

THOUSANDS HAIL PRESIDENT TAFT

A Tremendous Crowd at Depot To Meet Taft

The Reception at The Selwyn This Morning a Brilliant Feature of the Day's Events—Committee Greets President.

He Arose in Carriage as He Was Driven Past Mrs. Jackson's Residence—Distinguished Party of Statesmen.

Though it was raining cats and peltucks at day light this morning and continued so to until ten o'clock...

The rain had attacked the celebration with all the affrontery and exasperating nerve of the historical enemies and other jealous foes of the Declaration of Independence...

But the storm blew away and at a quarter before 12 o'clock the glorious sun shined out.

Myriads Throng the City.

When the President alighted from his train the depot was lined with an immense mass of humanity.

Senator Cummins.

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at his request or at the request of his chief aide the ton was lowered.

Along with the president was Mr. Moore, chairman of the central committee of the celebration...

AMERICA'S GREATEST HISTORIC CONTROVERSY

Among the distinguished visitors besides President Taft, and Mrs. Taft, who are present today are some of the country's greatest statesmen and political leaders...

One of the distinguished guests here today is Senator Joseph F. Johnston, of Alabama.

Senator Johnston is a man who represents the best traditions of the South and is a man of splendid ability.

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PRESIDENT TAFT.

"The impressive thing after all," said Mr. Taft today, is the ability of Anglo Saxons to rule."

Awful Cloud Burst Breaks Up Review

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

Savannah, Ga., May 20.—The annual session of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church convened in this city today.

There are a number of important matters to be brought up at this session and reports of the committees are expected to be of particular interest.

The states of Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Missouri, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida are embraced in the general assembly...

Mr. Taft stands for Mecklenburg Declaration.

Mr. Taft is speaking this afternoon in the auditorium at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Taft takes the position that regardless of the exact language of the declarations made in May, 1775...

The measure of declaration for the principles of civil liberty and self-government is not so much the abuse or denunciation of former controlling power...

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Crowd of 40,000 Runs for Shelter as Rain Pours Down in Torrents Upon President and Reviewing Stand.

Mr. Taft Gracious in His Expression of Admiration of Pretty Features in Parade—He Laughed at Possums.

A terrific cloud burst broke up the review of grand parade today at 1:30 o'clock.

The rain came down in sheets. It had been drizzling pretty much throughout the entire review but when the torrent came, the President and Governor Kitchin were hustled into a landau...

Mr. Taft Sorry.

The president took the situation philosophically and expressed his kindly regret that Charlotte's splendid preparations had been so sadly interfered with.

No untoward incident marked the grand review, save for a moment when during the passing of the industrial part of the parade...

A Myriad of Floating Flags.

As the head of the parade reached the grand stand, the enormous crowd in the stand rose to its feet and cheered and cheered again, and waved a myriad flags...

The President was seated in the center of the grand stand.

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GRAND STAND BUILT SPECIALLY FOR REVIEW OF PARADE AND SPEAKING BY PRESIDENT. (Shows Decorations of Court House, Lawyer's Building and Monument to Signers.)

America's Greatest Historic Controversy

The seeming utter disappearance from the face of the earth of the Cape Fear Mercury is responsible for the greatest historical controversy of modern times in America.

It is believed that Alexander Garden, author of anecdotes of the American Revolution had a copy.