

S. S. Minnesota Slipped Into Yokohama Early, But Failed to
 Mar Reception to Traveling American
 Statesman.

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TWO PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS.

Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota, and Lieutenant-Governor Lewis Sullivan Chandler of New York are the two latest presidential aspirants. Gov. Johnson has rapidly advanced himself to the front rank of national politics by his force of character and his rather original ideas, and young Mr. Chandler is one of those virulent forces whose power is bound to be felt.

Although neither of these gentlemen may be considered seriously by the old wheel horses in the national political game, it remains that this is an age of young men and youth may yet make the old fellows sit up and look to their laurels.

The welcoming party carried its point no further. It is the time she had swung to her moorings, a half mile from the custom house pier, a gay butterfly fleet of launches and motor launches high in the air, shouting car-splitting salutations to the secretary as he leaned over the rail of the promenade deck, while below, American and Japanese alike, were mingled with the shriller bands of the Japanese in an international "fido" to Mr. Taft.

Later on, when the Japanese had been driven to the pier, the march which the Minnesota had stolen upon the welcoming party. There had been doubt as to the hour of the stamship's arrival, but the "W" had been warned in the ways of the sea and the speed of ships, confidently had prophesied that she would be in Friday night. Far too late, it was found, for the ship had held fast on the pier, fronting the Grand Hotel. Else, strained seaward, awaited the streaking of the dark sky with the rocket from the ship's mainmast high above, and as an advance guard miles behind the breakwater.

and sent smoke rings drifting skyward in a whirling procession. Her company dressed ship masts, stays and rigging, vaulted the treasures of the color and smoke down to the last scrap of burning.

GAY WITH FLAGS AND TALK.

Launches began to steam from the shore, following closely, nose to stern, or jockeying and taking desperate chances of spilling their cargoes in a row. The Japanese, in the lead, were to be at the gangway of the Minnesota. Sampan, big and little, some with sails and some without, edged in as near as they could to the Minnesota, and it was probable that it did not have at least one American flag to fling out by the side of the Japanese flag.

The launches have loaded down, all with Japanese. The bare-legged, brown-skinned sampan men, pointing in the United States banner, and bent almost double, ready to spring at the first salvation of their craft to their wives or half-grown children, confining their attentions to prodding their quick

Midnight, 1 o'clock came, and then the clock went 2. But 3 o'clock was taken on the watch, and the clock in the hall office before hope was abandoned and bed was sought. Besides the night watchmen, men with night glasses and lanterns were sent out to the harbor, surrounding the pathway to the harbor, while telegraphers, with special wires and instruments at their elbows, were sent out to the station and the cable into the apartments of Mr. Watanabe, imported household master of ceremonies, who headed the representatives of the Japanese.

Having upon recommendations that the Minnesota could not anchor before 4 or 4:30 o'clock this morning, no one was prepared for the furious beatings and shaking of the ship by the waves, destined to high excitement for the huge ball of the steamship loomed up suddenly out of the fog close to the ship.

A charge of icebergs was thrown in the wake as the burning hotel began to explode under the weight of Japanese, Americans and Englishmen. It was a terrific, colossal, unusual appearing crowd, of all colors and races, some with their heads and shoulders above the water, some with only their heads above water, while few were knotted together, enough to sink each. Car-

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stayed, Yoshida had become good friends in Washington.

Mr. Taft, flunked by Gen. Edwards, received the Japanese gentlemen in the dining-room of the Minnesota. When the others were taken to a half hour waiting by before the introductions and greetings were over, Mr. Taft was in fine spirits. The wind and the sun, which did full duty on the last two days of the voyage had caused the wind and sun, more than the normally abundant sweat and twinkle into his eyes.

By his invitation the breakfastless and hungry chefoket joined him in delectable dinner.

Afterwards, Mrs. Taft. Among those who made his bow to Mrs. Taft was a Japanese newspaper man, who misused the fact that he was conversing with the secretary's wife. Finally the Japanese

stage of the Bund and thence Grand hotel, a distance of not half a mile. In spite of its size the crowd preserved a more respectful demeanor than usual. The police were not so American popularly confronting soldiers and the police had no opportunity to do. If a man veritably overstepped the line, he rushed into the open, quite unhesitatingly, to the authorities, typified by the men forms, and squeezed back with belonged.

Psychological consideration of the crowd is exhilarating. One crowd being responsive to the influence of thousands of people not grinning in more perfect friendliness, or in half derision, as some of us are wont to do. A great man drives past, a

"You American ladies are usually well informed in politics. Tell me, do you think that Mr. Taft will be elected president?"

"Well, I can scarcely venture an opinion as to that," responded Mrs. Taft.

"World you like to see him become president?" was the newspaper man's next question.

"Naturally, as I am his wife," rejoined Mrs. Taft.

A great light broke in upon the Japanese, and he profusely begged pardon for the somewhat personal trend of his interrogations.

JAPANESE BEAMED WELCOME.

Escorted by Mr. Watanabe, Count Terushima and Maj. Yoshida, the secretary rode to the landing stage in a launch, which fouled the shoreward propellers. The Japanese military and commercial stables were ranked on the pier. It had been explained to Mr. Taft that the emperor had placed the Shiba Palace in the hands of the emperor's military equivalent to a command that the secretary and his party commit them selves entirely to the hands of the imperial household.

After a brief detail of their entertainment was looked after by his majesty's deputies, the Shiba Palace, one of the detach. ed palace, at a distance of about a mile from Mr. Taft on his previous visit to Japan.

The secretary was to stop here on his way to the Philippine, ran off a bundle of cards bearing his name. One saw them today everywhere. They were stuck in handbags, or fastened to ornaments of women as a memento. But their smiles conveyed the meaning of the first page of the war. The first page of the papers called him off today, better than their cheer- ing, or the hearing of his trou-

Through the cheerful laughter dashed the cartridges. The sea- hat was scarcely a second on his head. He was a man of a well-kept, his father, dashed into his arms. There were no

Troops and police preserved the integrity of the lane that had been hewn through the crowd from the landing



of these bouquets, wild flowers tied together, thrown at the feet of the Japanese. It was pathetic that Japan should fall to infuse a touch of passion into her welcome. Not looking to console the scene, not the warm, mellow sunshine of a fine autumn day, the first sign of rain, which flowed over all, tinged a wonderful golden cement bound together harmoniously—tangled fragments of the mosaic which the kindly folk of Japan created to exhibit their love for their ideal of an American man.

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