

TAFT COMES IN

New President to Head Affairs of Nation.

TAKES UP TASK TO-DAY

Roosevelt Relinquishes Reins of the Government.

IS READY FOR PROBLEMS

New Chief Executive Has Been Educated for the Job, and His Steady March to the White House Is Prophetic in Its Logic.

At noon to-day a newspaper man, a lawyer, a judge, an insular governor, a globe-encircling peace envoy, a Cabinet officer, and an all-round good fellow will become President of the United States.

The "Man of the Hour" received 2,000 callers yesterday afternoon, after which he had his picture taken.

In spite of the steady downpour of rain yesterday the immense crowd that has come to Washington to cheer the new President prescribes an arduous unapproachable by any vagaries of the elements.

After Mr. Taft, the prevailing topic of conversation is the weather. Soaked to the skin, the population of Washington yesterday was wondering what the weather would be to-day.

Wherever valid reasoning was allowed to enter the discussion, it was submitted that it couldn't rain forever, and that as long as it had already rained "sufficiently" the chances were that to-day would show a favorable change.

"Fair Weather Promised." "Fair, and somewhat colder," is the official prediction of the Weather Bureau, given out at 9:30 last night.

A dismal day and a wild night were the greeting J. Pluvius gave the inauguration crowds yesterday. The result was inevitable. The streets were bare of the loitering throngs that congested them on Tuesday, and were occupied only by occasional rain-driven pedestrians.

With Yankee adaptability, the street vendors put oil skins over their stock of perishable souvenirs, and thrust umbrellas into the faces of all who lacked a "rain stick."

Streets Deserted. Through it all, with the streets almost deserted, and with few extreme evidences of the vast company that has come into the city, the Washington Monument nosed its way up into the mist.

It was at night that the real effect of the rain became apparent. The clear water converted the electric bulbs into a thousand glittering sparks.

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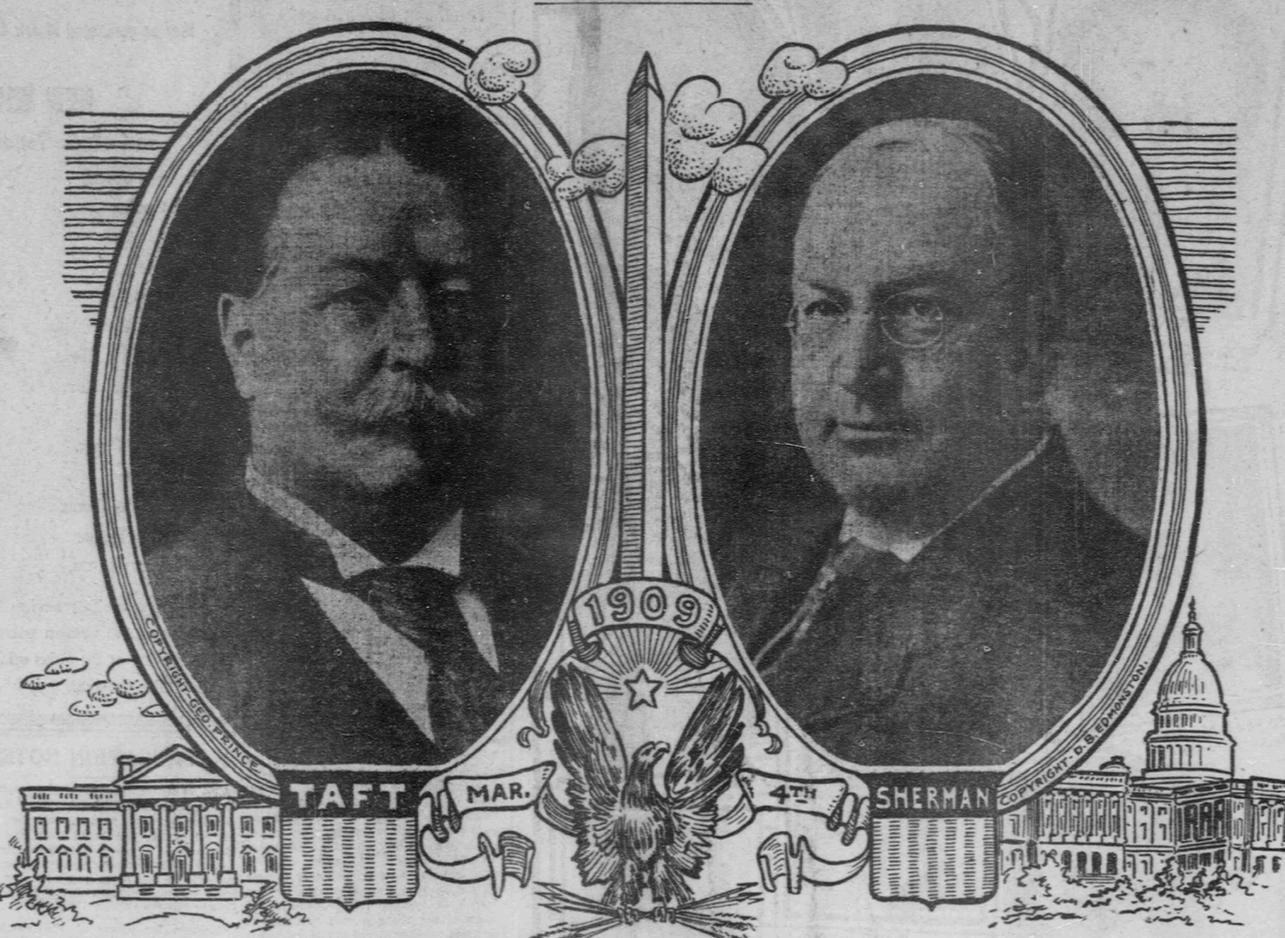
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Family of the President-elect Now Domiciled There.

GUESTS OF ROOSEVELTS

Busily Engaged in Moving In and Moving Out.

Many Guests at Dinner—President-elect and Vice President-elect Have Strenuous Day—Cincinnati Club Undaunted by the Rain—Loyalty to Yale Strongly Emphasized. Compelled to Refuse Invitation.

William H. Taft and Mrs. Taft moved into the White House last night for a stay of at least four years.

They are, of course, spending the night there as the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, but to all intents and purposes they have taken up their residence in the Executive Mansion.

As the Roosevelt family moves out, the Taft family is moving in. The two processes were dovetailed, thereby saving much worry and inconvenience for both the incoming and the outgoing Executives.

It was just a few seconds after 8 o'clock when the Taft automobile drove up to the White House entrance.

Gazes at Lights. Mr. Taft stepped out of the machine and then turned to help his wife. Mrs. Taft hurried into the White House, and the President-elect stopped at the veranda and gazed for a second at the lights in the court of honor, which blinked dimly through the downpour.

With a familiar wave of his hand to the newspaper correspondents and the Secret Service men, Mr. Taft turned and stepped quickly into the hall. A moment later, President Roosevelt greeted him with outstretched hand, and Mrs. Roosevelt joined in the welcome.

At the dinner which followed, besides the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. and Mrs. Taft, were Elihu Root and Mrs. Root, Senator and Mrs. Knox, Congressman Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Longworth, and Rear Admiral Cowles and Mrs. Cowles, who is President Roosevelt's sister. It was a simple family dinner for the Roosevelts, combining a farewell to the White House and a farewell to the incoming Chief Magistrate and his wife.

Moving All Day. Most of Mr. Taft's personal effects had preceded them from the Boardman house. In fact, the Tafts had been moving in all the afternoon, and they will be ready this morning to begin the day just as if they were in their own home.

Both the President and the President-elect went through two of the most strenuous days of their careers yesterday. Mr. Taft decided to throw aside the papers which kept the rank and file of admirers from reaching him, and in the morning kept open house. He was aperturbable under all annoyances, large and small of you.

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DRUMS AND CHEERS USHER IN TROOPS

Regiments Pour Into Capital from Every Train.

FROM ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY

Thousands Gather at Union Station, Despite the Downpour of Rain, to Greet Incoming Friends—Most of the Military Bodies March Through Wet Streets to Their Headquarters.

A steady tramp of footsteps, the roll of drums, ringing cheers from the thousands of watch, and another regiment of troops for the inaugural has arrived at the Union Station.

From early morning until late at night the process was repeated. There was no cessation in the arrival of trains, and each brought thousands of inaugural visitors.

The incoming travel yesterday was nearly double that of preceding days of the week. The organizations, military and civil, began to arrive before dawn, and continued to pour in until after midnight.

Despite the steady downpour of rain, thousands of Washingtonians visited the station to greet incoming friends and relatives.

Thousands, actuated by no other motive than curiosity, thronged the concourse and waiting rooms, watching eagerly for a glimpse of the visiting troops and clubs.

Early yesterday morning the Richmond Blues, of the Virginia National Guard, reached the city. With colors flying and their band playing, the men marched through the drizzle to their quarters at 1708 New York avenue northwest. Maj. E. W. Bowles is in command.

South Carolina Guards Arrive. On the heels of the Virginia troops came Companies A, B, C, and D, Third Regiment, South Carolina National Guard. The men marched to 1908 Pennsylvania avenue, where they will be quartered while in the city.

Company A, known as the Sumter Guards, is commanded by Capt. Slocum. Company B, known as the Washington Light Infantry, is commanded by Capt. Withington.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair and somewhat cooler to-day; tomorrow fair; diminishing northwesterly winds.

WEALTHY LAWYER A BANDIT.

Police Capture Harry Phillips, Who Makes Startling Confession. Chicago, March 3.—Exhausted by his vigil of twenty-four hours while lying in a flooded robbers' den in the sand dunes of Indiana, where he was exposed to the winds from Lake Michigan, Harry Phillips, former wealthy Chicago lawyer and alleged robber, was captured early to-day without a struggle.

Phillips was found near where the police and the car barn bandits fought. Although heavily armed Phillips was too benumbed to raise a revolver.

In the cave were found seventeen telegraph instruments, thousands of feet of valuable copper wire, and railroad brasses which had been stolen. Phillips, the police say, confessed to being the leader of a band of railroad thieves.

The specific charge upon which he is held is selling two cars of coal which did not belong to him.

STEPHENSON UNDER FIRE.

Wisconsin Senator Will Not Be Sworn in To-day. The papers submitted to the Senate yesterday in the case of Senator Isaac Stephenson will be referred to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day for investigation and report as to whether he has been elected and is entitled to the seat for the six-year term beginning March 4.

Senator Stephenson had planned to present himself at the Vice President's desk with other Senators-elect this morning prepared to take the oath, but he was dissuaded from that course by Republican Senators.

Senator La Follette served notice on Mr. Stephenson yesterday that he would resist the attempt to swear in Mr. Stephenson without reference of his case to a committee.

LOVING CUPS FOR FAIRBANKS.

Minority Joins Republicans in Honoring Retiring Vice President. In executive session, Charles W. Fairbanks, the Vice President, was presented with a silver service by the Senators, Senator McCumber making the presentation.

Senator Daniel, on behalf of the minority, bestowed a silver loving cup. The Vice President made fervid responses to both presentation speeches.

Boy Stabbed by Schoolmate.

Jamestown, N. Y., March 2.—The manual training department of the Jamestown High School was this afternoon the scene of a stabbing affray in which Harold Robinson, aged thirteen years, inflicted a deep knife cut in the abdomen of George Young, aged fifteen. Young is in the hospital, and will probably die. The boys quarreled over a trivial affair.

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Special prices for inaugural stands. We have just the lumber you want.

PAY HIGH FOR SEATS

Wealthy People Muled by Ticket Speculators.

DEMAND FOR GOOD PLACES

Governor of Northern State Said to Have Been Taken in by Stranger Offering Four Chairs on Lafayette Park Stand—Wealthy New Yorker Offers Big Money for Front Seats.

The reviewing stand ticket speculator and his victim were in evidence yesterday. So great has been the demand for seats on the reviewing stands that the supply on the uptown stands was long ago exhausted, and the late comers have been obliged to be accommodated elsewhere or have become the prey of sharpers, who have obtained a few seats here and there on the better stands, and are selling them at exorbitant figures.

Try as the inaugural committee will, the speculator cannot be fully eliminated from the situation. By means of misrepresentation these men get control of a limited number of seats on the best stands, and at the last moment find some one willing to pay zany prices for their seats. The speculators make about three or four times the investment.

Committee Serves All Alike. The highest price realized for the best seats by the committee is \$5 each. These are bought from the sellers of the tickets and are sometimes sold and resold several times. Last week it was known that a few seats in the Lafayette Square stand and at other points were changing hands at \$10 each.

Yesterday a man reported at the Washington Herald office that he paid \$40 each for two seats, one for himself and one for his wife. He said he had come a long distance to see the parade, and had to see it even at \$40 per.

The seats that bring such figures as this, of course, are at the vantage points where the parade can be seen at its best. All the time, even yesterday, tickets could be had at \$1 each. They are not very good seats and are away from the center of interest in the court of honor.

Governor Pays Big Price.

A story was current last night at one of the hotels that the governor of one of the Northern States who had to provide seats for four members of his party, paid \$25 apiece for them. He was told by the speculator who offered the tickets that the parade can be seen at its best in the Lafayette Square stand. The governor learned afterward that they were inferior seats and were separated, so that his friends would be compelled to sit apart, unless the matter can be arranged to-day at the stand.

A report was current last night also, which could not be verified, that a rich New Yorker had offered \$1,000 for four seats near the front of the reviewing stand in Lafayette Park.

Such an Offer Ridiculous.

The ridiculousness of making such an offer is apparent, as a little inquiry up to 3 o'clock yesterday would have obtained for the wealthy New Yorker a room with a window where his four friends could be sheltered for an outlay of \$20.

In most instances of this kind the victim is as much to blame as the speculator. If the seekers after such high-priced seats and such low-priced notoriety would take a little trouble to make inquiry at the right places, and be willing to accept the seats for sale and the privileges available at the late hour, they need not complain of any swindling scheme in Washington.

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DIE AT SAME TIME.

Mother Going to See Her Injured Son Expires on Train. Oakland City, Ind., March 3.—Mrs. J. W. Humphrey, formerly a resident of this city, died on a train while en route from Knoxville to Mount Carmel, Ill., where she was going to see her son, who had been injured. Suddenly Mrs. Humphrey exclaimed: "I know he is gone!" and fell back dead in the arms of her daughter, who was accompanying her. The son died at practically the same time as his mother.

CHANGE THE DATE OF INAUGURATION

Whether the heavens smile or frown to-day, whether the atmosphere be mild or raw, the abominable weather conditions immediately preceding the inauguration—the biting north wind, accompanied by rain and sleet and snow—have furnished anew the most convincing argument for a change of inaugural date from March 4.

It is a treacherous month—March. History has emphasized that fact again and again on Presidential occasions. Men high in the councils of the nation, including at least one President, have forfeited their lives by undergoing exposure in connection with inauguration festivities in the past, and the extent of the death toll, from the same cause, in the common sphere of patriotic humanity can only be conjectured.

Many visitors who encountered yesterday's inclement elements undoubtedly will pay a severe penalty. All this apart from the havoc played by the wind and rain and snow with the gala attire so fittingly becoming to the beautiful Capital only twenty-four hours before.

A national organization formed in 1901, with District Commissioner Macfarland at its head, and including governors of States, set out systematically and earnestly to bring about a constitutional amendment changing the inauguration date from March 4 to the third Thursday in April. The late Senator Hoar ardently championed the proposition, and twice it passed the Senate with practical unanimity, only to meet half-splitting objections in the Committee on the Judiciary of the House, and ultimately reach a permanent pigeonhole.

This national organization is still intact, and with the renewed object lesson given yesterday, it will now press for action more vigorously than ever before. Numerous governors, here to participate in the ceremonies, are influential supporters of the movement.

Commissioner Macfarland stated last night that he could not be quoted too strongly as to the desirability—even the absolute necessity—of a change. He further said that the committee would urge upon the next Congress—and the next and next, if necessary—the importance of action, and there would be no cessation of effort until the desired end was reached.

Everybody in Washington—residents and visitors alike—yesterday advocated a change of date.

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Engineer Fairfax Caught Under Locomotive, When Two Engines Are Thrown from Track and Turned Over—Mail Cars Also Derailed. Reward Offered for Wreckers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., March 3.—Train No. 33, southbound, the Southern Railway's United States fast mail, was wrecked this afternoon near Tye River, a small station twenty-three miles north of Lynchburg, by design, and Engineer Fairfax, of Alexandria, and five other persons were probably fatally injured.

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