

# EX-PRESIDENT SPENDS BUSY DAY IN THE GATE CITY

### Breakfast at Fontenelle, Inspects Cadet Corps, Talks at Boyd Theater and to Palimpsest Club.

Sleek and happy appeared William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, at breakfast at the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday. Ex-Senator Norris Brown entertained in honor of Mr. Taft. Covers were laid for thirty-six guests.

It was a kind of mutual admiration party when Mr. Taft got into the center of the group of guests waiting on the mezzanine floor. "Ah, you're looking fine," was what about thirty-five out of the thirty-six guests said to the ex-president. And he pleaded guilty to every count.

**Greeted by Ex-King.** "I must say you are certainly looking fine," repeated John Lee Webster, late king of Ak-Sar-Ben, as he shook the former president's hand warmly.

"Well, sir, General Webster," replied Mr. Taft, "if you'll permit me to say so, you are looking younger every day."

"Ah, good morning, Mr. Taft," came from Senator Hitchcock as he strolled in leisurely, but a little late. "You're looking fine."

Then Norris Brown chimed in, "Senator Hitchcock, you're the man we've been waiting for."

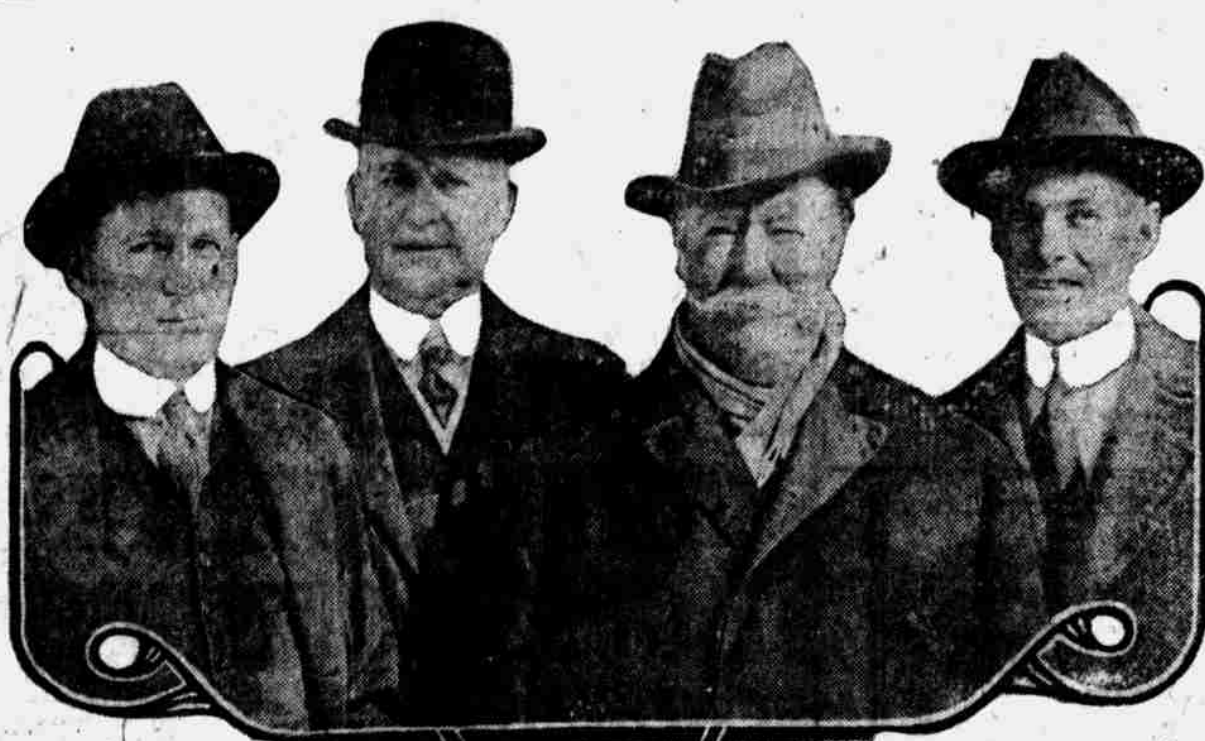
"Ah, I trust I have not delayed you," replied the senator, and Mr. Brown assured him repeatedly that, although the party had been waiting for him, he had occasioned no delay.

**Ready for Anything.** When newspapermen hanging around the edges asked Mr. Brown for a chance to photograph Mr. Taft, Brown broke on the ex-president's conversation with "Mr. Taft, do you want your picture taken?"

"I have no objection to anything in the world," smiled Mr. Taft, and his beaming countenance showed that he meant what he said.

Then as the party started for the breakfast room, and while some of them were still saying, "You're looking fine, you're looking fine," W. D. Hosford was hanging on the flank of the crowd, buttonholing fellows with such confidential information as "You know Mr. Taft is a Yale man. He's a Yale man, always keep that

# Former President William H. Taft Gladdens Omaha With Familiar Smile



Distinguished Visitor and Members of the Local Committee—Left to right: John W. Madden, Norris Brown, William Howard Taft, W. D. Hosford.

mind. We Yale fellows are proud of that."

**Guests at Breakfast.** Covers were laid for the following at the breakfast:

**Members:** William H. Taft, Howard Baldwin, Everett Buckingham, Senator Burkett of Lincoln, William Baizer, Francis Brown, Ward Burgess, Fred Clarke, E. Davidson, Luther Drake, W. F. Gentry, W. D. Hosford, Robert Howe, A. W. Jaffer, Frank Judson, Charles F. Kountze, John L. Kennedy, J. E. Ludlow, Charles W. Fairbank.

Personal resentments and party prejudices have no longer any place in our national life," said Mr. Taft in the course of a few remarks at breakfast. "We all stand together now for the great cause to which we devote our hearts and our energies."

Norris Brown introduced Mr. Taft, declaring that "as president he was never surpassed by any other, and as an ex-president he has never been equalled."

**Yale Men Take Charge.** Members of the Yale Alumni association took the distinguished guest in charge after breakfast and es-

corted him on the first stretch of his strenuous day's engagements. Several automobiles with big Yale pennants on them were waiting in front of the hotel. Mr. Taft, wearing a dark overcoat and brown felt hat, stopped on the steps to pose for a battery of photographers. After they had snapped him several times he remarked:

"You'd better hurry now unless you want to have a riot on your hands. I have a busy day before me."

Mr. Taft looks the "picture of health." His famous diet system has reduced his weight very much. His

face is ruddy and healthy. He looks like a man of 45 instead of 60, which is his age according to the calendar.

In the program of his morning was a visit to the high school, where the cadets marched in review before him. Then the party went to Fort Omaha. Here the ex-president met his old friend, Lieutenant Colonel Hersey.

A visit to Archbishop Harty was also on the day's program. Mr. Taft and he were good friends in the Philippines.

Mrs. Louis Nash is to give a luncheon at the Fontenelle in honor of the ex-president.

# TAFT THRILLED BY AVIATOR'S DARING

### Lieutenant Frank Goodale Performs First Successful Parachute Leap at Fort Omaha Before Big Audience.

With ex-President William H. Taft and a number of prominent Omahans for an audience, Lieutenant Frank Goodale of Fort Omaha made the first successful parachute jump performed at the army balloon school at 10:55 a. m. yesterday.

The leap was made from a kite balloon 1,500 feet above the new field, mile north of the fort, this being more open ground than that in the fort proper and thus safe for the parachute jump. The parachute used was the one invented by Leo Stevens and given by him to the United States government for use in this war. This parachute has never been known to fail in bringing its passenger down safely. It works automatically and the passenger can, by pulling its strings, direct his flight to suit himself.

Ex-President Taft was one of the

first to congratulate the young aviator, whose feat was all the more daring in that it was his first parachute jump. Goodale is a ballroomist of international fame, but never before has he left his safe basket while in the clouds.

"That was fine!" exclaimed Mr. Taft. "I would like to do the same thing myself, if I didn't think the folks at home would object!"

"We could bring Mr. Taft down all right," said Leo Stevens, this afternoon. "The parachute leap can be made by an amateur as well as an expert jumper. It will work if you fall overboard or leap deliberately."

Lieutenant Goodale experienced no trouble. The parachute opened easily when he had fallen but twenty feet from the balloon and glided easily downward. He was able to direct it into a good open spot of ground.

Every student at Fort Omaha has one of these parachutes attached to his back when he goes up in either a kite or free balloon. The minute he should go overboard the parachute would automatically open and carry him down slowly. The only danger is in being entangled in trees or telegraph wires near the ground and, as Fort Omaha has not enough cleared ground, no leap has been made there until the new field was leased.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

"We must win this war, but if we don't, I don't know what is going to happen to this world," said William Howard Taft, addressing the students of Central High school for a few minutes yesterday.

The former president broke his rule by speaking in the chilly morning air. He was introduced by Principal J. G. Masters and was pleased to greet this gathering of young men and women.

"I am going to call you boys and girls," he began. "You may not like that, but that is what you are. I want you to do your share in making this second Liberty bond drive a success. We are living in a time when the greatest crisis of the nation's history is facing us."

"Our successors will read of what we are now doing. What kind of a record are we going to leave as a legacy to those who will come after us? We should feel loyal to our country and our flag. We should feel proud that we are in a righteous cause. We must win and we are going to win."

Mr. Taft spoke only for a few minutes. He reviewed the High school cadets and complimented them on their excellent appearance. The distinguished visitor stood on the east steps of the school during his address to the students and faculty.

As he was leaving for Fort Omaha Mr. Taft smilingly forgave Principal Masters for arranging for an outdoor talk to the students.

# TAFT ASSISTS IN UNITARIAN SERVICE

### Ex-President Speaks at the Cornerstone of the New Church.

Assisted by ex-President W. H. Taft and Rev. Arthur Weatherly of Lyons, the congregation of the Unitarian church yesterday sealed their church records in the cornerstone of the new church edifice at Turner boulevard and Harney street.

W. F. Baxter introduced Mr. Taft, who said, in part:

"I don't know many of those I have the privilege of addressing today, but as I look at you I think I could trace your origin and ancestry—from New England, the home of Unitarianism. The Unitarians are a small body, but select. The influence we wield is not in proportion to our numbers. Through our influence have come changes in other churches—a liberalism that formerly was not found there."

Mr. Taft spoke briefly of the history of Unitarianism and of the difficulties of early years, when members of this "unorthodox" church showed real heroism in standing by their faith. He spoke of the part Unitarians had played in the civil war and of the certainty that today they would do their part just as nobly in the present war. He praised the beauty and simplicity of the new Omaha church edifice.

Mr. Taft then took the box of church records and placed them in the center of the cornerstone, which was hollowed out for the purpose. Members of the congregation sealed with mortar the stone that covered the box. Arthur French Leavens, minister of the Omaha church, closed the ceremony with prayer and selections from the Bible.

Ex-President Taft is president of the conference of the Unitarian church in both the United States and Canada.

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Children's Wear, Third Floor

**A Luncheon Set of Baby Irish Crochet**

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