

Theo. Roosevelt, 26th American President

His Life Has Been Full of Snap and Excitement

AUTHOR AS WELL AS STATESMAN



Mr. Roosevelt has been known to the public principally as a writer and a rough rider. It was therefore singularly appropriate in at least one respect that it was in the musty atmosphere of old books that he took the oath to "faithfully execute the office of president of the United States," and to the best of his ability to "preserve,



SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN HAY.

protect and defend the constitution of the United States." On Saturday afternoon, September 14, 1901, in the library of the home of his friend, Ausley Wilcox, and in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., the simple ceremony was per-

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ters where it had been sneered at before.

Shakes Up the Police. From Washington he passed to a police commissionership in New York city. His peculiar ability to work, and work on right lines, gave the corrupt police force such a shaking up as it had never had before. He was police commissioner in every sense of the word, unbrilliant, unapproachable, fair to the fair-minded, severe on the criminal. His books continued to sell in increasing number, and the public through the press, began to have a broader view of him.

When the Spanish-American war came he was assistant secretary of the navy by the authority of President McKinley. He had much to do with the organization of the navy for the conflict, and it has always been believed that his influence largely contributed to the sending of Admiral Dewey to Hong-Kong, and thence to Manila bay.

When war became a certainty Mr. Roosevelt resigned his position in the navy department, and with Gen. Leonard Wood organized the First volunteer cavalry, better known as the rough riders. Gen. Wood was colonel of this regiment and Mr. Roosevelt

cepted at the last moment. During the campaign he made a trip of over 21,000 miles, speaking for the ticket, and was received everywhere with popular acclaim. Since his inauguration he has



E. A. HITCHCOCK, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

presided over one extra session of the senate, and made several trips throughout the country, attending public functions.

As to the real Theodore Roosevelt, authentic things that he has said give



THE ROOSEVELT FAMILY. (View of the Interesting Group Which Will Make the White House Their Home.)

lieutenant colonel. The members of the regiment came from the first families in the east, from ranches in the west, came from wherever good horsemen, daring men and good shots could be secured.

Forms Unique Regiment. The regiment was the most unique of its kind ever organized, and was much scoffed at in the beginning. Before it had been two days in Cuba the wisdom of its organization was plainly seen. The men were fitted for any kind of campaigning. Their colonel and lieutenant colonel took what they took. Their regiment practically forged itself, and was first in the field and first to be baptized with fire. At Las Guasimas, Kettle hill and San Juan it gave up its bravest and best and went on to victory.

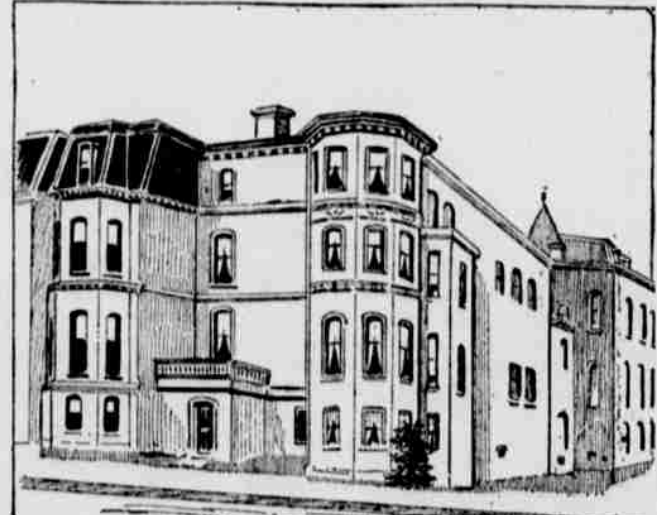
Mr. Roosevelt was its colonel before the end of the war, and pronounced by the foreign military attaches who observed his conduct in the field as one of the first military officers of the day. He was in Santiago at the surrender, brought his regiment back to the Unit-

ample revelation as to what manner of a character he will bring to the presidency. On "Americanism," in an interview in 1903, he said:

"I naturally disapprove of the half-conscious spread-eagle Americanism, which is ever exerting itself at the wrong moments. I dislike it, of course, when it is put forward as a plea to excuse moral shortcomings of a kind usually connected with public affairs. Nevertheless, in spite of this abuse, I am sure that no man can well play his part in our life who is not honestly American in heart, belief and instinct.

Admirer of Parkman. "If one wishes to find a typical American, one may consider Francis Parkman. He always appealed to my admiration, because he made his life work largely of the description of that frontier warfare between our backwoodsmen and their foes which has been of such incalculable importance in our land's history."

In one of his published works he says: "In speaking to my own coun-



ROOSEVELT'S WASHINGTON HOUSE. (The above is a representation of the house the president and his family have been occupying. It was built by Secretary Olney when a member of the Cleveland cabinet, and will virtually be the executive mansion for some time to come.)

ed States and disbanded it at Montauk point in the fall of 1898. It contributed among the volunteer troops more to the success of the American arms in Cuba than any other regiment formed.

Is Chosen Governor. The colonel became governor of New York immediately after his return to



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE J. WILSON.

this country. As governor he stood for radical taxation legislation and state control of the trusts. His term was marked by a pronounced fight on his part against the New York republican machine. He did not seek the vice presidential nomination last year, but had it forced upon him, and he ac-

with Spain, governor of New York and vice president of the United States. Furthermore, to appreciate fully the size of Mr. Roosevelt's product as an author we must bear in mind two more things—the character of his work and the diversity of his subjects. Most of his books are not such as could be written off-hand. His "History of the Navy in the War of 1812" and his "Winning of the West" involved a great deal of searching among archives and old manuscripts in state and national government offices, in libraries and in private collections. His subjects include naval history, military history, frontier history, municipal history, sport, biography, biology, politics, ethics and book reviews.

Mr. Roosevelt's style is that of a plain man telling a straightforward story. After reading his books you are certain that he never paid any attention to his style, and the evidence is, not that the style is not good, but that there is absolutely no straining after effect. He is essentially a practical man, but he is well endowed with imagination, and this gives to his work an occasional poetic touch that appeals to the reader's sympathies. He has, too, a power of coining striking phrases and of putting things in a way that catches the attention. "The strenuous life" is a phrase with a

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Some of His Works. These utterances reveal the man. He has written much. The titles of some of his best works are: "Life of

Thomas Benton," "Life of Gouverneur Morris," "Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail," "The Winning of the West," "History of New York City," "Essays on Practical Politics," "The Wilderness Hunter," "Hero Tales from American History," "Naval War of 1812."

THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY.

Mr. Roosevelt's Domestic Life is an Ideal One. Mr. Roosevelt has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Alice Lee, of Boston; the second Miss



ATTORNEY GENERAL P. C. KNOX.

Edith Carow, of New York. He is the father of six children, ranging from 16 to 3 years of age. His domestic life is ideal. Whether ensconced in winter quarters at Albany or New York, or at the famous Roosevelt summer home at Oyster Bay, on Long Island, he is an indulgent father and romps with his children with as much zest as the youngest of them. The youngsters are known as the Roosevelt half-dozen,



MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

and all reflect in some manner the paternal characteristics.

The oldest girl is Alice, dark and serious looking. She rides her father's Cuban campaign horse with fearlessness and grace. The next olive branch is Theodore, Jr., or "young



SECRETARY OF WAR ELIHU ROOT.

Teddy," the idol of his father's heart, and a genuine chip of the old block. Young "Teddy" owns a trusty shotgun and dreams of some day shooting bigger game than his father ever did. He also rides a pony of his own. Alice, the oldest girl, is nearly 17. She is the only child by the first Mrs. Roosevelt. "Young Teddy," the present Mrs. Roosevelt's oldest child, is 13. Then there are Kermit, 11; Ethel, 9; Archibald, 6, and Quentin, 3.

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ROOSEVELT'S CABINET.

McKinley's Connellors Will Stand by the New President.

It is almost certain that the cabinet of President McKinley will be the cabinet of President Roosevelt. He not only requested them to remain, but stated to them that they were his choice for the positions which they were occupying. All of the members including Secretary Hay complied unconditionally. In the event of Secretary Hay's retirement (sooner or later) it is altogether probable that Secretary of War Root will succeed to the state portfolio. This will make an opening for at least one new man to take charge of the war office. No other changes under present circumstances are even remotely likely.