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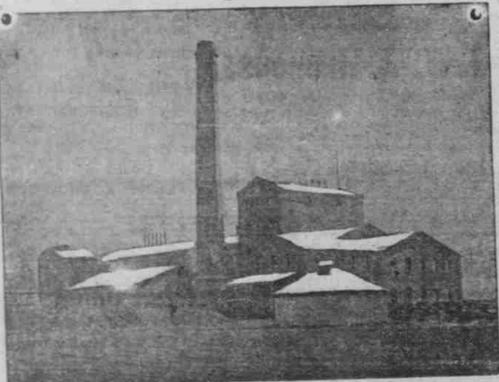
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In this hour of deep and national bereavement I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue absolutely unbroken the policy of President McKinley for the peace and prosperity and honor of our beloved country.

BUFFALO (N. Y.) Sept. 14.—"In this hour of our terrible national bereavement I wish to say that I shall carry out unbroken the policy of President McKinley for peace, prosperity and honor of our beloved country."

With these words warm upon his lips Theodore Roosevelt at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon took the oath as President of the United States. He had actually been President since McKinley had expired, the cloak of responsibility shifting from the shoulders of the dead President to the new one. The oath was administered at the house of Ainsley Wilcox, 451 Delaware avenue, and Roosevelt's declaration of policy was made in the presence of all the members of the Cabinet and a distinguished gathering of friends of the dead magistrate, as well as of the young, self-reliant man who had stepped into his place.

Quite as important as the declaration that he would carry out McKinley's policy was President Roosevelt's request to all the members of the Cabinet and to Secretary Cortelyou that they remain in office. This can be taken as indicating that the new President is entering upon his new task with sagacity. With McKinley dead and carrying to his grave the great political organization that has dominated the party for five years there is really nothing for Roosevelt to fight outside of his own State of New York. There is no disposition on the part of the new President to fight anything or anybody at the present time.

It is no exaggeration to say that he would have much preferred never being President at all to being President under the present circumstances. His whole thought-to-night is first to pay proper respect to the Nation's idol who lies dead at the Milburn house, and second to properly discharge his obligations to his country in a way that will continue the peace and prosperity of the Nation.

The new President did not get within reach of the railroad train in the Adirondacks until 5 o'clock this morning. He had traveled continuously all night from the most distant clubhouse of the Tahawaus Club, wearing out three relays of horses to make the journey. At the North Creek terminus of the Adirondack branch of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad he found waiting for him, with a special train and a great batch of telegrams, William Loeb, his private secretary. He left North Creek at 5:14 and was whisked to Albany in two and one-half hours. The Delaware and Hudson Railroad does not usually make very fast time, but it made it today. At Albany another special train was waiting on the New York Central tracks to bring the new President to Buffalo. The start was made from Albany at 8:04, and the train in its run across the State made the record time of the Empire State Express. The President was only accompanied by his private secretary. One or two stops were made en route for the purpose of receiving and filing telegraphic messages, and the train reached Buffalo about 1:30 this afternoon.

An escort, consisting of the Signal Corps of the Fourth Brigade, National Guard, State of New York, commanded by Colonel Chapin, waited at the station. This was supplemented by a platoon of mounted policemen, commanded by Sergeant Erlon. The President was driven to the house of Ainsley Wilcox. This is the Wilcox home, a fine old mansion of colonial style, situated at 451 Delaware avenue, the swell residence street of Buffalo.

The new President entered the house and a platoon of mounted police and a squad of mounted Signal Corps the guardsmen drew up on either side of the avenue near the house. As soon as he entered Roosevelt was told that it had been planned for him to take the oath of office at once. This agreement had been reached at a meeting of the Cabinet held in the forenoon at the Milburn residence. The President failed to recognize it as an agreement. He declared that he was not ready to take the oath yet.

He was here more for the purpose of paying his respects to William McKinley than of qualifying as Mr. McKinley's successor. "But, Mr. President," he was expostulated with, "everything is in readiness; don't you think it would be far better to do as the Cabinet has decided?" "No," retorted the President. "It would be far worse."

"I intend to pay my respects at William McKinley's home as a private citizen and offer my condolence to the members of the family as such. Then I will return and take the oath."

In the face of such an emphatic stand by the new Chief Executive all arguments availed nothing, and President Roosevelt had his way. "He left the house about 2:30 o'clock and entered his carriage alone. As his carriage got in motion the mounted policemen and the members of the Signal Corps wheeled in to act as his escort to the house. Instantly the President stopped his carriage. He stood up and shouted:

"Get back, I want no escort. I will have no escort. I am now on a mission as a private citizen."

He had some difficulty in convincing the National Guardsmen that they were not wanted. Finally they broke ranks again and wheeled to their former position alongside the curb, while the President drove swiftly up the avenue to the Milburn house. Here he remained but a short time. He did not see Mrs. McKinley, nor any of the near members of the family, nor did he go to the President's bier. It was a very short call of respect and the President shortened his visit, because the details of preparing the body for the funeral were actively in progress.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL KNOX EXONERATES JUDGE HUMPHREYS

Sharply Condemns the Thurston Bar Association for Being Faithless to Their Calling—Says Judge Humphreys Conducted Himself With Courage.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Attorney General Knox has concluded his investigation of the charges filed by the Bar Association against Abram S. Humphreys, first Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hawaii. He has prepared his findings and will submit them to the President as soon as practicable.

The conclusion reached is that Judge Humphreys has done nothing which would justify his removal. The Attorney General finds that some of the charges were not satisfactorily established, and as to the others that they were purely matters of innuendo, utterly without justification in fact and reckless and intemperate in spirit.

In conclusion the Attorney General says:

"Members of the bar as officers of the court should be loyal to the court. Where there is a fair reason for believing the Judge is acting improperly it is the duty of the bar to declare it openly, but a member of the bar is faithless to his high calling when he assails a Judge and impeaches his integrity upon no facts even remotely justifying the attack, but upon vague suspicion and unfair innuendo. That these and many of the charges against Judge Humphreys to which allusion has been made were preferred by members of his own court clearly shows the difficulties of his position and the severity of the ordeal through which he has passed. It is obvious that the task will not be an easy one, and where Judges selected by you discharge their duties with courage and integrity and reasonable ability they should be sustained, even though they may in attempting to solve the difficult problems which present themselves at times err, some consideration must be had for the difficulty of their position."

"Having fully considered the complaints against Judge Humphreys and his own conduct, I am entirely satisfied that not only the Judge has done nothing which would justify his removal, but that he has met heavy responsibilities with great courage and unquestioned integrity. I therefore recommend that the petition for his removal be denied."

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It was shortly after 3 o'clock when Roosevelt returned to the Wilcox house to take the oath. Already several hundred persons had gathered in the vicinity in hopes of seeing the new President. They kept at a respectful distance and the mounted guardsmen and policemen ranged up and down the avenue, adding color to the scene.

A number of friends of the President and Mr. Wilcox had been invited to the ceremony of witnessing the oath. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who made the speech nominating Roosevelt for Governor and Vice-President, was one of those to arrive early. While the President waited three carriages came down the avenue from the house wherein the dead President lay. In the first carriage were Secretary Root, Attorney-General Knox, Postmaster-General Smith and John R. Hazel, Judge of the United States Court for the Western district of New York. In the second carriage were Secretary of the Navy Long, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Colonel Bingham, superintendent of the White House buildings and grounds. Following in the third carriage came Secretary Cortelyou, John G. Milburn and George P. Keating, clerk of the United States District Court.

A few words were privately exchanged and the Cabinet arranged themselves to the right of the entrance, so they would face the President. Standing beside the President was Judge Hazel, who was to administer the oath of office, and Mr. Keating, the clerk of the court. The scene was very impressive. The Vice-President was very grave and there was not a smiling face in the room. The members of the Cabinet appeared as men utterly broken. Some of the ladies were in tears. The grief that had come upon the Nation seemed for a moment to be brought home in a most emphatic way to the party gathered in the Wilcox parlors. An impressive silence fell upon the group. Presently, advancing a step beyond the line formed by his associates in the Cabinet, Secretary Root began to speak to the President in a low voice. His face was very grave and his tone placid. He said that he had seen all the outside signs indicated that he was very calm. Facing him, President Roosevelt, his mouth firmly set, listened with deep attention.

"President Roosevelt," said the Secretary, "I have been requested by all the members of the Cabinet of the late President who are here in the city of Buffalo, all except two, to request that for reasons of weight affecting the administration of the Government you should proceed without delay to take the constitutional oath of office."

Another silence fell upon the group. It lasted but a moment, and then Roosevelt spoke. "Mr. Secretary," he said, "I shall take the oath at once, agreeable to the request of the members of the Cabinet, and in this hour of terrible national bereavement I wish to say that I shall continue absolutely unbroken the policy of President McKinley for the peace, prosperity and honor of our beloved country."

Again deep silence fell upon the party. This time it was broken by the voice of Judge Hazel, who said: "Theodore Roosevelt, hold up your right hand."

The President complied, and Judge Hazel read the oath, the President repeating it after him, phrase by phrase. It was very brief, reading as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best

of my ability, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Another pause came, which was broken by Secretary Root quickly stepping up to the President and shaking hands with him and wishing him success during his term as President. This Theodore Roosevelt assumed the responsibilities of the President of the United States. Everybody congratulated him, everybody wished him the greatest success in the serious work that lay before him.

A Communication. MR. EDITOR:—Allow me to speak a few words in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I suffered for three years with the bronchitis and could not sleep at nights. I tried several doctors and various patent medicines, but could get nothing to give me any relief until my wife got a bottle of this valuable medicine, which has completely relieved me.—W. S. Brockman, Bagnell, Mo. U. S. A. This remedy is for sale by all druggists and dealers. BENSON, SMITH & CO., Agents for Hawaii.

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