

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

Domestic

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As the result of an exchange of shots between John M. Morgan and City Marshal Hugh Bone, at Clarksville, Ark., Morgan is dead and Bone is thought to be mortally wounded.

The remains of Col. John M. Oler, once manager for the interests of A. T. Stewart, were placed in a vault without religious services, flowers or mourners.

Ensign Humphrey Churchill, who made the trip around the world on the flagship Connecticut, and Miss Martha Williams Churchill were married in San Jose, Cal.

The anthracite district officers of the United Mineworkers of America are in session at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to formulate demands upon the mine-owners.

A verdict awarding the federal government \$134,116 in unpaid customs duties was handed down against the American Sugar Refining Company.

The Deering Coal Company, a five-million-dollar Delaware corporation, was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Kohlsaat, of Chicago.

The steamer Kichwa was in wireless touch with Japan and the United States during the entire voyage from Yokohama to Seattle.

Thirty armed tramps attacked a train of the Southern Pacific Railroad at San Bernardino.

Charles M. Schwab has returned from Russia with orders for American armor plate.

Daniel Wolford, of New York, famous as a double of Abraham Lincoln, is dead.

Seven negroes, convicted of murder or assault in Louisiana, were hanged in New Orleans.

The New York Central Railroad is spending \$8,000,000 for equipment.

United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, whose term of filling out the unexpired term of John C. Spooner, was re-elected by the Wisconsin legislature in joint ballot for a term of six years, on the twenty-third ballot.

He received 63 out of 123 votes cast, there being 10 absentees.

Captain William Ferguson and his wife Mary were drowned by the sinking of the barge, George H. Bates, at Baltimore and Ohio Railroad docks, between St. George and New Brighton, Staten Island, during the storm.

Six other barges anchored nearby sank during the storm.

A Philadelphia dentist, 67 years old, wooed and won a 19-year-old girl, while his son, aged 20, was also courting the young woman.

Andrew Leis and a woman supposed to be his wife were found shot to death in the Hotel Elberon, New York.

Divers may be sent down to the sunken White Star liner Republic to recover the corpse of Mrs. Eugene Lynch.

No anti-Japanese legislation will pass the Montana legislature at this session.

Steel sheet manufacturers of Pittsburgh have cut prices from \$2 to \$6 a ton.

Col. Edward E. Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Frederick H. Schroeder, former president and second vice president of the Eagle Savings and Loan association, of Boston, were found guilty of stealing \$4,000 from the institution.

The third squadron of the Atlantic fleet, made up of the Maine, New Hampshire, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana and North Carolina, has been formally detached from the Admiral Sperry's Atlantic fleet and organized into a special service squadron.

Both the government and the defense rested in the government's suit against the American Sugar Refining Company.

The Commercial Cable Company is to lay new cable between Newfoundland and New York City.

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.

For the first time the President-elect and his wife were the guests of the retiring President and his wife in the White House before the inauguration.

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.

Though the announced line was broken in many cases, thousands of soldiers, sailors, the West Point cadets and many regiments of militia marched through the snow storm and cheered Taft with the greatest enthusiasm.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—For the first time in seventy-six years a new President delivered his inaugural address in the Capitol.

Every other Executive has spoken from the outside stand, but the snowstorm was still raging at noon, and though a crowd of several thousand waited out-

side the east front of the Capitol, the weather was too inclement for Mr. Taft to risk long exposure in the frosty air, and the official ceremonies all were carried out in the Senate Chamber.

The announcement by megaphone to the hundreds gathered in the Capitol plaza that the ceremonies were to be had within the building was met with yells of disapproval.

For more than an hour the crowd had been standing in the slush over their shoetops in points of vantage near the inaugural platform.

Women with fur coats and elegant dresses, waded around in the hope of getting a glimpse of the new President and his predecessor. Hoping still that

and, escorted by a thousand members of the New York Republican Committee, was driven to the Union Station, several blocks away, and boarded a train for New York and Oyster Bay.

Close Attention To Inaugural. The scene in the Senate chamber resembled a huge historical canvas rather than a concourse of people.

Every face was still and motionless, as though painted into the scene, so intent and close was the attention. Mr. Taft alone was the only one in action during his inaugural address, except when it was punctuated with applause.

Then the canvas became alive with action and the ceiling resounded. Mr. Taft appeared to be in close touch with his

audience. He must have realized that every word could be heard. Knowing this, he was perfectly at ease in its delivery, and there were intonations of voice which emphasized his more important utterances in just the right way.

The Vice President's section of the Senate reserved gallery was occupied by members of the Taft and Sherman families, who occupied two whole rows.

In The Taft Family Party. Mrs. Taft wore a new tailor-made gown of wistaria shade, with hat of cream straw and tulle to match.

She never looked better, more serene or happier. Miss Helen Taft was a picture of youth and happiness. She wore a pale blue dress, in thorough harmony with her girlish grace.

Mrs. Charles P. Taft's dress was of subdued color, trimmed with dark green, and hat to match; Miss Louise Taft was in light blue, and Mrs. Albert Inalls wore pale gray.

The members of the party were quiet and dignified and watched the ceremonies with a great deal of interest.

Background Of Handsome Women. In the other galleries the throng, consisting mostly of wives and daughters of members of Congress and of the Cabinet circle, gave the borders of the picture an attractive touch of color.

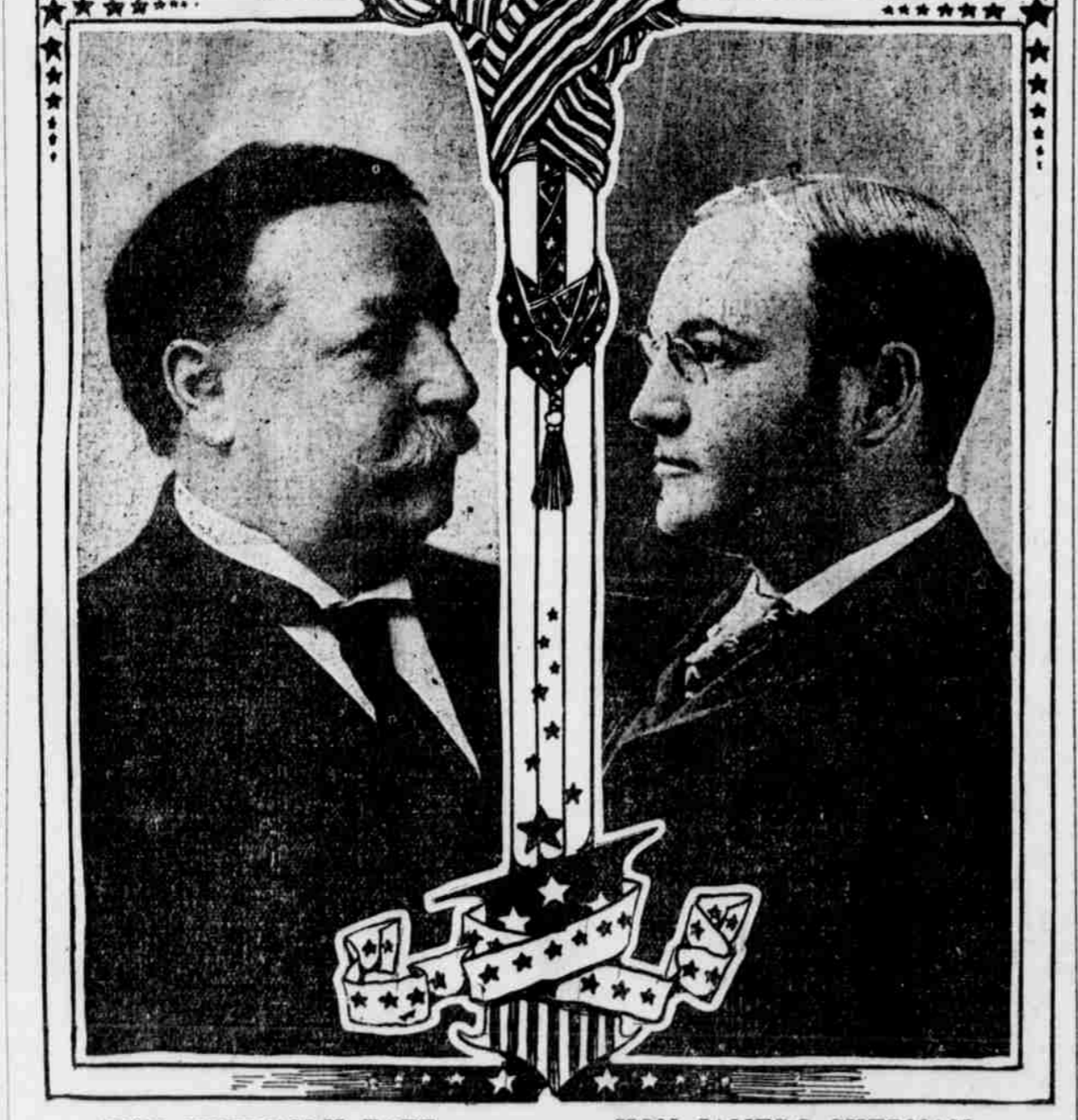
The millinery display was gorgeous. Down in the Senate chamber the Senators sat in somber and dignified array, and it was not until the Ambassadors, followed by members of the Diplomatic Corps in full uniform, were ushered into the chamber that there was any departure from conventional black and white in the color touches around the sober mahogany desks.

The Ambassadors were fairly ablaze with gold lace and gilt braid. Nine Ambassadors were present, Baron Hengelmueller, of Austria-Hungary, being the only absentee.

He is not in the country. The Ambassadors all wore short, straight swords in black-enameled scabbards.

Across the front of each Ambassador stretched broad diagonal sashes of silk in various colors, while Count Moltke, the Danish envoy, wore a

Newly Inaugurated President and Vice-President.



HON. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

HON. JAMES S. SHERMAN.

TO CLOSE TWO NAVY YARDS. President Practically Abolishes New Orleans And Pensacola Stations.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—By direction of the President and in accordance with the recommendations of the general board of the navy, Secretary Newberry gave orders for the closing of the navy yards at Pensacola and New Orleans.

Little or no work, it is said, is now done at those yards, and their continuance in operation is regarded as unnecessary.

UNION MAN SENTENCED TO JAIL. One Year For Alleged Intimidation During A Strike.

New Haven, Conn. (Special).—By a decision of the Supreme Court of the State Frank J. McGee, of Worcester, Mass., a national officer of the boilermakers' union, will have to serve one year in jail.

McGee was arrested here in 1907 on a charge of intimidation in that he had to prevent nonunion men entering the employ of the McLagon Foundry Company while its employees were on a strike.

NO ANTI-JAP LAWS IN MONTANA. Clayberg Bill Falls And Another Cannot Be Passed.

Helena, Mont. (Special).—No anti-Japanese legislation will pass the Montana Legislature at this session. The Clayberg bill, as well as the Norton bill, was killed, and Norton's anti-Japanese resolution, which would have requested Congress to continue the Chinese exclusion act and include other Asiatics, not having been acted upon in the committee of the whole, cannot be passed.

SHOT WOMAN, THEN HIMSELF. Andrew Leis, Of Brooklyn, Ends Two Lives In Gotham Hotel.

New York (Special).—A man believed to be Andrew Leis, of Brooklyn, was found dead in a room at the Hotel Elberon here. At his side lay a woman, believed to be his wife, fatally wounded. The pair had engaged the room only 15 minutes before.

According to the police, the man shot the woman twice, and then turned the pistol upon himself.

MAY SELL SOUTHERN STEEL. But Attorneys Will Try To Prevent Properties Going At Auction.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special).—The sale of all properties of the Southern Steel Company at auction was decided upon at a meeting of the creditors of the company here.

When the order is issued attorneys for the minority creditors will petition to have the order reviewed before the United States Circuit Court, with a view of preventing the sale.

ALLEGED \$1,000,000 FORGER. Robert C. Watson, Said To Have 400 Aliases, Arrested.

Boston (Special).—A telegram received here announced that Robert C. Watson, who the police say, has made \$1,000,000 by forgeries in the last 25 years and is known under more than 400 different names, had been arrested in Chicago for the Boston authorities.

Chief William H. Watts says that Watson's real name is Robert Alexander Hawley, that he has operated in nearly every large city

THE TAFT CABINET IS CONFIRMED

Senate Without Objection Passes Nominations.

MR. LOEB MAY BE COLLECTOR.

When The Names Reach The Senate The Question Of Knox's Resignation Is Raised—No Objection Follows, And He Is Confirmed—The Other Nominations Are All Considered By Committees Before Action Is Taken.

Secretary of State—Philander Chase Knox, of Pennsylvania, fifty-six; lawyer.

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.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft's first official act March 5, was to sign and send to the Senate the nominations of his cabinet and those few personal friends he had decided to take care of, including William Loeb, Jr., as collector of customs at New York.

The nominations of the cabinet officers were all confirmed.

Before Assistant Secretary Latta went to the Senate with the nominations, President Taft was waited upon by Senators Gallinger and Culberson, 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 members had had mental notes 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 of courtesy to him as a member of the body.

The Senate, after reconvening, confirmed the nominations of the other members of the cabinet.

HER APPENDIX HAD TWIN. Tennessee Woman, Operated On For One, Has Two Taken Out.

Memphis, Tenn. (Special).—An operation believed to be unique in surgical annals was performed here, when a woman patient in the Presbyterian Hospital, operated on for a simple case of veriform appendix, was found to possess two of the dangerous little pouches. Although but one was removed, the physicians in charge removed both.

The patient a woman of 40 years, was admitted to the hospital especially for the customary operation, and no one was more astonished than those in charge of the case, when the two appendices were discovered.

Rarely half an inch apart, the two were decidedly prominent, standing at a distinct angle.

The appendices will be exhibited and the operation described before the medical society.

Jewels For Mrs. Roosevelt. 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.

Explosion Costs Three Lives. Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—The boiler of the Beck sawmill, five miles from Thomasville, exploded, instantly killing Bertie Beck, son of one of the owners of the plant, and fatally injuring Hillyay and Andrew Beck, brothers and owners of the mill. The boy was blown 100 feet and horribly mangled. Three operatives were knocked down and seriously injured. The explosion was caused by turning cold water into the boiler.

WHAT ROOSEVELT SAYS OF TAFT. "No man of better training, no man of more dauntless courage, of sounder common sense and of higher and finer character has ever come to the Presidency than William Howard Taft."

Orders were issued at the Navy Department for the rendezvous of the fleet at Magdalena Bay, on March 23.

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 by the morsel and with a good deal 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.

As the parade proceeded the Taft spirit had become infused into the municipal authorities and had conquered the frowns of the north wind.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The inaugural ball was a brilliant climax to the Taft celebration which was impervious 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 knights, 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 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 the 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.

Airships To Have Cannon. Berlin (Special).—The military airship of the future is to be armed with small cannon or machine guns. The army authorities at several headquarters throughout Germany are experimenting along this line, and it has been virtually decided to provide balloons of the rigid Zeppelin type either with cannon of small caliber or machine guns.

It is proposed also to arm the semi-rigid balloons of the Parseval and Gross types with a lighter rapid-fire weapon.

Powder Explosion Kills. Dayton, O. (Special).—With a thunderous report that shook every material thing for miles around, an explosion rent the smokeless powder department of the King Powder Works, at King's Mills, seven miles southeast of Lebanon, and with the utter destruction of the plant Walter Thompson, of Lima, O., the only man killed. The property damage was about \$1,000. Thompson, who was a new employee, had been left in charge of the plant at the noon hour.

WHAT TAFT SAYS OF ROOSEVELT. "When the friction of the last few months shall be forgotten, when the shall have disappeared, the greatness of Theodore Roosevelt as President and leader of men in one of the great moral movements of the country's history will become clear to everyone, and he will take his place in the history with Washington and Lincoln."