

TAFT TAKES THE OATH AS THE 27TH PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

Blinding storm Mars Ceremony At The Capitol—Oath Administered In The Senate Chamber—Pluck Triumphs Over Obstacles.

UNUSUAL FEATURES OF THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT.

For the first time in 76 years the President took the oath of office in the Senate Chamber and delivered his inaugural address there.

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The heaviest snowstorm ever seen on an inauguration day swept Washington, blocking the streets, stopping cars and delaying trains for many hours.

For the first time since the invention of the telegraph the capital on Inauguration Day was practically cut off from communication with the outside world.

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Sperry Took Dewey's Place.
All of the members of the Supreme Court were present except Justice McKenna. While Gen. J. Franklin Bell was present as the head of the army, Admiral Dewey, who should have represented the navy, was absent and Rear-Admiral Charles S. Sperry, who commanded the returned battleship fleet, occupied Admiral Dewey's seat under arrangements made at the last moment. A conspicuous figure on the floor of the Senate throughout the ceremonies was Major-General Oliver O. Howard, who was present in uniform, looking every inch a soldier. General Howard is the ranking living retired officer of the Civil War, and is entitled to the floor because he has "received the thanks of Congress."

Promptly at noon by Vice President Fairbanks' official watch, but 14 minutes after that hour according to everybody else's chronometer, the Sixtieth Congress ceased to exist and the inaugural ceremonies began. At noon Senators Cullom and Teller, constituting the Senate committee to wait upon the retiring President, entered the chamber and Mr. Cullom announced that Mr. Roosevelt informed them "he was about to make his last communication to Congress." This proved to be the proclamation which was read immediately after the special session of the Senate met, calling it to meet for the purpose of acting upon the Cabinet nominations. Immediately after that Mr. Fairbanks walked into the chamber from the lobby and took the gavel from Senator Gallinger, who had been presiding temporarily. He was loudly applauded. When the House was announced the whole assembly arose and the members from the other wing of the Capitol entered under escort of Speaker Cannon, who had the arm of Gen. Henry H. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the present "Father of the House."

Speaker Cannon advanced at once to the seat reserved for him to the right of the Vice President's chair and was greeted with applause, while the blind chaplain of the House went to his designated seat and shook hands with Dr. Hale, the Senate's chaplain. Meanwhile Mr. Fairbanks had again surrendered his seat to Mr. Gallinger and had hastened around to the front so as to be able to enter with Mr. James S. Sherman when Mr. Alonzo Stewart, the master of ceremonies, announced "The Vice President-elect and the Vice President." Senator Frye, the President pro tempore of the body, walked between the incoming and outgoing presiding officers of the Senate.

Roosevelt And Taft Enter.
Then came the announcement of the President-elect and the President. Col. "Dan" Ransdell and Alonzo Stewart led the way arm in arm. Behind them were Senators Knox and Lodge, of the committee of arrangements, but Senator Bacon, of Georgia, the third Senator on the arrangement committee, was unable to be present on account of illness.

At 12:16 o'clock Mr. Fairbanks administered the oath of office to Mr. Sherman. Standing to the left of Mr. Sherman, Mr. Fairbanks then delivered his retiring address to the Senate. After the applause was over and Mr. Fairbanks had stepped down to a lower seat as a Vice President returned to private life, Mr. Sherman rapped attention and asked "God to bless the United States of America," introducing Chaplain Hale, who offered a fervent prayer.

Mr. Fairbanks' address occupied nine minutes, and at 12:32 o'clock the inaugural address of Mr. Sherman, which lasted only a few minutes, was over. When he reached the peroration during which he expressed the hope that he might live up to the ideals of that office followed by Mr. Fairbanks, the new Vice President turned toward Mr. Fairbanks and the two men shook hands.

Immediately after the reading of the President's proclamation for the extra session the newly elected Senators were sworn into office.

President-Elect Taft Sworn In.
The oath of office was administered to Mr. Taft by Chief Justice Fuller at 12:50 o'clock. The act was performed in the space immediately behind the Vice President's desk, where Mr. Fairbanks sat while presiding over the Senate.

From his seat in front of the rostrum Mr. Taft was escorted around the west side of the desk to the place where the oath was to be administered, while Chief Justice Fuller was escorted around the opposite side. The Chief Justice and Mr. Taft shook hands when they met behind the Vice Presidential desk. Standing between them with the Bible was Mr. James H. McKenney, clerk of the United States Supreme Court. Mr. McKenney held with both hands a brand-new Bible, which was bought by direction of the Chief Justice expressly for this ceremony. It was a Bible of considerable size, Oxford edition, measuring about 7 by 9 inches.

Clerk McKenney held the book with both hands and faced the audience, with Mr. Taft at his right and Justice Fuller at the left, each of the latter grasping the Bible with one hand—the right. The text of the Bible when opened faced the clerk. The oath, when administered, was pronounced first by Chief Justice Fuller, a phrase at 2 time, and each

phrase was repeated by Mr. Taft in a clear voice. Then, when the oath had been finished, Mr. Taft said, "So help me, God," and kissed the Bible where it had been opened.

The lips of Mr. Taft touched three verses on the right-hand side of the right-side page of the opened Bible. The Bible was opened casually by the clerk, but after Mr. Taft had kissed it the clerk left his thumb between the pages. Later he opened the volume and ascertained that the three verses which Mr. Taft had kissed were the ninth, tenth and eleventh of the third chapters of First Kings, reading as follows:

"9. Give, therefore, thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

"10. And the speech pleased the Lord; that Solomon had asked this thing."

"11. And God said unto him, because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked for the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment."

These verses are rather similar in character and theme to those in the Second Chronicles, which were kissed by Mr. McKinley when he was inaugurated. The Bible is now in possession of Clerk McKenney. A certificate attesting that this was the one used in the ceremony will be engraved and inserted upon the title page, after which the Bible, at a later date, will be presented, on behalf of the Chief Justice, to Mrs. Taft.

Mr. Taft then began the delivery of his inaugural address. The large and distinguished audience gathered in the Senate chamber listened intently to the frank and full statement of the policies and purposes of the new President.

Mr. Taft's address will be found on another page.

Cheers For Taft And Roosevelt.
As soon as Mr. Taft had concluded his address he was escorted to his carriage, which was waiting at the door of the Senate corridor. There he was joined by Mrs. Taft and Vice President and Mrs. Sherman for the return ride to the White House. There were enthusiastic cheers as Mr. Taft appeared. Theodore Roosevelt, private citizen, walked out of the Capitol amid a cheering throng. Escorted by nearly a thousand members of the New York Republican club, he walked to the Union Station. There he met Mrs. Roosevelt, and they boarded a train and departed for their home at Oyster Bay, L. I.

PARADE WAS FINE.
In Spite Of Snow And Slush It Came Off On Time—Worth Seeing.
Washington, D. C. (Special).—The parade came off in spite of the weather.

In spite of rain, sleet, snow, slush, late trains, wind, cold and other things Taft was escorted by thousands. The estimate of 50,000 men in line fell off, of course, but there were men enough to make this procession compare with any of the others. It seemed as if the storm didn't make any difference at all, except to reduce numbers a bit.

When the inaugural parade started from the Capitol at 2 o'clock and the vanguard of mounted policemen took the broad boulevard, nothing save the piles of snow in the gutter and the slush upon the sidewalks remained on the scene to tell that a short time before Washington had written under the disappointment of an inclement day.

With lines as straight as though they were marching upon a hardwood floor; with uniforms as fresh as though no rain or snow had fallen in weeks, and under exceptional conditions, considering the handicap of the morning, the inaugural parade was carried through.

Nor did the weather seem to greatly affect the crowd, either in number or in spirit. Taking the storm of the morning as a joke, in the light of the afternoon, the visitors, their hosts and the citizens of Washington crowded the streets and the grandstands, and their spirits undampened by the dampness of their clothes, radiated satisfaction, pleasure and relief that, despite the weather, the Taft spirit had become infused into the municipal authorities and had conquered the frowns of the north wind.

BOWER OF BEAUTY.
Washington, D. C. (Special).—The inaugural ball was a brilliant climax to the Taft celebration which was impressive to all the malign influences of the blizzard. There the scene was as brilliant and wonderful in beauty as if, through the magic of Arabian Nights, an assemblage of all the socially select had been transported in the twinkling of an eye from the region of Arctic storms to a tropical paradise, where the eyes feasted upon flowers and the senses responded to the strains of exquisite music. The assemblage was of a most distinguished character, being representative of all that is officially great and distinguished and all that is socially brilliant. The President of the United States and Mrs. Taft, the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, members of the Cabinet with their wives or daughters, representatives of the foreign powers with the ladies of their embassies and legations, judges of the Supreme Court and their ladies, Senators and Representatives, with their wives and daughters and all that goes to make up social prominence at the national capital and much of the flower of the society of many States were there assembled.

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- Secretary of Treasury—Franklin MacVeagh, of Illinois, sixty-seven; merchant.
- Secretary of War—Jacob McGavock Dickinson, of Tennessee, fifty-eight; lawyer.
- Attorney General—George W. Wickersham, of New York, fifty-eight; lawyer.
- Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock, of Massachusetts, forty-two; chairman Republican National Committee.
- Secretary of Navy—George von Lengerke Meyer, of Massachusetts, fifty-one; banker.
- Secretary of Interior—Richard A. Ballinger, of Washington, fifty-three; lawyer.
- Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, of Iowa, seventy-four; farmer.
- Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel, of Missouri, sixty; lawyer.
- Assistant Secretary of State—Huntington Wilson, of Illinois.
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy—Beekman Winthrop, of New York.
- Collector of the Port of New York—William Loeb, Jr.

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Before Assistant Secretary Latta went to the Senate with the nominations, President Taft was waited upon by Senators Gallinger and Cullerson, who informed him that the Senate was in session and prepared to receive communications from him. When the Senate went into executive session for the purpose of considering the nominations it was confronted by a question as to Mr. Knox's standing.

Senator Penrose had stated at the earlier session that his colleague had sent his resignation as senator to the Governor of Pennsylvania, but some senators had made mental note of the fact that there was no other evidence that Mr. Knox was not still a member of the Senate, and it was stated the point would probably be raised in the executive session.

As soon as the doors were closed the President's nominations were laid before the Senate, and Senator Tillman called attention to the facts relating to Senator Knox.

He stated, however, that he had no objection to Mr. Knox's confirmation, and as no opposition was voiced from any other direction, he was immediately confirmed. The Senate then took a recess of 15 minutes to permit the various committees to which the other cabinet nominations were referred to consider and report upon them. The usual exception was made in Senator Knox's case out of courtesy to him as a member of the body.

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Washington, D. C. (Special).—Mrs. Roosevelt was the recipient of a handsome diamond necklace presented to her at the White House as a farewell gift from some of her friends. The funds for the purchase were contributed entirely by women, and Mrs. L. Z. Leiter headed the list of subscribers. It is said that the treasurer of the fund was Miss May Williams, of New London, Conn.