

TAFT PASSES DAY WITH PRESIDENT

Discussed Situation, but Not Future Cabinet's So Much as Passed Ones.

IS CONFIDENT OF ELECTION

Believes His Tour of the South Will Open Way for Improved Republican Conditions There.

Washington, Oct. 18.—"I expect to be elected to the presidency," said Judge Taft, standing in the east room of the White House this evening, facing 30 or 40 newspapermen, who had gathered to meet him after he had spent the day as President Roosevelt's guest. The answer was in response to a question, after a brief discussion, of Mr. Taft's recent tour through the southern states, of which he had spoken as a pleasing experience. "With reference to that tour he would only say he thought it would open the way for improved Republican conditions in the future," he said. "I have expressed a delicacy in revealing the issues which he and the president had discussed, and when pressed for a statement as to the president's view of the situation, he would only say that 'the president is not a pessimist.'"

"Nor am I," he added.

DISCUSSED SITUATION.

While not especially arranged for that purpose, the presidential candidate found in his stop here a convenient opportunity for consultation with the president, his special champion and chief adviser, and that both were pleased with the arrangement. It was made the most of it was made evident by the fact that they spent practically the entire time in the company of each other, and for the most part, with others excluded.

While but little information concerning the tenor of their conversation was given out, it is known that they discussed, although in a purely informal way, most of the subjects that have come to the front since the campaign opened, and the president forced suggestions on minor points, which Mr. Taft will adopt.

It was the evident intention of the president to take advantage of the occasion to emphasize to the country his personal and public interest in Mr. Taft, and he utilized all the time at his disposal to this end. Not only was the candidate invited to breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but he was taken into the White House as if it were his own home, and in addition Mr. Taft remained away from his own church in order to accompany Mr. Taft to his church. He also took a stroll with him after the service, and the president the day by asking in a number of political and personal friends to meet the candidate and go over the situation.

Mr. Taft's special train arrived at the Union station at 2:10 o'clock this morning, his rest not being disturbed for five hours afterwards. He then dressed, and while he was in the bathroom, taking an automobile, proceeded alone to the White House, where at 9 o'clock, he ate breakfast with the president and the latter's household. There were comparatively few people at the station when the presidential candidate emerged from the sleeping car, and he was there saluted him with cordiality, and he responded with a bow and a smile.

ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

For almost two hours after breakfast Mr. Taft and the president were able to communicate. Mr. Roosevelt expressed his views unreservedly. Both attended religious services at All Souls Unitarian church. Arriving on foot five minutes in advance of the opening of service, they passed quietly through the crowd, which had congregated on the outside, and took seats together in the body of the church edifice.

The sermon was preached by Dr. W. S. G. Pierce, the pastor of the church, but it contained no reference whatever to either of the two distinguished auditors.

At the close of the service the congregation remained seated long enough to permit the president and the former secretary of war to pass out. They did not stop to greet any one, but immediately started on a brisk walk back to the White House.

President Roosevelt had invited to take luncheon with himself and Mr. Taft a number of former members of the cabinet. During the afternoon a number of callers visited Mr. Taft after the luncheon guests had departed. John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican clubs, was one of the first to present himself.

About 3 o'clock, President and Mrs. Roosevelt took leave of their distinguished guest and went for a horse back ride, leaving Mr. Taft in full possession of the White House for the afternoon. Robert Oliver, assistant secretary of war, Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, and Gen. Henry C. Corbin called and paid their respects. At 5:30 o'clock, by appointment, Mr. Taft met the newspaper correspondents of Washington in the east room of the White House. With most of them he was personally acquainted, and many of them he greeted by their first names.

MEALS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"Boys," he said, "I haven't much to tell you. You see, I am here. I have had two meals with the president and I expect to have another."

"Is that all?" someone asked.

"This question broke the ice, and from that time forth there was quite a free exchange of questions and answers.

The conversation covered a wide range, but Mr. Taft declined to go into details concerning his interview with the president. "Our talk has dealt largely with reminiscences, but we have discussed the campaign to some extent. No, we have not discussed future cabinets so much as past cabinets," he said.

He spoke of his voice and said that notwithstanding it had not been as

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good as he would like, still it had served all his needs. He referred with some apprehension to the prospect of a determination not to make as many speeches in small places as he has been in the habit of making. It was satisfactory to him, he declared, to be traveling about the country, doing his share of the work, than to sit idle and content himself with listening to others.

He was asked if he intended to speak for Gov. Hughes in New York state. He replied that he believed he was going to speak with Mr. Hughes on several occasions while he was in New York state, the principal meeting being the one in Madison Square garden, New York City. Speaking of his southern tour, Mr. Taft remarked that he was greatly pleased with the reception he received in all the cities in the south which he visited.

At dinner Secy. Garfield was a guest of the president. After a full day at the White House, the presidential candidate said farewell to the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and went to the Union station, where he boarded the special train which was to carry him to Newark, N. J. The candidate will arrive there at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. National Chairman Hitchcock will breakfast with Mr. Taft about the train.

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SMITH COIN COLLECTION.

Field Columbian Museum of Chicago Said to Have Purchased It.

New York, Oct. 18.—Local coin collectors are widely discussing the fact that the celebrated collection of pioneer gold coins gathered by the late DeWitt Smith, a wealthy paper manufacturer of New York City, has passed into possession of Field Columbian museum of Chicago, for the sum of \$35,000.

It is said the coins would have fetched \$50,000 at public sale. Mr. Smith paid \$1,310 for one \$10 gold piece, and always was an important factor at the big coin sales.

Devoted to American silver coins in particular, yet Mr. Smith lacked a specimen of the famous New York Brasher doubloon struck in this city in 1787. When a specimen of this rarity was discovered at the Stikney sale in 1906, he bid up to \$6,100 for it, then stopped and the coin was knocked down to a Philadelphia collector for \$5,200, the highest price ever paid for a coin.

Mr. Smith also had a very complete series of all the American silver coins which he disposed of a short time previous to his death.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

Denver, Oct. 18.—Delegates representing practically every civilized nation of the world, will gather in this city this week to attend the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, which meeting, it is declared, will be one of the most important in the history of the organization. This year for the first time, the convention proper, which begins on Friday next, will be preceded by a day of prayer and praise, Wednesday, and an institute, to be held on Thursday, at which the national superintendents of the various departments will lecture on methods to be pursued in order to obtain the best results in the work.

Among the subjects to be considered are the passage of the Littlefield bill; the retention of the "anti-canteen" law; the prevention of the sale of liquor in all government buildings; the passage of a law forbidding the sale of liquor within four miles of soldiers' camps, tents, and a provision for an anti-vice bill; the Constitution, advocating the prohibition of the liquor traffic everywhere.

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Immediately on Arrival Commander-in-Chief and Admirals Made Official Call on Vice Adm. Iqun.

Yokohama, Oct. 18.—Storm-battered, but magnificent, the American battleship fleet lies in the harbor, the entire assemblage making a display unprecedented in the history of Yokohama. Shortly after the ships came to anchor, the mist, which had shut out their coming, cleared and a little breeze carried away the smoke from the saluting guns, revealing from the shore front the lines of white American ships of war, backed by the gray of the Japanese. Scores of small craft charged by individuals and associations darted in and out among the battleships, the sound of saluting guns being heard among those to give hearty welcome. Two thousand schoolchildren sang the American national anthem, the sound of which was heard far over the waters. The ships show the effect of the tremendous battering of the waves, which is described by old officers of the worst they have encountered. The Kearsarge, which got separated from the fleet, only picked up the others early this morning and is still undergoing repairs.

A SINCERE WELCOME.

Rear Admiral Sperry said immediately after anchoring that he was glad to arrive in Japanese waters and that he greatly appreciated the evidences of a sincere welcome, the arrangements of which appeared to be perfect. Commander John A. Dougherty, the American naval attaché at Tokyo, who came here to take part in the welcome to the fleet, boarded the Connecticut this morning and discussed the program with the admiral.

The moment the fleet dropped anchor the admirals, in formal dress, hastened from the flagships to the divisions of the Japanese fleet, to pay an official call upon Vice Admiral Sir Goro Iqun. The Japanese admirals immediately returned the call. Vice Admiral Iqun, in splendid with gold lace and magnificent decorations, was given a hearty welcome by Admiral Sperry on board of the Connecticut. After a brief visit to the Japanese admiral, and as they went down the side, the Japanese flag was broken out at the mainmast and the guns belched forth a salute.

OFFICIAL CALLS.

A short time later Francis B. Loomis, formerly the first assistant secretary of state and United States commissioner of the Tokio exposition, accompanied by Mrs. Loomis, John C. Laughlin and Mrs. Laughlin, and Acting Consul-General Rabbit, called upon Rear Admiral Sperry and paid their respects. They were given 15 guns as they left the ship. In the meantime, visits were being exchanged between the captains of all the vessels.

The mayor and governor also called upon the admiral, and later the reception committee, the spokesman of which was Mr. Mate, boarded the Connecticut and bade the admiral and his men welcome in behalf of the entire nation. He thanked the Americans for their evidences of friendship and regard, to which Admiral Sperry responded in a similar vein.

In the afternoon the garden party given by the mayor of Yokohama was attended by many officers and great crowds of civilians, but the weather was unfavorable and the party suffered with the success of the function. Everywhere about the streets the American officers and men are treated with the greatest courtesy, and each carried an American flag at its mainmast.

Several dinners were given this evening in honor of the American officers, at one of which the mayor was the host and Admiral Sperry the chief guest of honor.

This was followed by a grand ball given by Gov. Sun of Kanagawa, at which 1,500 people were present. During the course of his speech at the dinner, Rear Admiral Sperry said that the object of the cruise was the development of the fleet for peaceful purposes. He believed that nothing was ever likely to occur to break the tradition of friendship of America and Japan.

It is understood that Capt. Potter of the Vermont will take command of the second division of the fleet.

MAGNIFICENT ILLUMINATIONS.

Crowds continued to swarm the streets about the waterfront all day, and at night magnificent illuminations lighted the entire city. Electric lights and lanterns were swung everywhere, and at a prominent point a huge design, in which the word "Welcome" was spelled with brilliant lights, was surrounded by hundreds of American and Japanese flags. The lantern parade, in which there were many flower floats, made an inspiring spectacle, as thousands upon thousands of the little Japanese in quaint costumes and bright colors took part.

All of the Japanese ships were out-lined tonight in electric lights, and each carried an American flag at its mainmast.

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MANHATTAN BIRTH RATE.

New York, Oct. 18.—The birth rate in Manhattan is now greater than in any of the boroughs of Greater New York, according to the latest figures of the health department. It amounts to more than 30 per 1,000 of the population a year, which, based on the number of families for each 100 population here, would mean that a baby is born once a year in every other family in the borough. There were 2,150 births last week—one every five minutes.

The death rate in Brooklyn is now slightly lower than in Manhattan—16 out of each 1,000 of population.

The financial panic has left a grim train of telltale deaths from heart disease in its wake, the increase being over 12 per cent. There has also been an increase of 3 per cent in cancer.

The panic, in combination with the new license law, has caused a decrease of a baby in the number of marriages in Greater New York. Suicides on the contrary, have greatly increased.

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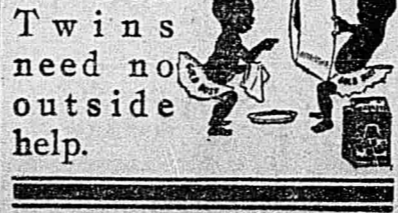
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