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Wilson To-day Begins Directing Destiny Of the Nation That Named Him Chief

MAMMOTH SPECTACLE EXCITES ADMIRATION OF MANY THOUSANDS

Great Throngs Line Streets and Cheer Paraders. Wilson and Marshall Stand Up Until Last Organization Has Passed.

PROCESSION TAKES FOUR HOURS TO PASS THROUGH COURT OF HONOR

Start from Capitol at 3:10 o'Clock and Wind Up at Washington Circle at 7:30—Lights Turned on for Tail End of Monster Pageant.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Twenty-eighth President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, assumed the duties of his high office yesterday afternoon. At exactly 1:30 o'clock a lean, thoughtful man quietly received the oath of office from the venerable Chief Justice of the United States, pressed his lips to the Holy Bible, and turned to deliver his inaugural pledge—by word of mouth—to a few thousands gathered around, and by telegraph and mail to ninety millions of people whom he has been selected to serve.

The first Democratic Chief Executive in sixteen years had commenced his administration.

President Wilson delivered his inaugural address in the presence of the largest gathering that ever assembled before the east front of the Capitol on such an occasion. He stood in view of more than eight thousand people.

BRINGS AUDITORS TO HIM.

His address was heard by less than five thousand, mostly men and women who had not seats, and who, but for the intervention of the still President-elect, would have watched him from a point to which his voice could not possibly have carried. Mr. Wilson asked Maj. Gen. Wood, grand marshal of the ceremonies, to so dispose the West Point and Annapolis cadets, who were occupying the space immediately before the small raised platform from which he spoke, as to clear a space for the multitude held at a distance of several hundred feet from the rostrum. A clearing about 100 feet square was made, and into this, at a word from one of the citizen marshals, some three thousand men, women, and children charged, until the leaders could touch the stand occupied by the Presidential party. And for this evidence of a spirit of logical democracy Woodrow Wilson received the nearest approach to a spontaneous ovation accorded him yesterday.

Thoughtful, Complete Acceptance. For Woodrow Wilson was not induced into office with wild acclaim from straining throats. Rather, he was received with the same quiet, thoughtful, but complete, acceptance and assurance typified by his inaugural speech and in its delivery. William Jennings Bryan, Secretary-designate of State, received a greater ovation when he mounted the rostrum to join the Presidential party, and calls were put in for a speech from the commoner immediately after the President had concluded his address. But the cheers for Mr. Bryan were as of a reception to an old friend whom many had heard before. There was nothing in this to detract a whit from the great compliment paid the new President in the thoughtful, intelligent, and undivided attention with which he was received.

It is told of Abraham Lincoln that he turned from the concluding words of his great Gettysburg speech amid almost complete silence; that the Emancipator who had written one of his two greatest efforts upon a small piece of yellow paper on the train en route to the battlefield where it was to be delivered, believed he had failed to reach the hearts of his auditors with this wonder-working appeal, and that until several days later did he learn that that quiet did not greet failure, but was as the tense silence which follows a soul-stirring anthem in a lofty cathedral.

Conclusion of Speech.

"The nation has been deeply stirred, stirred by a solemn question, stirred by the knowledge of wrong, of ideals just, of government too often debauched and made an instrument of evil. The feeling with which we face this new age of right and opportunity sweeps across our hearstings like sun-

CULVER CADETS IN SKILLFUL TURN AT TREASURY.



The battalion from the Indiana school marched in honor of Vice President Marshall of that State.

Greatest Inauguration in Nation's History.

Inauguration was witnessed by the largest crowd ever gathered in Washington. Official estimate at end of day's proceedings placed attendance slightly in advance of 300,000. Overtures given William Jennings Bryan and Speaker Clark were far in excess of that accorded Mr. Wilson when the trio stepped upon the rostrum at the east portion of the Capitol, where the Presidential oath was administered. Formal announcement of the Cabinet slate postponed until day when the Senate convenes. Delay in the inauguration ceremony was occasioned by the new President's desire that thousands of spectators who thronged the Capitol plaza should occupy the hundred yards of space taken up by the Army and Navy school cadets who were acting as his guard just previous to the ceremony. Vice President Thomas Riley Marshall, who took oath of office in Senate chamber, later officiated at administration of Senatorial oath to twenty-seven members of that body. Hundreds of thousands of sightseers were entertained with a parade of more than 35,000 soldiers, veterans, marines, militiamen, and political organizations. Before marchers had half completed itinerary visitors began to flock to railroad terminals. President's inaugural address was concluded at 1:54 p. m. Four minutes later he entered the Presidential carriage with Mr. Taft and whirled along Pennsylvania Avenue between crowds of cheering thousands to the White House, where he partook of a luncheon prepared under the direction of the former President. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taft were accompanied throughout their journey to and from the White House to the Capitol by a brilliant company of government officials, diplomats, and army and navy officers. Shortly after 3 o'clock President Wilson and his guests entered the President's stand in the Court of Honor to review the parade. In the meantime Vice President Marshall and a half dozen Senators had convened the Senate, later adjourning till 12 o'clock to-day, with the announcement that they would then be ready to receive any message the new Chief Executive may see fit to transmit. At eight thousands of people jammed the Avenue, after viewing the fireworks display on the Ellipse.

not Building and grounds, packed the stands along the line of march, and lined both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue from the Peace Monument to Washington circle, more than a mile away.

APATHY CONSPICUOUS DURING CEREMONIES

No President ever was blessed with a more inauguration day than was Mr. Wilson. No incoming President ever was greeted by a greater throng of patriotic Americans. But notwithstanding the ideal weather conditions and the hundreds of thousands who lined the streets for miles, there seemed to be something lacking. There was none of the nip and tinkle that characterized the enthusiastic throng that cheered for Col. Roosevelt on the day of his entering office, back in 1897. There was hardly as much of a demonstration as was accorded to Mr. Taft when he rode up Pennsylvania Avenue and back four years ago, when the blizzard had related the plans for the big celebration. Everybody was pleased yesterday and everybody was happy, but there was a spirit of apathy which was plainly noticeable from the beginning to the end of the ceremonies. At no time was this so apparent as at the stand on the east front of the Capitol, where Mr. Wilson was taking the oath of office. The cheers that greeted the new President were only moderate and of brief duration. They seemed, in fact, to be less enthusiastic than the ones that rolled out when William J. Bryan made his appearance on the open-air platform. Several times in the course of the proceedings, on the great stand, a volley of cheers went up for the Commander, and at the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's inaugural address a situation arose which really seemed embarrassing. The last words of the new President had hardly fallen from his lips when the crowd shouted "Bryan! Bryan!" Mr. Wilson's Secretary of State, who was standing near him, turned away from the thousands in front of the stand, apparently for the purpose of discouraging any further demonstration in his favor, and there was plainly a feeling of relief among the Democratic statesmen when the police jumped in and began to drive the throng back for the exit of the new President.

ALMOST IDEAL DAY FOR STAGING EVENT

Inauguration day dawned with a haze hanging low over the National Capitol and with every indication that umbrellas and gum-shoes might be needed before the day was over. The Weather Bureau, with its customary exactness, had promised a bright morning, but had thrown out a gloomy hint that the clouds might gather in the afternoon and it would be squifled and colder at night. This would have been all right if it had only been turned around. It was cloudy in the morning, grew much warmer as the day advanced, and finally developed into a beautiful sunny afternoon. It was succeeded later by another late and some squifles. But everybody, including the new President, was willing to shake the weather man's hand this time and assure him he had done a fine job. As a matter of fact, this was the warmest inauguration day since at least 1828. It began with the temperature at about 28 at 8 o'clock in the morning; contributed to mount steadily upward, until at noon the thermometer was standing around 60 and when the sun finally broke through the clouds and flooded the city, it was a hot job for the thousands to look it from the Capitol to the White House in double quick time, in order to see the parade.



The beautiful space containing the President's reviewing stand was a quiet haven from the cheering crowds on the Avenue.

SLIGHT DEMONSTRATION FEATURE OF CAPITOL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Thousands Give Close and Intelligent Attention to Masterful Delineation of New President's Policies. Multitudes Too Busy Thinking to Cheer Often.

WILSON ALLOWS UNSEATED THOUSANDS TO MOVE WITHIN RANGE OF HIS VOICE

In Quiet, Thoughtful Pose, President Enters Upon Duties of High Office—Marshall Sworn in Amid Impressive Scenes in Senate Chamber Prior to Ceremonies at East Front of Capitol.

The President of the United States and the Vice President started in immediately after their inauguration yesterday afternoon upon one of the most arduous jobs, physically, that will confront them, when, at 3:10 o'clock, they took their places in the reviewing stand in the middle of the Court of Honor, out in the new front yard of the distinguished Wilson family, and continued to stand until about 7:30 o'clock last night, or until the last of 35,000 or more soldiers, sailors, and civilians had passed on in the darkness.

300,000 PEOPLE PACK STREETS.

The inaugural parade, needless to say, is the sole reason most folks come to the inauguration, always excepting the great, grand divisions of patriots who come here at this time to save the country by accepting political jobs. Wherefore, a crowd placed somewhere around 300,000 was on hand between the Capitol and the disbanding point at Washington Circle, a mile and a half west of the Capitol and a few blocks beyond the White House. With a day that was almost without a breeze even strong enough to bother the thousand of flags, weather warm enough to make a heavy overcoat uncomfortable and a misty, gray sky, that never once threatened to rain, Washington and its visitor-early scrambled paradewards.

AVENUE ROPED OFF.

And this time, at least, the Washington police saw to it early in the forenoon that there was no possible way at all to get onto the roped-off asphalt of Pennsylvania Avenue from the starting gate to the finishing wire unless one dropped onto the Avenue from an aeroplane. And so the parade, once it had started, never was interrupted seriously. As it started later than any previous inaugural parade and was a record-breaker in size, darkness had begun to gather by the time the first thousands of the monster civic and semi-military sections that followed the military and naval divisions had reached the reviewing stand.

Turn on Electric Lights.

And, approximately, just as 2,000 Tammany braves, with Mr. Charles F. Murphy at their head and four bands playing "Tammany" in relay fashion, had swung around the north end of the Treasury Building into the white and green Court of Honor in front of the White House, the decoration committee's electricians threw the switches, and the Court of Honor flashed from semi-darkness into a blaze of electric glory.

Crowds Keep Quiet.

Washington saws the parade was its biggest. Also it was wondrously respectful. With the exception of a start an hour later than customary, for which the paraders were blameless, and gaps at times far too wide between the various sections, the parade was flawless. Nevertheless the lack of spontaneous cheering and at times the solemn apathy of the dense crowds in the grand stands was unusual. Sometimes about the only thing to be noted in one particular neighborhood was the buzz of comments, as every one commented aloud to his seatmate about how quiet everybody else was taking the spectacle, and they didn't. There were enough wondrous things to look upon and to listen to streaming past for almost four hours and a half to arouse, one would fancy, any crowd into enthusiasm, but they didn't. There were picked soldiers and sailors from the Chief of Staff of the Army down. Picturesque Indian chiefs, led by the Julius Harbarger of the Sioux nation, "loop" the Chief Hollow Horn Bear, clacked by on their ponies like the grand first part of the Hon. William F. Cody's educational exhibition.

And there were the glories of the Annapolis and West Point cadet corps swinging by. There were blocks and blocks of the olive drab and glistening metal guns and carriages of the field artillery. The bowing Princeton students didn't emerge from the blackness of night into the glow of the Court of Honor spotlights until almost 7 o'clock in the evening. President and Vice President, their families and the nation waited, waited to see this particular band of patriots explode into view under the leadership of that great champion of the

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