

VAST CROWD SEES WILSON TAKE OFFICE

New President is Wildly Cheered.

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Pomp and Glitter Mark Return of Democrats to Power.

Woodrow Wilson, former governor of New Jersey, was inaugurated on Tuesday afternoon as the twenty-eighth president of the United States, the eighth son of Virginia to rise to that office and the first Democrat since the second election of Grover Cleveland, twenty years ago, to receive the highest office in the gift of the American people.

Just one hour before the oath of office as vice president had been administered to Thomas Riley Marshall, former governor of Indiana.

Thus for the first time in sixteen years the Democratic party came into control of the government again, amid scenes of stirring animation and with impressive ceremonies, marked in the main by simplicity, and yet retaining that degree of dignity, with some of the pomp and spectacular display that inevitably attaches to the induction of a new chief executive of the nation.

The elaborate ceremonies followed a fixed program covering over five hours. It began in the morning with the drive of William Howard Taft, the retiring president, the president-elect and the vice president-elect from the White House to the capitol, where until noon Mr. Taft was occupied with the measures passed in the closing hours of the Sixty-second congress.

The inauguration of Vice President Marshall was practically coincident with the assembling of the new senate and the swearing in of the new senators. Following this, came the chief ceremony of the day, the inauguration of President Wilson, before a crowd of many thousands at the east front of the capitol. Then came the return of the presidential party to the White House and the review of the inaugural parade of 30,000 or more marchers, military and civic.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Marshall had remained with their families at their hotels through the night. As the hour approached for opening the ceremonies they were joined by the inaugural committee of congress, made up of Senators Crane, Bacon and Overman and Representatives Rucker, Garrett and McKinley. To this committee was assigned the first function of importance in the proceedings, that of conducting the new president and vice president to the White House for formal greetings with President Taft, followed by the drive of the presidential party to the capitol.

The Ride to the Capitol. Mr. Taft and Mr. Wilson occupied carriages with the members of the inaugural committee; Mr. Marshall and Senator Gallinger, president pro tem. of the senate, following immediately in another carriage with other members of the committee; more carriages following with members of the retiring cabinet.

Pennsylvania avenue and the main thoroughfares converging at the capitol were packed to witness this move of the presidential party to the capitol. From the White House to the capitol steel cables strung along the curb held back the spectators and all traffic was suspended.

At the capitol the committee of arrangements was ready to conduct the president and President-elect Wilson to the marble chamber known as the president's room, just off the lobby leading to the senate chamber. Others of the committee were at hand to conduct Mr. Marshall and Senator Gallinger to the vice president's room, at the opposite end of the senate lobby.

The arrival of the presidential party was a full hour before the time set for the inauguration ceremony. This was to give sufficient time to Mr. Taft to sign or veto bills being passed in the last hour of the expiring Sixty-second congress. The cabinet of the outgoing president accompanied him, to inspect bills pertaining to their departments and to advise the president as to his signature or veto.

Meantime other thousands filled the seats in the big amphitheater surrounding the platform at the east front of the capitol, where the new president later took oath of office and delivered his inaugural address.

The justices of the supreme court were scheduled to be the first to enter, but owing to the delay in proceedings, they were preceded by the diplomatic corps, as the diplomats were ushered into the senate chamber while all of those assembled rose. The justices of the supreme court, headed by Chief

Justice White, in their somber robes of office, presenting a marked contrast to the brilliantly garbed diplomats, followed.

The representatives of foreign nations were headed by Ambassador Jusserand, of France, dean of the diplomatic corps in the absence of the venerable Baron Hengelmueller, the ambassador of Austria, who is absent from his post on leave and is not to return.

Then, escorted by the president pro tem of the senate, and a committee, the incoming vice president entered the chamber and took his seat prepared to be called to the rostrum to take his oath.

Three minutes later President-elect Wilson, with President Taft walking by his side, and followed by members of the retiring cabinet and the members of the committee on arrangements, was escorted into the chamber. The retiring and incoming president occupied chairs immediately in front of the vice president's rostrum.

Marshall Takes the Oath.

First in the order of the proceedings was the administering of the oath of office to Vice President Marshall. Arising from his seat among the senators, the new vice president was escorted to the senate rostrum, to the right of the presiding officer. The office of vice president being vacant by reason of the death of James S. Sherman, the administration of the oath to the new vice president fell to the lot of Senator Gallinger.

This brief ceremony was followed with impressive silence as the oath was slowly repeated by the new official, standing with upraised hand.

Vice President Marshall had now been formally installed as the presiding officer of the senate. This much accomplished, the senate of the Sixty-second congress adjourned sine die to reorganize immediately as the new senate of the Sixty-third congress, with its new presiding officer directing its affairs.

A prayer by the chaplain of the senate was the first formal action of the newly organized senate. With this solemn function over, Vice President Marshall delivered his inaugural address.

At this point the inaugural ceremonies passed from the state of quiet and solemnity in the senate chamber to one full of color and animation as the outdoor exercises of administering the oath to the new president began at the east front of the capitol. In the shadow of the great dome an immense stand to hold thousands had been erected.

At the front and center of this vast stage were the seats for President Taft and President-elect Wilson. Chief Justice White, about to administer the oath of office, was seated at the right of the president-elect. Flanking this central group were the associate justices of the supreme court, the vice president, senators and former senators. Back of them, ranged in order, those who had come from the senate chamber.

In groups here and there were governors of states, many of them with their showy staffs of military and civil officials.

Facing the inaugural platform was a dense crowd of spectators, many of whom had come hundreds of miles to see the Democratic party enthroned once more, which packed the wide plaza and struggled for vantage point, while further back the long lines of military and civic organizations took position to await the formation of the parade.

New President Cheered.

The appearance of the incoming president upon the portico was the signal for round after round of cheers arising from the throats of these thousands who had stood in the broad plaza in front of the capitol for many hours. The shouts continued while the inaugural party was taking seats on the platform.

Applause came from the crowds near the entrance of the capitol door or former Speaker Cannon emerged. It swelled into a larger volume as William J. Bryan came forward with the other guests comprising the membership of President Wilson's cabinet. Governor Fielder, successor to President-elect Wilson as governor of New Jersey, came out to stand with Senator Martin.

Mr. Bryan, Mr. McAdoo, Mr. Redfield, Mr. Burleson, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Lane, Mr. Wilson, Professor Houston and the others of the new cabinet were escorted to seats as the crowd voiced its approval by cheers.

Mrs. Wilson and her daughters took seats close to the square platform at the left. At Mrs. Wilson's request Mrs. Marshall took a seat beside her. The two women walked forward to the rail to look at the crowd. The Misses Wilson joined them.

With this setting of animation all attention was directed to the two central figures of the assemblage—the president-elect about to take the oath of office and the chief justice of the supreme court, ready to administer the oath.

Then there came a hush as these two, rising from their seats, stood together at the center of the platform, the chief justice with the Bible open in his hands—the same Bible on which Mr. Wilson took the oath as governor of New Jersey—the president-elect with uplifted hand.

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