

Party Solidarity in Great Form at Opening Game of the Season

How the Taft Banquet Was Recorded on the Paragon Score Board, Pushed Aside Temporarily For This Occasion.

It was a strictly non-partisan affair, the speaker being the Republican president of the United States, the Republican senators from this state, the Republican congressman from this district, the Republican governor of this state and the Republican mayor of this city.

Such non-partisan atmosphere, however, did not deter a few Democrats present from cheering as lustily as the Republicans, the distinguished guest of the evening, whose appearance was the signal for the waiters to proceed toward the pastry, whereupon the Paragon score board signaled: "Batter up."

We say it was a great game, even if the score board does record today that it was a bit one-sided.

This is the story:

REGULARS

	Bat.	Runs.	Hits.	Putouts.	Assist.	Errors.
Pitcher, Party Solidarity	4	0	4	0	4	0
Catcher, Regularity	4	0	4	0	3	0
Short Stop, Taft	1	1	2	0	4	0
Senator Field, Burrows	1	Several	0	200	0	0
Right (first time), Breitmeyer	1	1	0	0	0	0
Left, Ultimate Consumer	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Baritone, Wm. Alden Smith	1	Many	1	0	1	1
Cannon's second, Denby	1	2	1	Last Speaker	1	0
3rd, 2d, 3d, then Kelley, Gov. Warner	1	3	0	0	0	1

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

	Bat.	Runs.	Hits.	Putouts.	Assist.	Errors.
Conservation	1	1	1	0	0	0
Captious Critic	1	1	0	0	0	0
Muckraker	1	1	0	0	0	0
Common People	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ship Subsidy	1	0	*200	0	**1	0
Toastmaster Larned	6	0	6	0	6	0
Lawton T. Hemans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cong. Townsend	0	0	0	0	0	0
Committee	1	0	1,000	0	1,000	0

*Ship Subsidy and Senator Burrows scored an equal number of put-outs because Ship Subsidy was Senator Burrows' subject. Many of these were from the gallery.

*Ship Subsidy's error was really Senator Burrows'. The senator was about to score a telling point when he ascertained he had mislaid the name of the minister to Siam.

Home runs, 2; Burrows and Denby. Sacrifice hits, 10; President Larned, 6; Orpheus club, 3; Band, 4. Lost on bases, Conservation. Left on settlement basis, Breitmeyer. High pitch, Wm. Alden Smith. Too low pitch, Senator Burrows. Struck out, 4; Ultimate Consumer, Common People, Hemans, Townsend. Muckraker and Captious Critic were scored by Wm. Alden Smith. Double play, Denby and Burrows. Hit by pitcher, Muckraker and Captious Critic. UMPIRES—One Thousand Suffragettes. Time of game, five hours. Called to catch a train.

For inside play we doubt very much if ever there was an exhibition so interesting, the remarkable part of which is the fact that it was the first of the campaign, or, rather, season.

Only twice were signals crossed, resulting in one instance in First Baritone William Alden Smith being hit by his own batted ball, which bounded over and hit the president, also.

William Alden was endeavoring to advance President Taft to a second term by landing hard on the muckrakers and captious critics.

It was one of those beauties for which William Alden is noted.

"Other presidents have been maligned and abused," said William Alden, and among those who had been maligned he mentioned Grant, "who," he said, "was called drunkard."

William Alden would have gotten out of the way of this, no doubt, and spared the president being hit, had he recalled that Grant was called the same thing at his tomb about two years ago by Taft himself.

Among the other mishaps of the evening was that of Gov. Warner, who, in his reference to an increased number of banks in Michigan under Republicanism, failed to include the fact that there is one less in Chelsea and one less banker in our midst as a result, also, of Republicanism.

Pitcher Party Solidarity was never in better form. The same up-shoot was working and control was as perfect as in the Payne-Aldrich game with the Ultimate Consumers, at which time the Ultimate Consumers didn't have a look-in.

Conservation was on second when Short Stop Taft came to bat. Taft swung viciously at monopoly, but missed. He fouled off government ownership, and when the crowd drew forward expecting the drive that would score, the president once more smote the air. Conservation was right where it was when he came to bat.

"There is some talk that Taft will not due for this league, and undoubtedly this is due to his lack of aggressiveness as a player. He seems determined enough and seems to be trying, but his batting average does not speak well for him. It is rumored that he depends too much upon the advice of those who are older in the game and not enough upon the real talent and the real stuff that many believe he has in him."

This we got from the man on the score board with the megaphone.

NOTES OF THE GAME

Some of the knockers are sore we ever released Roosevelt.

Short Stop Tariff let the tariff go by without striking. Probably too high.

Congressman Denby gave signs when at bat of still being troubled with weak knees.

Senator Burrows' low pitch gave the crowd an idea as to why he isn't heard more in Washington.

The home runs of both Senator Burrows and Congressman Denby were made in time for the game.

The reception tendered Ship Subsidy, protege of Senator Burrows, leads to the belief it is about due for the minors.

The game was called for a few moments to enable Senator Burrows to look through his notes for the name of the minister to Siam.

The Stars and Stripes were at bat while Senator Burrows was speaking, just 27 times; the United States flag, 12 times, and Old Glory, twice.

Mayor Breitmeyer was well pleased with the looks of the diamond, commenting in particular on the lovely flowers, supplied by Mayor Breitmeyer.

First Baritone William Alden Smith's high pitch was due to the condition of his voice, which broke just at the golden sunset he was painting behind the rains of some old landmark with the ivy twining gracefully about, or something like that, in some connection or other.

PRESIDENT MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR CONSERVATION

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Tance at the guests' table. The news of the passage of the administration railroad regulation bill reached him during the dinner and this had a tendency to increase the good feeling of the chief executive.

Windsor's Mayor a Guest.

In welcoming the first citizen of the land, the reception was a non-partisan one. Not only were men of all parties included in the audience but such prominent Democrats as Lawton T. Hemans, J. L. Hudson and Charles W. Casgrain sat at the raised speakers' table. Mayor J. W. Hanna, of Windsor, was the only foreign visitor at this table.

Color was added to the gathering by the brilliant uniforms of a number of army officers present. The gathering of ladies in the gallery in hand-some evening gowns was also a contrast to the sober black evening dress of the banqueters on the main floor of the armory.

For this occasion, the Light Guard armory was most handsomely decorated. A canopy of white and yellow concealed the roof, while the banquet space was walled in by immense curtains of bunting in the national colors. A canopy of red, white and blue cloth, ornamented with shields, covered the raised speakers' table at the north side of the armory. Palms and festoons of green relieved the brighter colors. The members of the Light Guard companies in dress uniform acted as ushers and guards.

An excellent meal had been provided, and the service was prompt and good. A feature really remarkable for an occasion involving so many details was that the affair started almost on schedule time. The music by the Orpheus club and the Fort Wayne Military band was a charming portion of the program. The singers rendered three numbers of which "My Own United States" evoked the greatest enthusiasm, while the band played a number of selections.

Long before the time for the banquet to begin, the diners began to arrive and the tables were well-filled before the first of the guests at the speakers' table took their places. After President Taft's arrival at the armory, he met the reception committee in the armory parlors and the members of the committee together with the distinguished guests who had been invited to meet him filed in ahead of the president.

There were pattering of applause as different prominent men were recognized coming in to take their places. When the president was escorted to his place, the entire assemblage rose. A toast to the president of the United States was proposed by President Larned of the Board of Commerce and three cheers and a tiger were given with a will by all for the chief executive.

Not a Roosevelt Welcome.

It was a cordial welcome, but not an exuberant one. The cheering lasted a minute in the greeting to the president. It was not a Roosevelt welcome.

Humorous Side Incidents.

There were some humorous side-incidents to the affair. Secretary Sawyer, of the Board of Commerce, wished to leave the platform on which the speakers' table was situated, and for the purpose, slipped down into the passageway back of the decorations. He found himself immediately in the hands of two secret service men, who required a strict accounting of his mission. Ex-Gov. John T. Rich also tried to leave the platform during one of the speeches and came into collision with a big palm. The palm tottered and then fell with a resounding crash to the floor below. Rich took his seat again.

Between courses, many men left the tables to visit their feminine relatives and friends in the gallery. It was rather a tedious party for many of the women, however, who could only look on and wait until the feasting was over and the speaking began.

The effect of the president's address was undoubtedly to bring a closer realization of administration matters to the minds of the business men who heard him. They listened sympathetically and the applause was frequent. It was a business view of affairs that he gave and it seemed to impress his hearers greatly. There can be no doubt that it won President Taft support where he had lacked it previously.

Taking the view that this was a home-coming, the president adopted the tone of one addressing not strangers but old friends. He was almost a Detroit for the time being, telling his feelings and his worries to men from whom he could demand a sympathetic hearing. His reference to legal lights of the past who have died since he sat as a circuit judge of the United States court here touched a responsive chord in the hearts of the men who knew those to whom he referred.

The applause given other speakers was less hearty. Senator Burrows spoke in a low voice so that his address was barely audible throughout the hall. He did not receive a greeting at all comparable to that given Senator William Alden Smith.

President Devotes Whole Speech to Conservation

Although the committee on arrangements had not expected that the post-prandial part of the program would be reached before 10 o'clock, the service of the menu was accomplished with such celerity that the last demitasse was drained by 9:45 o'clock and President Larned started the program by introducing Mayor Breitmeyer. His honor made a happy little welcoming speech and caused a ripple of merriment by his reference to the "beautiful flowers." There was another laugh when he recalled that some people had insisted that he had been elected "just because Taft was."

Gov. Warner followed the mayor, and Mr. Larned, in introducing him, observed very naively:

"It is no more than right that our worthy governor should also thank President Taft for his success at the polls."

Introduces President.

President Larned's introduction of the president was one of the happiest efforts of the evening.

"The present executive will find it difficult to frame policies that will

meet the approval of all our ninety millions of people," he said. "But I think there are none who will not accord to him the highest patriotism, judicial fairness, broad comprehension and, above all, honesty, that is not dependent on personal motives. We are deeply honored, Mr. President, by your presence here to-night. I assure you that the greeting you have received is not a perfunctory one. Our admiration and devotion comes from our hearts and flashes from our eyes with all the earnestness of a real welcome."

As the president arose Mr. Larned proposed three cheers. The response was most cordial and was accompanied by a great waving of napkins. The demonstration lasted perhaps 30 seconds, and when it subsided, the president smilingly acknowledged the welcome that had been accorded him. He took occasion especially to compliment Mayor Breitmeyer on the perfection of the police arrangements for the chief executive.

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