

COMMON SOLDIER IS GIVEN HIS DUE

President Taft Honors Him in Address at Unveiling of Tablet at Capitol.

EXERCISES IN THE HOUSE

Acceptance of Memorial for State by Governor Mead and by F. W. McGettrick for His Comrades.

Montpelier, Oct. 9.—President Taft made his first speech before leaving Montpelier this morning. Shortly after nine o'clock he was taken to the city hall, where more than 1,000 school children were gathered.

After the city hall speech he was taken directly to the State House, where 1,500 or more people were assembled on the grounds. He spoke from the west portico in part as follows:

"I have had a most cordial reception from the people of Vermont. They have paid that respect to the office which I temporarily hold which always comes from the loyal citizens of Vermont and I hope I have been able to distinguish and not take to myself that measure of tribute which is due to the office.

DISCOURSED TO BAR OF HOUSE

He was then escorted to the hall of the House of Representatives, where the joint assembly was waiting to receive him. Every seat on the floor and in the gallery was filled. The ladies of the Taft party occupied the front row of seats in the space directly in front of the clerk's desk, with Miss Fletcher, Mayor J. B. Estee and Allen M. Fletcher in the other seats were Governor and Mrs. Mead, F. W. McGettrick, F. C. Williams, Col. W. W. Brown of Springfield, ex-Mayor and Mrs. F. M. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lowe, Mrs. F. E. Howe, judges of the supreme court, Senators Pugs and Dillingham and Congressman F. L. Greene.

Mr. Taft compared the present army of this country with armies of other countries and especially with that of Switzerland, where he praised the efficiency of officers in handling their men. He alluded to the fact that they could get their men together on a war footing in a remarkable short time. Switzerland has no standing army.

CREDIT DUE THE PRIVATE

He told of the make-up of the U. S. army and spoke of the fitting manner in which the common soldier should be remembered. He talked of the memorials and credit due the private and wished that more memorials of the nature of the one unveiled this morning might be erected. This tablet is erected in honor of the private as distinguished from the officer.

NATIONAL GUARD RESERVE

At the time of the Civil War the supply of officers was not large enough and the President alluded to the small number of enlisted men at that time compared to what was needed. He said that under Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men they responded well, many going into the army as part of an adventure. On the fourth call, the people realized what it meant, and were not so eager to accept the call to arms.

LEGISLATORS FORM A TAFT AND SHERMAN CLUB

Montpelier, Oct. 9.—About a hundred members and others gathered in Representatives' hall this evening to form a Taft and Sherman Legislative club. Speaker Sherman called the meeting to order and on motion of Senator Cushman of Windsor, Senator Barber of Windham was elected president, J. E. Weeks of Middlebury was elected vice-president, Senator R. W. McCuen of Vergennes, secretary, and Seth N. Gage of Weatherfield, treasurer. T. R. Jamison, representing the republican national committee, spoke of the purpose of the club to aid in any way possible the organization work previous to the November election. He also read the proposed constitution and by-laws of the club.

MEMORIAL FOR STATE

After the President had delivered his address and departed, Hon. Porter H. Dale of Island Pond, a member of the commission, assumed the chair. In his opening remarks he expressed great regret that the Hon. Justus Dartt of Springfield, himself an old soldier and the associate of Colonel Hale and H. R. Amey on the commission, was ill and unable to be present and preside.

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He first introduced Miss Mary Strohe of Boston, formerly of Island Pond, the designer of the tablet. Miss Strohe is a Vermont girl, who designed the memorial as a labor of love and not for any compensation. In recognition of her services Governor Mead and Colonel Dale this morning gave her a handsome gold locket and chain which she wore at the exercises.

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Mr. Taft said his object in going into the campaign was to see that if his brother was elected he should "walk into the White House free of any monetary obligation to any individual, great interest or corporation."

CHAMP CLARK'S EXPENSES

The expenses of the fight of Speaker Champ Clark for the democratic nomination of the presidency as given by his manager, former Senator Fred T. Dubois, were \$50,463.50. Senator Watson of West Virginia was the heaviest contributor, giving \$10,700, and William H. Hearst the next, with contributions amounting to \$8,500. The total contributions to the original Clark fund were \$45,548.85. At the end of the Pittsburgh convention, said Senator Dubois, the Clark forces had a deficit of \$4,500, \$3,000 of which was made up by Speaker Clark personally.

HARRIMAN WANTED CHOATE

Judge Lovett asked to be allowed to say whether he was or was not especially interested in the election of Governor Higgins of New York. He said that both Mr. Harriman and B. H. Odell, Jr., were in favor of the nomination of Jos. H. Choate for governor.

NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

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