" "No fear, mother."

**BANKERS REPORT  
DROP IN SAVINGS**

**Lure of Stock Market Partly to Blame, but Slackened Speculation Expected to Bring Return to Thrift.**

The first recession in the nation's savings account in banks in the twenty years during which records in this field have been kept by the American Bankers Association was disclosed for last year in the recent annual compilation prepared by its Saving Bank Division. The shrinkage amounted to over \$195,000,000, on the basis of figures for the year ending June 29, 1929, whereas a year earlier the reported increase was over \$2,300,000,000, the largest ever recorded. The number of savings depositors also decreased during the year covered by more than 500,000 accounts. The lure of the stock market and affiliated activities are cited as part of the explanation for these changes.

The association's statement says that savings deposits in banks and trust companies of continental United States on June 29, 1929, stood at \$28,217,658,000. The recession in savings, it declares, indicates a fundamental change in the savings situation, irrespective of whether it is temporary or not.

**How Savings Used to Grow**  
"In 1926 savings deposits increased \$1,562,000,000, in 1927, almost \$1,400,000,000 and in 1928 over \$2,300,000,000," it says. "It appears now that some influences in one year have taken the gain that might reasonably have been expected in savings deposits for 1929 and lowered them from the high mark of the preceding year. This recession is not one coming as a result of drouth, famine, unemployment or conditions outside of the United States."

"A year ago it was stated: 'The year closing June 30, 1928, registered the largest gain in savings deposits in banks and trust companies of continental United States ever recorded in the history of this country.' What a difference one year makes! From a gain of more than 2 1/4 billions of dollars in savings deposits to a loss of almost 200 millions!"

"The loss in savings deposits is reflected also in the loss of savings depositors. The year 1929 showed a total of 52,664,127 depositors, against 53,188,348 for 1928, a loss of 524,221. "Industrial production was much higher last year than the preceding year. Factory payrolls were considerably greater. In production, employment and trade, advances were made over the preceding year. In the farm areas the improvement noted for 1928 did not recede in 1929 and the livestock industry in all its branches was prosperous."

**The Causes of the Drop**

"The causes of the recession are possibly multiple. There is scarcely any reason to doubt that one of the important factors draining away savings and decreasing depositors has been the lure of profits to be made in stocks. For a number of years the people have been regaled with stories of profits made in stocks in all types of companies. During the last few years there has been a specious philosophy preached that panics such as formerly occurred were no longer possible."

"If it was the lure of profits in stocks which caused the recession in savings, then a factor in future savings will be the success attendant upon this venture of savings depositors in stocks. If the experiment did not prove generally successful, then another year will doubtless witness an increase in savings deposits as well as in savings depositors."

**HELPING YOUNG FOLK TO BECOME BANKERS**

Through the American Institute of Banking, which is the American Bankers Association's educational section, the banking profession is educating 35,000 bank men and women in the technical and scientific departments of their work. These students are enabled by this institute, which is entirely non-commercial in its operations, to obtain a grasp of the finer points of banking without interrupting their employment or interfering with their earnings, in their bank jobs. The courses given, including bank economics and law and bank administration in all the departments, have been worked out under the direction of senior college educators and the lectures are always given by practical men, such as lawyers in the legal courses, experts in banking operations and college professors in the economics courses. There are chapters with meeting rooms in over 200 cities and also a number of smaller study groups are fostered with correspondence aid.

It has been said that the A. I. B., as it is familiarly known throughout the banking field, is the greatest adult educational organization in the world and is supplying the banking business with the largest supply of trained workers each year that any comparable line of business is receiving. The organization holds an annual convention attended by hundreds of young bank workers as well as senior bank officers actively interested in furthering the institute's educational work, at which numerous technical subjects of practical banking application are presented and discussed. This year's convention will be held at Denver, Colorado, June 16 to 20.

**Straw Not Forbidden to Children of Israel**

Whether or not the first brickmaker lived in a past 12,000 years distant, excavations at Ur of the Chaldees, the city of Abraham, have yielded brick tablets inscribed with information concerning a people of 6,000 years ago. If the Old Testament account is accepted the tower of Babel was built of brick, for "they said one to another: Go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly." And Holy Writ carries its reminder that brickmaking was known to the early Egyptians. Down through the ages has come allusion to bricks without straw, although the Children of Israel were not, as a matter of fact, required to make bricks without that binding material.

**Florid Epitaph Common in Revolutionary Days**

"Stop, Passenger," begins an epitaph, dated 1781, on a stone in a cemetery in Elizabeth, N. J., "here lie the remains of a woman who exhibited to the world a bright constellation of the female virtues. On that memorable day, never to be forgotten, when a British foe invaded this fair village and fired even the temple of the Deity, this peaceful daughter of Heaven retired to her hallowed apartment, imploring Heaven for the pardon of her enemies. In that sacred moment she was by the bloody hand of a British ruffian dispatched like her Divine Redeemer through a path of blood to her long wished-for native skies. There were few brief epitaphs in those early days. It was apparently regarded as a lack of reverence to fail to enumerate the virtues of the departed, and as a disregard of opportunity to fail to warn the 'passengers' of what was in store for them."

**Once Famous Port**

Though Cowes is now almost synonymous with pleasure yachting, the little town was famous for its dockyards long before the annual regatta was thought of, says "Looker On" in the London Daily Chronicle. Many a tall ship for war or merchant service came off the slips at Cowes in the old days, including Nelson's famous Vanguard, and during the World War its shipyards were adapted again to contribute worthily to British naval strength, both in regard to new building and repairs. How the town came by its name has some interest. Really the names is plural, and derives from the two "coves" or circular forts, which Henry VIII erected to guard the entrance to Portsmouth harbor. One fort is now the headquarters of the Royal Yacht squadron.

**Dog Saved Browning**

Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett did not elope alone. Miss Barrett's lap dog went along. "Not because the lovers wanted it particularly," Dr. Andrea Bard informed the Kansas City Browning society at a luncheon, "but because they were afraid to leave it behind. One bark would have spoiled everything. Miss Barrett's father disapproved of the intended marriage. "Think of it—the future of Browning poetry resting with a little dog. If that little dog had yapped, very likely there would have been no Browning society and, what is worse, none of those exquisite poems written by Mr. and Mrs. Browning after their marriage."—Kansas City Star.

**Wanted to See the Fight**

Joseph Van Raalte tells of a New Yorker who went to see the same theater play every night for two weeks. "You seem to be stuck on this show," the ticket seller said to him one evening.

"No," said the man, "it's this way: You know that part in the second act, where the husband goes out and the lover comes in the fire escape window? Well, some one o' these nights the husband is goin' to forget somethin' an' come back for it an' ketch that bird. An' when he does, I want to be there."—Capper's Weekly.

**"Sweeping the Board"**

To refer to anyone as having swept the board is to say of him or intimate that he overcame all opposition, triumphed over whatever obstacles confronted him and so achieved a spectacular victory. Like several other metaphorical expressions that have gained common currency, this one has its origin in the patois of the card table. For in playing cards, when one or the participants swept the board, he secured everything, that is, won all the stakes on the board or table.

**Hoarding Food**

The habit of burying food is one that several wild animals possess. It is evidently a trait handed down from the time when England was in a grip of continual ice. At that time the hunter ate all he could, then buried the rest, returning to it when hungry. Nowadays the weasel will still bury the surplus, but, unlike its ancestor, it does not return to the store as there is plenty of fresh food to be obtained. London Times.

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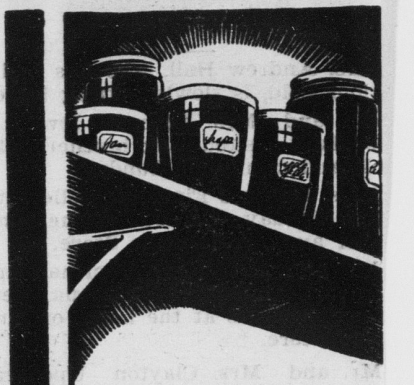
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