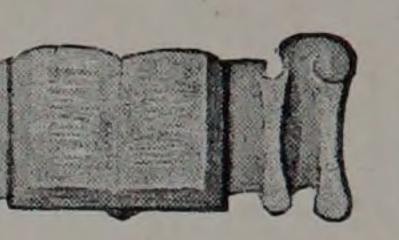


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Addresses "Tech" Students

After the conference with Gov. Deenen and other republican leaders the president was driven in an automobile to the Armour institute, where a brief address was made on the duties of the students in civic life and the necessity for study of the highest principles of political economy, and the duties of citizenship.

In his address before the students President Taft said in part:

"I have no doubt that I am looking into the faces of a number of constructors of the Panama canal, or of some who shall discover the secrets that will expand our manufacturing business and other interests in directions now not dreamed of, all based upon the principles of application, investigation and adherence to truth that you are learning here in your studies under this roof and under these auspices.

"The institution itself teaches a lesson—the lesson that when you become millionaires (as many of you may), you shall feel among your accumulations a responsibility to the country and the people to return to them, where possible, evidence of your desire to help them along, along the hard road of life as far as God has given you the opportunity."—Journal.

Another new aspect of Mr. Taft was at the Armour Institute of Technology, 3300 Armour avenue, where he spoke at founders' day exercises. Here Mr. Taft was invested with the flowing robes and mortar board cap of a doctor of laws by Frank W. Gunsaulus, president of the institute.

Talks to Armour Students.

After an introduction by Dr. Gunsaulus the president at once displayed again his new aggressiveness by lecturing the youths on the savagery of the college rooting, which he called "cacophony that was unnecessary to convey a soft gentle feeling of good will."—Tribune.

Greeted By Yells.

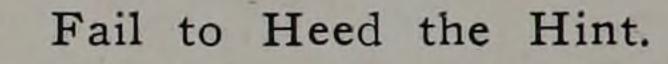
The President's entrance to the auditorium of Armour Institute was the signal for an outburst of cheers. Short, sharp, long, loud, medium and every variety of yell known to the college lung, rang forth in welcome to President Taft. The presidential soul, however, was not in harmony with such expressions of enthusiasm, as nearly the first advice the President gave to the students was that they find another method of welcome.—Record-Herald.

College Yell Greeting at Armour.

A typical college yell was the greeting of the student body of Armour Institute of Technology to President Taft, as, attired in academic robes, he ascended the steps of the chapel platform today, where the members of the faculty awaited him. This opening yell of welcome was in deference to the chief executive's alma mater, and it was promptly followed by an equally enthusiastic staccato rhapsody for Taft himself, winding up with "Hoorah—Hoorah! Taft—Taft—Rah!"

Then came the regulation Armour yell, and throughout the noisy performance the President smiled faintly, but not encouragingly. The thought that was in his mind was made apparent when he responded to the eulogistic introduction of Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, who incidentally pronounced against the recall of judges.

The President's lack of sympathy with the "rah-rah" phase of student life was expressed in fatherly tones and with a smiling countenance, but, nevertheless, he earnestly voiced the hope that within another decade some other means than "cacophony" would be evolved to demonstrate student enthusiasm.



The students applauded as recklessly as though they had received a compliment, and at the conclusion of the visit were massed in the street and as the President was escorted to the waiting automobile broke into a few more chapters of the same sort of literature of which he had disapproved, and this served to produce the real broad Taft smile.—Post.

Then the automobile procession started for Armour institute, where a throng of students cheered the president excitedly. During the course of his talk to them President Taft chided the young fellows gently for their noisy welcome. He was introduced by President Gunsaulus of the Institute.

Dr. Gunsaulus called the president "one of the greatest engineers on the line of human progress" during his introductory remarks.—American.

