

## Secretary Taft's Reception At Shanghai and His Speech

S. MINNESOTA, Dec. 19.—Secretary Taft quit Shanghai early this morning. As the result of his visit of less than a day to the "Paris of the Orient," he left the city with a reverberation of the word "revelation," straight from the shoulder.

American extra-territorial jurisdiction as never before heard this side of the Pacific; a revelation which will serve as an inspiration and incentive for American commerce and diplomacy in China for a generation to come.

Mr. Taft's message, which he delivered by invitation to the American community in China, was the last of a series of state department officials and important leaders in Congress.

It was safely depended upon that nothing will awaken them to a realization that the time has come when American interests in China must be officially fostered and encouraged, and left to "just grow," Topsy-like, without governmental co-operation.

It is difficult to discuss Mr. Taft's reception in China or his speech last evening before the American association of China without resorting to adjectives or indulging in superlatives or an overplay of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is a word that cannot be dissipated even momentarily from the article without an obvious leaning to the extreme of ultra-conservative statement.

SINCERE WELCOME FROM CHINESE.

To begin with, one cannot justly take issue with the statement that no foreign visitor to China ever received a more spontaneous, whole-souled, sincere welcome than did Mr. Taft from the Chinese themselves. Scarcely no adequate basis of comparison exists, for foreigners carrying the mental or moral mark of Mr. Taft have seldom complimented China with their presence. General Grant probably came as near as any of them in causing the self-contained Chinese to cross the border from merely polite courtesy, such as international states habitually extend to each other, to the warmest of hospitality than has its inception in the hearts and not in the head.

When General Grant came to China the United States looked but dimly in the close horizon with which the non-oriental Chinese hedged themselves about for ages. There were few Chinese two familiar with the highways and byways of the Occident. Fewer had sought out colleges and universities. None of these latter had then retraced their steps to China, with minds full of the present power and the future possibilities of the United States, to spread the tale of western progress and spirit, serving as missionaries dedicated to the cause of China's awakening.

Since General Grant's time conditions have vastly altered. China in not remote years has had occasion to feel the potent influence, always for good, that the United States has exerted upon her destinies.

Upon occasion relations between the two countries have been accompanied by friction. Witness the vexation of the Chinese over the too-rigid enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act, which culminated in the abortive boycott. But, as Mr. Taft pointed out in his speech last night, an understanding has been reached on the exclusion measure, while the boycott is history in the annals of the communication of the nations.

AMERICANS WANTED INFORMATION.

Mr. Taft was asked to go to Shanghai to accept a dinner from the American association of China and deliver a speech. The invitation was conveyed to him in Japan. This was the first intimation that came to him of what was in store for him.

He was told that the Americans representing American commercial interests in the empire were eager to listen to a message from home, direct from Washington and the shadow of the Capitol. They wanted to know where they and the interests they represented stood, so far as national backing went.

There were points upon which they especially desired to be reassured. One was the intentions of the United States regarding the future of the Philippines. Thinking men in this far corner of the world, where the gossip and news of Manila, Japan, India, Russia and the contiguous territories, for a huge number of miles are as eagerly exchanged, canvassed, dissected and employed for inferential analysis, as the happenings of a hamlet which serve the cracker-barrel forum in the grocery—allow the Philippine problem to vex them. Opinion divides equally as to whether we shall sell or retain them. They reckon, perhaps, overmuch upon the uncertainties of American politics.

Weighty and plausible arguments are advanced pro and con. If the United States craves peace from the Philippines, say the Americans in China, what hope is there that Washington will do anything for us?

Besides this they hunger for frank expression of what would be our probable attitude in the event of any nation seeking to traverse the open-door policy laid down by John Hay seven years ago. Here lay the crux of their commendable curiosity.

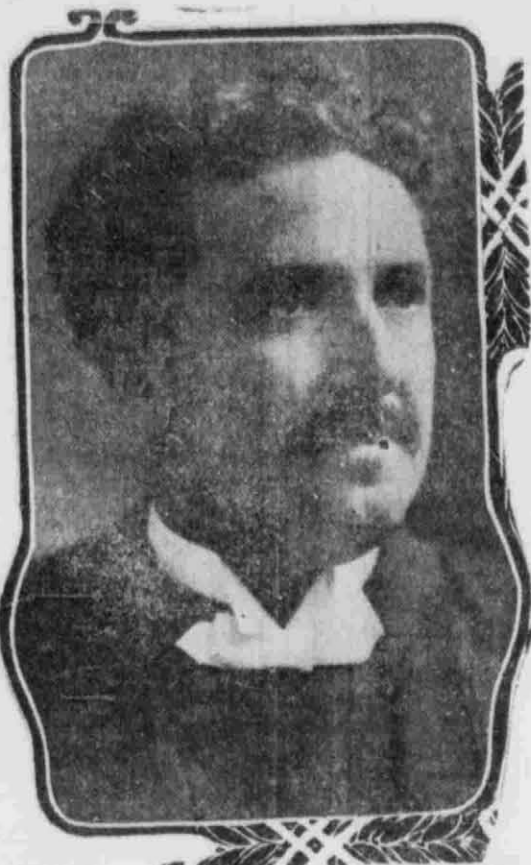
Will the United States stand firm

for the open-door policy? they asked. "What assurances have we that in the event of China becoming embroiled with Russia, France, Germany, Japan or another power, our trade interests, which now amount to \$150,000,000 annually, with a steadily rising tide, would not be jeopardized by a supine, pusillanimous administration in Washington?"

For a long time the association, which is a solidarity of not only all Americans and American interests in China, had debated the advisability of petitioning a man of the official standing of Mr. Taft to come to Shanghai, and do what Mr. Root did in his recent South American speeches. They wanted an ex-cathedra utterance, and they wanted it, to use the vernacular, hot off the bat.

ENGLISH GOT INTERESTED.

Mr. Taft's eastern journey gave them



Rev. JOHN LEWIS CLARK

### REV. CLARK GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE STRANGE WOMAN.

Atonement by blood long has been considered the final test and resort of true contrition; and rarely has it been made voluntarily. It generally has to be exacted by force. Probably no thought of atonement entered the mind of the Rev. Dr. John Lewis Clark when he permitted the transfusion of his own blood to a dying woman, and thus saved her life; but the fact remains that Dr. Clark is the pastor who married Mahalia Gibbons to W. Ellis Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel company, and afterward publicly apologized for doing so. Mrs. Julia Laddson, a stranger to the pastor, one who never was inside his church so far as he knows, was dying in a Brooklyn hospital from blood poisoning. As a last resort, it was decided to amputate her left leg. Her blood had become so vitiated that this meant certain death, un-

less a strong, healthy person would allow his blood to be pumped into her veins while the operation was in progress.

Dr. Clark heard of the case, and volunteered. He filled two containers, and for two hours lay bound to the woman on the operating table while the blood from his right arm was pumped into her left arm. The operation was a success in every particular, and the woman will recover. The transfusion was excruciatingly painful to the heroic pastor, and he had the knowledge ever before him that if one drop of the woman's blood found its way into his veins, he was a doomed man. In explanation of his act, he says simply: "The Almighty was trying me." His wife knew nothing of the matter until all was over and he was brought home fainting. She says he did right.

their chance. They asked it. Mr. Taft accepted the invitation. General interest was felt, not alone among the Americans in Shanghai, but by representatives of commercial interests of other countries as to the note in which Mr. Taft would pitch his speech. The English especially were zealous to see how far Mr. Taft would commit himself.

Trassiness has beset them because of the impending revision in the method of compiling the statistics upon which is based the representation of the various nations in the imperial Chinese customs. Great Britain now dominates the customs, because of her apparent preponderance of exports and imports. We are fourth on the existing rating. All imports and exports are credited to the ports through which they pass. Every dollar's worth of American goods going through the custom house at Hong Kong, which is a British port, is placed to the credit of England, who thus gains by our loss. Close observers say that we should be an easy second, if, indeed, we do not press the British uncomfortably close for first place. Hence British interest in Mr. Taft's remarks.

While no one ventured to suggest to Mr. Taft what he should say, he was given to understand unqualifiedly the temper of the Americans in China. No one who listened to his speech last night could doubt that his expressions came quite up to the hopes and expectations of the Americans. His dis-

If his political fortunes serve, Mr. Taft will face no campaign audience next fall with more touch and go and fire to it than the Americans who heard him last night. They were as tickled as a lot of school boys.

So far as Americans are concerned, China is a young man's country. The exuberant delight of the youngsters was to be expected, but the graybeards ran them a hard race. Once, twice and three times all leaped to their feet to lend physical impressiveness and body to approval which mere cheers and huzzas could not express. When he was finished the cheering grew and multiplied into a steady roar that rattled the casements of the old Astor House hotel and billowed a staff through the dark, rain-swept streets of the city.

Then they almost mobbed the secretary. A concerted rush to shake his hand came when he had reached his last period.

"That is the way we wanted it—straight from the shoulder!" cried one man.

"That was a history-making speech!" said another.

"The only thing I regret is that I can't get home to vote for you!" said a third.

"You've lifted us out of the mire and set our feet on firm ground!" was the comment of a fourth man.

There were many Englishmen at the tables. They sat as glum and chop-fallen as courtiers would allow, and they absorbed the speech in silence. They were busy drawing inferences. So with the Germans. The Japanese were politely interested, and applauded with zeal.

HOW CHINESE HONORED TAFT.

"What does the reception that has been given to Mr. Taft, especially by the Chinese, mean?" I asked one of the oldest Americans in the colony after the dinner.

"It means that China, official China, regards the United States as the best and most reliable friend she has among the nations," said he. "The significance of certain things that happened today is more apparent to us who live here than to an outsider."

"The garden party this afternoon was a remarkable function. It was volunteered by the Chinese themselves, without suggestion from us. Every Chinese here and guild in the city was represented on the committee. None is lacking. When Tuan Fang, viceroy of the Yangtze River, heard that Mr. Taft was expected, he ordered his deputy here, Mr. Tong, to welcome Mr. Taft in his name with the highest possible honors. He also ordered that the garden party be given in elaborate style, and that the bill be sent to him. This I tell you merely to show how the Chinese regard our country and Mr. Taft."

"Mr. Taft's visit will wipe out the last traces of bitterness left by the dispute over the enforcement of the exclusion act and the boycott. Good fellowship toward the United States was also promoted by the waiving of the Boxer indemnity and the relief given by America to the famine sufferers."

"China now understands, I believe, that the United States is virtually the only nation upon whose good offices they may depend under all circumstances. She has confidence in our friendship and honorable intentions."

"If this feeling did not exist, Mr. Taft would not have been received by the Chinese in the manner he was today."

Perusal of Mr. Taft's speech in full will be a revelation to those who are unappreciative of how important our trade relations in China are, and how vitally their protection and fostering is regarded by a man whose judgments are as slow in forming as they are unerring in conclusions.

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SENOR LOPEZ.

### INSANE JAGUAR UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Dr. W. Held Blair, physician to all the animals and birds in the New York Zoological park, in the Bronx, has an insane jaguar on his hands.

The jaguar is Senor Lopez, a resident of Bronx park for over six years, during which time he has established a reputation for cruelty and ferociousness. When Senor Lopez first came to the Zoo he already showed signs of a bad disposition, and the officials of the

park thought they might overcome this by giving him a mate. The jaguar did not take kindly to his mate. One day there was a terrific fight in the jaguar den, and when the keepers finally were able to separate the combatants the female was dead.

Since that day Senor Lopez has been kept in a large cage, separated from all other animals. He has been declared insane and is now undergoing a course of medicine.

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