

William Howard Taft Inaugurated President

THE NATION WELCOMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Simple but Impressive Ceremonies Marked Change of Administration—Owing to Bad Weather Conducted in Senate Chamber—Oath of Office Administered to Mr. Taft by Chief Justice Fuller—After Proceedings in Capitol Were Over New President Drove to White House, ex-President Roosevelt Going Direct to the Union Station—Inaugural Parade Magnificent.

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Washington, March 4.—Taft sworn in at 12:55. Washington, March 4.—President Taft concludes his inaugural address at 1:32 p. m. Washington, March 4.—When President Taft concluded his speech, Mr. Roosevelt mounted the rostrum and greeted him cordially. He left the chamber at 1:55 amid great applause and two minutes later President Taft departed with the crowd still cheering. Washington, March 4.—The inaugural parade started from the Capitol at 1:45 p. m. Washington, March 4.—The ceremonies at the Capitol ended at 1:45 p. m., after which the senate adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow, when it meets in response to the extra session call, to confirm cabinet appointments. Washington, March 4.—Theodore Roosevelt, escorted by the Republican county committee of New York and a band playing "Auld Lang Syne," arrived at the Union station at 1:50 p. m. In a few words he thanked the throng that surrounded him and will depart at 3 p. m. Washington, March 4.—Former President and Mrs. Roosevelt left on the regular 3 o'clock Pennsylvania railroad train for New York, which, however, was half an hour late in leaving the Union station. Washington, March 4.—President Taft arrived at the White House at 2:25 o'clock. There was no ceremony and no demonstration. Vice President and Mrs. Sherman followed the president into the mansion.

From Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court of the United States and the elder members of the senate and the diplomatic corps. Mr. Taft's inauguration immediately followed that of James S. Sherman, which was carried out in accordance with the original program. The distinguished company which gathered in the senate to witness the inauguration of the vice president and which afterwards was to have been escorted to the immense inaugural stands on the east front of the Capitol, simply remained in their places in the chamber to view the more impressive ceremonies attending the induction into office of the new executive of the nation.

ARM IN ARM. President Roosevelt, arm in arm with President-elect Taft, entered the crowded senate chamber shortly after 12 o'clock. The appearance of these two chief figures in the day's events was a signal for spontaneous outbreak of applause on the floor and of cheers in the galleries.

Speaker Cannon entering the senate chamber at the head of the house of representatives, took a place on the presiding officer's bench by the side of Vice President Fairbanks. Prior to the entry of the members of the house and the distinguished invited guests, the senate had adopted a resolution of thanks to Mr. Fairbanks, who replied with a farewell address. He then administered to Mr. Sherman the oath of office, prescribed by the Constitution, and turned over to him the presiding officer's gavel. Vice President Sherman made a brief inaugural address and then rapped the chamber to order for the further business of inaugurating the new president of the United States.

A SIMPLE CEREMONY. Mr. Taft's induction into office was the same simple ceremony devised in the early days. He swore to uphold and defend the Constitution, to enforce all laws and to protect the Republic against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Fuller, who was officiating at such a ceremony for the last time in his notable career as the chief presiding officer of the country's highest court. President Roosevelt, who became again a private citizen of the United States, when President Taft had kissed the Bible in consummation of his oath, was quick to congratulate his successor in office, being second to the chief justice in exercising that privilege.

Mr. Taft delivered his inaugural address in abbreviated form in the senate chamber. The address for publication, however, stands in full. When Mr. Taft had concluded, he was escorted to the waiting carriages outside the senate wing of the Capitol and there was joined by Mrs. Taft and by Vice President and Mrs. Sherman for the return ride to the White House. President Roosevelt walked out of the Capitol amid the cheering throng and escorted by a thousand members of the New York Republican committee, was driven to the Union station, several blocks away and boarded a train for New York and Oyster Bay.

As President Taft passed up Pennsylvania avenue to the White House he was greeted with loud cheers which he acknowledged by lifting his hat. With Mrs. Taft the president rode behind troop A of Cleveland, which had been preceded by a band, the chief marshal of the parade and his aides. Vice President and Mrs. Sherman rode in a separate carriage immediately behind the presidential coach which was drawn by four horses.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft were escorted to the Capitol promptly at the hour set this morning, their progress through the blinding snow being met with cheers from a thin fringe of spectators who braved the elements and stood ankle deep in snow and slush along the distances of Pennsylvania avenue. The presidential party entered the Capitol building at 11 o'clock and were escorted to the president's room in the senate wing. Up to the time of leaving the White House, Mr. Taft had his hat set upon taking the oath in front of the multitude gathered on the Capitol plaza. After reaching the senate, however, the counsels of the elder members of the senate prevailed and it was decided that the ceremonies for the first time in a score of years should be held indoors.

A GREAT BLIZZARD. A wet, chilling snow, driven before a stinging northwest wind fell through



PRESIDENT WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

out the night and wrought havoc with telephone and telegraph wires, completely cutting off the capital city from communication with the remainder of the country for many hours. Snow and slush filled the streets to the depth of a foot or more in places. The wind thrashed many of the city's prettiest decorations to shreds. The immense reviewing stands along the line of march were made well nigh uninhabitable by the swirling snow. Streetcar and railroad traffic was impeded to the extent of seriously delaying the arrival of thousands who had planned to attend the inaugural ceremonies.

President-elect and Mrs. Taft spent last night at the White House as the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. TAFT'S COMMENT. "I always knew it would be a cold day when I was made president of the United States," was the laughing remark of Mr. Taft this morning, as he looked out of the White House windows on one of the prettiest winter pictures ever seen. The snow, clinging to the trees and shrubbery had transformed the White House grounds into a veritable fairy-land of dazzling white and fantastic forms. It was 9 o'clock and Mr. Taft had just finished his breakfast. He had spent the earlier hours of the morning going over his inaugural address, eliminating paragraph after paragraph, which he intended to omit in reading the document today. The address for publication he allowed to stand in full.

Mr. Taft said he had never felt better in his life and personally the terrible weather was not a hardship to him, but he regretted exceedingly the conditions that confronted the men of the militia and the marching clubs, who had traveled so many miles to have a part in the parade.

ROOSEVELT GREET'S TAFT. President Roosevelt, who has always chosen stormy weather for his most strenuous riding and walking expeditions, greeted his successor with rare good humor as they met at breakfast and there was much bantering between the two friends who played today such important roles in the newly written chapter of American history.

With the break of day this weather bureau's prophecy of "warm and somewhat cooler" was found to be but an empty dream. The parade planned for the afternoon will undoubtedly be so curtailed as to spoil what promised to be one of the most splendid spectacles of marching men ever seen on Pennsylvania avenue.

Washington is filled with a record-breaking throng whose disappointment today knew no bounds. Owners of reviewing stand privileges and ticket speculators will lose thousands of dollars.

day was suggestive of late April. Fog was followed by heavy showers and rising temperatures.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

Thunder and lightning played about the city during the afternoon and then at night snow began to fall. The weather bureau had sent out a definite promise of fair weather for today, however, and as the wind had shifted from the east to the north and west, Washingtonians were inclined to smile at the snow as calculated simply to send cold shivers down the backs of the government's optimistic prophets. At midnight, in spite of the continuing fall of snow and the white covering of streets, the weather bureau adhered to its prediction and proclaimed anew that the day of Mr. Taft's inauguration would be ideal. Prof. Willis L. Moore, in charge of the weather service, sent a message to Mr. Taft at the White House last night, assuring him through the gale of blinding snow that he would take office under cloudless skies with a flood of sunshine and a temperature of about 40 degrees.

Down town Washington was deserted this morning during the hours when previous inaugural years have witnessed the struggling of thousands for places of vantage along the sidewalks of the route of the big parade. Street car traffic was so uncertain that few people in the residential districts cared to venture forth. Hundreds who yesterday had paid fancy prices for grand

In the Senate of the United States

Washington, D. C., March 4.—With simplicity and dignity in keeping with American traditions the initial proceedings attending the inauguration of the president of the United States, which included the swearing in of the vice president and of all the incoming senators, was conducted in the senate chamber in the presence of a distinguished company consisting of leading officials of the three co-ordinate branches of the government and the diplomatic representatives of practically every nation of the world. In point of interest the personality of the men occupying seats on the floor of the chamber was equaled by the gathering in the surrounding galleries, which were filled with the women who make up the social life of the capital and whose names are scarcely less generally known than those of their husbands or relatives who took part in the historic event.

END OF SESSION.

The end of an especially trying session of Congress, with a vast amount of legislative work, left to be performed during the last hours, had found many of the senators and representatives thoroughly fatigued, as they had been able to obtain comparatively little rest

stand seats remained at home, regardless of their pecuniary loss.

TAFT TO ROOSEVELT.

When Mr. Taft and President Roosevelt met this morning in the breakfast room, Mr. Taft's greeting to the man he was soon to succeed was: "Mr. President, even the elements protest." "Mr. President-elect, I knew there would be a blizzard clear up to the time I went out of office." "Notwithstanding the fury of the storm outside, there was happiness and cheer inside the White House up to the moment that Mr. Taft and President Roosevelt started for the Capitol. Vice President Fairbanks and the entire membership of President Roosevelt's cabinet had arrived by a quarter of 10.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft left the White House at 10:15 a. m. on their journey to the Capitol. As he came from the front door Mr. Roosevelt bade good bye to the various officers and attendants who were gathered on the portico.

FAIRBANKS' FAREWELL

Senators: Again a new administration succeeds to the control of national affairs in conformity with the will of the people, expressed in their sovereign capacity, under the orderly processes of the law. We witness an impressive transference of national power in accordance with their will deliberately recorded, with increased respect for our institutions. We hope...

PRINCIPALS IN DRAMA.

White the galleries were being filled, the principals in the drama were assembling in readiness to enter the chamber, according to thoroughly ordered arrangements. The president and the president-elect were in the president's room, the mural decorations in which the work of the famous Brumidi, has gained it the distinction of being the most ornate apartment in the Capitol. Mr. Roosevelt, accompanied by members of his cabinet, had arrived early to attach his signature to measures, the passage of which had been delayed by the rush of business during the close of the session, and had been very busily occupied in the morning of his administration. The vice president and the vice president-elect were in the almost equally elegant apartment at the other end of the marble lobby, which is occupied by the vice president throughout the sessions of Congress, and in the gallery as the vice president's room. The diplomatic corps assembled in the lobby, where the ambassadors and ministers awaited an invitation to enter.

BRUTAL MURDER ON COMMERCIAL

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EVIDENCES ARE THAT HE WAS LURED TO ROOM—FOUGHT FOR HIS LIFE AND WAS KILLED.

One of the most atrocious murders in the annals of crime in Salt Lake City was committed sometime between 11:30 o'clock last night and daylight this morning, the victim being, it is supposed, John C. Barnett, a painter and paperhanger, aged about 35 years, with relatives residing at 1209 west Third South street. The man was murdered in room 42 of the notorious American house on Commercial street, the scene of many horrible crimes. The crime was a most brutal one as the victim was beaten to death with some weapon that cut his head and face in a horrible manner, fracturing the skull, breaking the nose and almost gouging out the right eye. The right hand of the murdered man was slashed and when the body was found shortly after noon today the right leg was drawn up and cramped under the body, stiffened red in death. From all appearances the man had been bound and gagged before the murder.

SIGNS OF STRUGGLE.

The disordered condition of the room indicated that a terrific struggle had taken place but persons sleeping in adjoining rooms declare they heard no unusual noises except that men were heard laughing and talking in the room. The murdered man was bound over the head either with a hand instrument or a bottle as the head, face and hands were cut and battered and blood was scattered all over the place, the walls and even the ceiling being spotted.

BARNETT ENTERED ROOM SOME TIME AFTER 11:30 LAST NIGHT AND WAS WITH TWO OTHER MEN, ONE OF WHOM IS KNOWN AS BOSTON JOE. BOTH MEN HAVE DISAPPEARED AND THE POLICE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANY TRACE OF THEM.

BOSTON JOE MISSING.

The man known as Boston Joe came to Salt Lake on the Park City train last evening and was seen by a young man named Hugh Meyers. The latter stated that Boston Joe beat his way down Park City to Salt Lake. The other man is not known. It was the latter who rented the room from the night clerk and stated that three men would occupy it.

SHORTLY BEFORE THE ROOM WAS RENTED, BARNETT WAS IN BOMBINO'S SALOON ON COMMERCIAL STREET AND WAS SHAKING DICE WITH THE PROPRIETOR. THE LATTER IDENTIFIED THE DEAD MAN AS THE ONE WHO WAS SHAKING DICE WITH HIM, BUT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT BECAME OF HIM AFTER HE LEFT THE SALOON. THE THREE MEN WERE HEARD TALKING IN THE ROOM AFTER MIDNIGHT BUT THEY SEEMED TO BE JOYLY AND WERE DRINKING. FOUR OR FIVE EMPTY WHISKY BOTTLES, A COUPLE OF EMPTY BEER BOTTLES AND A FULL QUART OF BEER WERE FOUND IN THE ROOM WHEN THE MURDER WAS DISCOVERED. THE REGISTER AT THE OFFICE SHOWS THAT THE ROOM WAS RENTED BY A FOLLOWER WHO GAVE THE NAME OF MANN.

CEILING SPATTERED.

The first person to discover the tragedy was C. W. Beck, day clerk at the American House. He entered the room about 12:30 today and was horrified to see the dead body of Barnett lying in a pool of blood near the east, blood patches in the walls and ceiling and the room in disorder. He at once notified the proprietor, Fritz Hartman, and the latter called the police. Sergeant Ohlson and several patrolmen went to the scene and Justice Hanks was notified. The latter took several letters written by Barnett and went to the address given above. He gave orders that the body be not removed until he impanelled a coroner's jury to see the corpse.

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