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TAFT GOES TO TOKIO

Mr. Taft is going to pay a visit to the Mikado and the tiny, fleet, shrewd statesmen of Tokio will gather around the big Ohio man and wonder at his smile.

It will, appear them, no doubt, in the land of smiles, Taft will smile off all the bad ideas they may entertain against the Americans and fan away, in the land of fans,—the warlike feelings of the Japs.

A conflict of smiles it will be. The Japanese, it is said, smile at every thing. They smile at a dance most gracefully, they smile into a foe's face and their smile won't come off, either in love or war. But they rarely smile on the wrong side of their mouths and neither does the Secretary.

Taft has always smiled successfully, and now he will again. Why not? His smile goes straight to the heart, for it comes from the heart. The big man from Ohio truly means peace and is in earnest when he stretches out his friendly hand.

The secret of his success lies in his pure American good nature. His smile has nothing concealed behind it and the words he speaks are carefully coached to convey the truth. He always does the best he can. Obstacles daunt him not and the amount of work to go through for carrying out his schemes, never makes him halt.

It is no wonder, therefore, that he has friends everywhere and that he will make plenty at Tokio. One of the Cuban revolutionists of last year, has said that he would fain take to the woods once more, to see the Secretary back in Havana and shake hands with him. Viva Taft!

On his return from Tokio with the good tidings of the Mikado's friendship, the American people will welcome with true Cuban enthusiasm Roosevelt's harbinger of peace and the United States next president.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD IN DECEMBER

Carlos Manuel de Cespedes Calls Upon Governor.—They Discuss the Eastern Province.

Representative Carlos Manuel de Cespedes of Santiago de Cuba called upon Governor Magoon yesterday and on leaving the palace stated that during his call the matter of the recent abortive uprisings in the east had come up and he had assured the governor that these attempts did not meet with general sympathy in the east to which Mr. Magoon replied that he felt sure of that and understood the insignificance of the incident.

Governor Magoon informed Sr. Cespedes, according to the reporters with whom the representative talked on leaving the palace, that municipal elections will be held in December. The governor added that he felt confidence in the Cuban people.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Plans for Sundry Cart Roads, Bridges, Etc., Have Been Approved by the Department.

The department of public works has ordered the chief engineer of Matanzas immediately to proceed to the building of the cart road between Guanabana and Lagunillas, passing under the railway bridge.

Sr. Juan Real has been authorized to begin work upon the bridge over the river Guaninecune, on the cart road from Cristo to Songo. The work is to be begun on November 1.

The department of public works has accepted definitely the report of the contractor who has the building 5,928 meters of the cart road from Paso Real to San Diego.

The department has also sent back with its approval to the engineer at Matanzas the plans for the second stretch of road toward the bridge of Paso Malo, on the cart road from Sale to Beraderos.

The plans for the four kilometers of road between Cabañas and Bahía Honda have been approved.

The plans for spanning the Pontezuela river at Mayari with a steel bridge have been approved.

IN TRAINING FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

William H. Taft Will Content the Filipinos and Assuage Uneasiness in Far Japan.

TRIP ROUND THE WORLD

He May Drop in on Nicholas and William and the President of France.—His "Vacation."

(From our special correspondent) Washington, August 5.—Although he will not return to Washington until next week the so-called vacation of the Secretary of War is ended. When Mr. Taft left Washington early in July for his summer cottage on Murray Bay, Canada it was announced that he would put in the entire month "resting". Golf was to be his chief recreation and he had promised his friends to transfer to the shoulders of his subordinates for the time being most of his official burdens.

The departure a day later for Murray Bay of one of the expert stenographers employed in the office of the Secretary of War in charge of half a dozen boxes of books and official papers, a typewriter and writing materials, rather reflected upon the Secretary's good faith, but his friends hoped that he was merely preparing for an emergency and that he would not permit his official duties to intrude upon the quiet of his summer home unless some emergency should arise.

When the Secretary was heard from about a week later through the stenographer who had accompanied him, the pictures which his friends had painted to themselves about the restfulness of his vacation went glimmering. These confidential advices gave the daily program which the Secretary had adopted. It ran like this: Called at six o'clock in the morning; dictate letters and official memoranda until eight. Breakfast at nine; golf from ten until luncheon time; the afternoon for work and the evening for recreation, provided the days work had been completed. Up to that time the day's work had never been completed before dinner and the Secretary had spent every evening in his study working as hard as he is accustomed to do on any week day at the department.

But it was not until about a week ago that his morning on the links was interfered with. Now even that recreation has been abandoned, as Mr. Taft found that it would be impossible for him to complete the program of work he has outlined for himself between now and his departure for the Philippines in September. His stenographer continues to arouse him every morning at six o'clock but instead of to the links at ten, that hour finds him in his study where he spends the remainder of the day, with an hours recess for luncheon. And yet according to the reports reaching here the Secretary is feeling very fit and expects to return to Washington next week thoroughly refreshed by his "outing."

Next Sunday he expects to spend with the President at Sagamore Hill. This will be their last conference before Mr. Taft starts for the Philippines and their next cannot occur until December, as that is the time scheduled for the Secretary's return. Five days have been allowed for clearing his desk in the War Department, but as the Secretary has practically been in active charge of the department throughout the time spent at Murray Bay there is not that avalanche of official matters awaiting his disposition which other cabinet officers will find when they return from their respective holidays. The way in which the Brownsville matter was bungled by the War Department last summer doubtless made the Secretary hesitate to give over entire control even for a month and each day the important questions which arise are referred to him by telegraph, if they are sufficiently urgent, and otherwise, by mail.

It is at Columbus, Ohio, on August 19th, that Mr. Taft will sound the keynote of his Presidential campaign. His address on that occasion before the Buckeye Republican Club is the only one he will make in his native state until after his return from the Philippines in December. The meeting will be held on the evening of August 19th, in the largest hall to be had in the Ohio Capital and Governor Harris will preside. Mr. Taft's speech will cover the great public questions in which the people are most vitally interested. It will be an announcement of his own views, rather than a reply to Senator Foraker, or a defense, or even an interpretation of the President's views. The Columbus speech is the speech of William H. Taft and he is willing to stand or fall by the views therein set forth.

From Ohio Secretary Taft goes to Missouri where he is scheduled to speak at Joplin and Springfield. The people of Denver will hear him on August 30th; he is due in Portland a few days later and he will address the citizens of Seattle the day before he sails.

One of the most delicate of the many delicate and perhaps the most difficult of the very difficult problems which this pro-consul of the administration has been called upon to solve awaits Secretary Taft's coming in

the Philippines. His address at the opening of the legislative assembly which convenes the later part of October at Manila will point the way to the Philippines by which they can eventually obtain a greater measure of self government. During the three weeks he is in the islands Secretary Taft is expected to quiet the impatience of those politicians who are demanding immediate independence and once more through the exercise of his marvelous personal influence upon the people who regard him as the greatest of living men turn them toward their work, reasonably contented with their present fate and reconciled to the limited measure of self government which they are to enjoy in the present legislative assembly.

If the next year is to bring him the greatest office in the gift of a people the swing around the circle which Secretary Taft is about to take should prove a most helpful experience. Heretofore in his visits to the Philippines the Secretary has crossed and recrossed the Pacific. Solely for the purpose of saving time he has decided to return this year by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway. But he will doubtless find it necessary to accept one or more invitations from the sovereigns of Europe through whose Empires he will pass on his return. As one of the leading candidates for the presidency it is of course to be expected that the Emperor of Russia and the Emperor of Germany will not let this opportunity pass of becoming personally acquainted with this distinguished American. Already Secretary Taft has seen more of the world than any other member of the administration: he enjoys the personal acquaintance of the Emperor Japan to whom will pay his respects for the fifth or six time on his way out to the islands in October; it was during the Friar Lands negotiations in Rome that he made the acquaintance of the King of Italy. If he has the time which is doubtful, he will add the Emperor of Russia, the Emperor of Germany, and possibly the President of France to his list of personal acquaintances.

But more important than these visits of courtesy and scarcely less important than his mission to the Philippines, is the delicate mission to Japan, with which Mr. Taft will be entrusted by the President. His effort will be to make clear to the Emperor the sincere wish of this government to maintain friendly relations between the two countries and at the same time assist his majesty to an accurate appreciation of the difficulties presented to a satisfactory solution of the immigration problem on the Pacific Coast. It is not unlikely that Secretary Taft will be the bearer of

JAPANESE CONSIDER KOREA A "SECOND CUBA"

Comparison Between the Two Countries Drawn by Japanese Consul General in New York.

KOREA HAS GAINED

Good Order Wanted There Instead of the Old Corruption, Pillage and Bribery.

None of the members of the Japanese colony in New York particularly none of the members of the Nippon Club, has taken seriously the recent hostile utterances of the Koreans after being denied recognition as delegates at the Hague Peace Conference. "People seem to forget that Korea had no right to send out such a delegation," said the Japanese consul-general, Chojo Koike, to-day. "By the treaty concluded with my country three years ago, the Koreans turned over to Japan the administration of their foreign affairs. They have the administration of their internal Government, and the Japanese supervision is entirely benevolent. Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident, is a very fair man, open and above-board. He does nothing underhanded. Every move he has made has been without concealment.

"My country solely desires the peace of Korea, and her well-being. We have not had sufficient time as yet to give her any great reforms, but there are a few things which we have done. We have effected a reform of the finances and placed them on a modern basis, whereas before they were in a miserable state. We have built several schools and hospitals, improved communications, and done our best to help the country along. This talk about foreigners' vested interests being threatened cannot be true.

"Japan is not treating foreigners the official announcement to Japan of the projected cruise of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific. Much can be left to his own tact and discretion where to a less experienced, less versatile statesman specific instructions would be necessary to the successful discharge of such a duty.

On his trip around the world, Secretary Taft will be accompanied by Mrs. Taft, his ten year old son, Charles, and Brigadier General Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who will go to the Philippines with the Secretary as his aide for the purpose of acquiring at first hand information about the colony with which his bureau has most to do.

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