CHARLOTTE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1907.

VOTE TO CONTINUE STRIKE

RES. SMALL ASKED TO RESIGN

Denounced For Statement the Press and Asked to Re-He Says Fight is Hopeless light as Well Be Abandoned

Force Thomas Recommended to Lead Striking Telegraphers.

New York, Oct. 13.—President S. J. Small appeared confident to-day that the strike was at an end hopeful that his men would be reinstated.

"The strike will be cashed off to morrow and the men will be back to work." he said.

"Will you give a word of advice to the men as to whether they should vote to call it off and seek reinstates.

"I will cover that point at the meeting to-day with the men in New York," he replied.

"The object in sanding out my statement to the men yesterday, was to gut the question right up to them. Our resources are exhausted and 'if will ever thomas say you have \$15-000 in the treasury." was suggested.

"Percy Thomas says you have \$15-000 in the treasury?" asked Mr. Small. "We have \$15,000 put not for strike upse. That is a mutual been fit und, for insurance. It we have money, why couldn't we pay off here yesterday? But there is always tale of this kind at the end of every strike, I have been through about five money, why couldn't we pay off here yesterday? But there is always tale of this kind at the end of every strike is now but I will not do that to the surface of the strike plet him do so. I am going to that meeting to-day with be readers advise each other to disregard the cutting in the strain of the treasury of the present of the

Well there will be nothing to do but to keep up the fight as long as they can, but it will be up to them to provide funds. The strike was in-regular from the beginning."

"Taen the strike is hopeless and it might as well be abandoned?" "That is it," replied Mr. Small. Notwithstanding President Small's opinion that the strike is hopeless the telegraphers union, at a meeting to- We

Postal Telegraph Companies. The vote was taken upon the suggestion of President Small, who in this afternoon, resulting in the death messages to subordinate officers yesterday recommended that locals in the various cities vote upon the advisability of the men returning to work.

The meeting was characterized by bitter exchanges between President Small and the other speakers. The latter charged the national leader with inconsistency in first claiming that the strike would be successfully financed and yesterday admitting that the general assembly was without funds; and with having conducted the fight in a half hearted, dilatory way. Small tried to explain his position but

was frequently interrupted by hisses. When he suddenly left the hall in the midst of the speech-making, cries of "Resign" followed him. To-night Small issued a statement in which he said he was willing to continue the strike if the men insisted.

To Continue Strike Nine Weeks. telegraph operators held a meeting today at which it was voted to continue the strike nine weeks more if neces Weapon to His Head and Fires Fajal Shot Into His Brain—Two Officers

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 13.—At a meeting of the striking telegraphers of this city to-day it was unanimously voted to continue the strike.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—At a meeting of the Chicago Commercial Telegraphers' Union to-day a resolution that the strike be continued was unanimously adopted. Similar action was taken in Kansas City, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Cleveland and other cities.

New Orleans , La., Oct. 13 .- The commercial telegraphers at New Or- 1:30 o'clock this morning after havdeans to-day voted to continue the ing attended a dance at the Academy.

Memphis, Tenn.

graphers' union here to-night voted to and several fellow officers attempted continue the strike. Resolutions were to disarm him. This they succeeded adopted denouncing President Small's in doing, but not before the weapon action and demanding his resignation, was discharged in some manner and They recommended the appointment Lieutenant Adams and Roetker received Percy Thomas, of New York, in ed slight wounds. Quick as a flash, it

President Finley Says That the Report

Observer Bureau. President Finley, of the Southern Rallity, when asked to-night concerning a port from Asheville that the operation of the Virginia & Southwestern Railroad, for which the Southern paid ten million dellars, would be discontinued on account of the lack of money to operate the read, which the report has no foundation. of the lack of morey to operate the read, said that the report has no foundation in fact wintever. There has been no change at all in the status of the Virginia & Southwestern, he said. The Holston river connecting line between the main line of the Southern and the Virginia & Southwestern will not be constructed now, ho added, because in the ledgment of the officials, it is not needed, but that has nothing to do with the Virginia & Southwestern and has no special significance, as the line is a very short and unimove-

Morenci, Mich., Oct. 13 .- Arthur Onweller, a merchant of Lyons, O., was killed in an automobile accident Mr. Onweller had purch new automobile and to-day was tak-ing his first ride in it. His wife and children were in the machine with him. While driving at fair speed n into a deep ditch, turning turtle d crushing him to death beneath Mrs. Onweller and one of the lidren, a boy, were seriously hurt

DURHAM'S BIG CHURCH YEAR.

run vp \$3/0,000.

WRECK ON N. AND W.

Vastbound Coal Train-Three Coaches and Twenty-Five Coal Cars Derailed—Express Messenger Killed. Hoangka Va Oct. 18.—Norfolk &

day, voted unanimously to continue bound from Norfolk to Columbu bound from Norfolk to Columbus, O. swiped in a cut near Montvale, 16 miles east of Roanoke, at 4 o'clock of one man and the injury of a dozen passengers, none of whom, however was seriously hurt. The passenger train was loaded with people returning from the Jamestown Exposition. The dead:

K. P. UMBRAGER, express messenger, Wytheville, Va. Mrs. L. Ziegler, of St. Louis, was the only woman passenger injured. The names of the other injured passengers were not given. Their wounds were confined to cuts and bruises The two engines were going in different directions and had just passed each other when a flange on an outside wheel on a coal car broke, throwing the coal train over on the passenger train. Three passenger coaches

Baltimore, Oct. 13 .- The striking LIEUTENANT SUTTON SUICIDES.

were demolished and 25 coal cars

piled up. The tracks are still blocked

with wreckage.

Wounded While Attempting to Dis-

arm Him. Annapolis, Md., Oct. 13.—Second Lieutenant James N. Sutton, Jr., U. S. Marine corps, is dead at the Naval Academy marine barracks, his death sulting from a 32 calibre bullet fired into the right side of the head. A hoard of inquiry detailed by Superintendent Badger, of the Naval Academy, has prepared a report which will be submitted to the Navy Department. From the best information obtained, Sutton in company with Second Lieu-tenants R. E. Adams and E. P. Roel-ker, returned to the marine camp at Shortly afteryard Sutton is said to Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 13.—The tele-by with a revolver in his right hand is said, Sutton took from his blouse another revolver and with this fired ROAD STILL TO BE OPERATED, the fatal shot into his brain. Lieutenant Sutton was 22 years old and the son of James N. Sutton, of Portland, From Asheville as to Discontinuing Ore. He was formerly a midshipman Operations on Virginia and South- of the present senior class, but re-western Railroad are Entirely Unsigned in his third class year. signed in his third class year.

SLANDER CASE GOES TO COURT.

Haif a Handred Witnesses Examined at Oxford at the Preliminary Trial —Other Granville People of Prominence May Become Involved

Prominence May Become Involved Later,
Special to The Observer.

Durham, Oct. 12.—Attorneys R. W. Winston and R. P. Reade, who went to Oxford to appear in the slander case of Mr. and Mrs. William Garner against Thomas W. Thomason, returned to Durham yesterday. The said slander suit lasted until near the midnight hour when the defendant was sent to the higher court under small bond. He gave the accurity. There were a total of about fifty witnesses in the case. Judge Winston, of the firm of Wilston & Bryant, appeared for the defendant.

The fasts in the case are that Thomas Thomason, and it is understood others, charged that Dr. Sanderford had been entirely too intinate with Mrs. Garner one of his patients. Mr. Garner did not share in this report and when it became circulated he and his wife had a warrant issued against Thomason. It is understood that Dr. Sanderford is a mad as the Garners and he is furnishing money with which to push the matter in two courts. In the meantime the general idea is that there will be other arrests in the near furnishing with the court of the court of the court of the court of the meantime the general idea is that there will be other arrests in the near furnishing with the court of the court of the court of the court of the meantime the general idea is that there will be other arrests in the near furnishing the court of the court of the meantime the general idea is that there will be other arrests in the near furnishing the court of the

OPENING FIRST ASSEMBLY

in the opening of the first pine Assembly, which will take this week, and the arrival of time in the inauguration

control of the national party. The Secretary L. Nationalists, when united, exercise a camp to-day. controlling influence, but, their internal divisions give the progressive Independents the balance of power. If is not likely that party spirit will play much part in the Assembly af-

within the parties.

Guerrero, one of the native leaders of Manila, backs Gomez in his promise to secure the repeal of the drastic "hag sedition" laws. If this repeal is carried through other radical measures probably will follow.

The conservative element declares

fairs, owing to personal differences

against any extreme legislation and the better class of politicians favor an ultra conservative course The Governor General and the officials of the Philippine commission expect that the chief activities of the Assembly will be devoted to the enactment of legislation for the gen-

eral improvement of the islands. The indications are that Manuel Quezon will be the successful candidate for Speaker. He is believed to be favorably regarded at Washington and his election gives assurance that no resolution for the independence of the Philippines will be considered. Quezon is one of the two delegates from Tayabas. He is a lawyer and in the last insurrection was a major in the Filipino army.

SIX SUFFOCATED BY SMOKE.

In Attempting to Rescue His Five Daughters, Frank Solomon is Suffocated With Them in Burning Building-Mother and Two Children Escape.

Gloversville, N. Y., Oct. 13 .- Six members of the family of Solomon Frank, a glove cutter, the father and five daughters, were suffocated by smoke when their home was destroyed by fire early to-day. The dead are:

SOLOMON FRANK, aged 40 years. SARAH, 21. DORA, 19. ROSA, 17. MINNIE, 12.

MARY. 10. The father lost his life in endeavorng to save his children following the discovery of the flames by the mother, who with two small sons, made her escape. The bodies of the other victims were found by the firemen. All had evidently made an effort to reach the windows.

The oldest daughter was to become a bride early in December and last night there was a social gathering at the house of the family in celebration of the approaching nuptials.

The gathering broke up about 1 o'clock and at 1:30 when all had retired the fire was discovered. The origin is unknown.

EMPEROR'S CONDITION WORSE. His Physicians Fear an Attack Lobular Pneumonia-His Re

to Be Taken Into the Open Air Granted-The Danger is From Old Age. Vienna, Oct. 13.-Although Emperor Francis Joseph's condition morning was regarded as slightly

ter, it again became worse during the His physicions now fear an attack of lobular pneumonia. The Emperor's fever is higher. There is a feeling of depression among the members of his entourage. A sleeping potion was administered last night and his majesty slept un-

til 6 o'clock this morning. awakening he arose and was propped up by pilows in an arm chair. Emperor repeatedly asked to be taken into the open air, saying that the Gandys. As the Gandy boys he had been used to it the whole of started to the buggy, the Tutts opened his life and that otherwise he could not recover quickly. Owing to his condition, however, the physicians re-

doctors the danger is from old age. STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Steamer Queen City Crashes Into Hou of Steamer Moore and Sinks It-Wheelsman Crushed to Death-Cause of Collision Not Given Out. Detroit, Mich., Oct. 13 .- One man was killed and the steel steamer John W. Moore was sunk early to-day in a collision between the Moore and Queen City in the Detroit river just above the lime kilns crossing. two steamers met almost head-on and the Queen City crushed in the of the John W. Moore as far back as the pilot house. Wheelsman Dun McIntyre, of Sombra. Ontario. ed to death. His body was ried down with the steamer. Littl can be learned about the ca the accident, as the crew of a teamer will talk.

Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers of America,

WILL NOT MOVE CAMP.

from the whole countyside turned out to-day in expectation of seeing the President take his departure from Stamboul for the South but because of the change of plans they were disappointed. There was general expression of satisfaction, however, over his reconsideration of his determination to move to Tensas parish; for now that the change is not to be made. Stamboul confesses candidly that it would be much chagrined to have the distinguished visitor go away with an empty bag before the time originally.

Convictions and Forced His Views on Congress—His Present Trip Will Show Him That His Confidence Has Not Been Misplaced—His Policy Still Paramount in the Islands.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem ,Oct. 13.—The laying of the corner-stone of the new building for the Young Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the roung Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the roung Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, took which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the roung Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the roung Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the corner-stone of the corner-stone of the corner-stone of the roung Men's Christian Association, which is now in course of erection at the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, took which is now in course of erection at the corner-stone of the corner-sto out to-day in expectation of seeing the President take his departure from Stamboul for the South but because of the change of plans they were diswhich comes at an empty bag before the time originally

opportune time in the inauguration of Philippine home rule. Already the contending political factions are showing great activity and at the caucus recently held the first brush a cocurred over a motion to have the actual proceedings opened with prayer. This was defeated by one by the proceedings opened with prayer. This was defeated by one of a good sized bear which on a count of the absence of the dogs used in last tended by 48 delegates.

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This is the view held by Filippines, as well as Americans. The latter are generally in favor of a specific pronouncement on Philippine policy.

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pronouncement on Philippine policy. The Tenses parish people are report—
The course of legislative action ed much disappointed over the failure will depend mainly on the result of the President to carry out his prothe fight of the Gomez radicals for gramme for a visit to their township. Secretary Latta went out to the

A Bear Located in Georgia. Unadilla, Ga., Oct. 13.—The mayor and 26 of the most prominent citi-zens of Unadilla signed and mailed a letter to President Roosevelt to-day informing him they had located a bear in a swamp on the Haddox farm and promising the President if he would join them any day this they would give him real sport.

BIG WAREHOUSE BURNED.

Blaze at Navassa Guano Factory, Originating From Spontaneous Combustion, Believed to Be Extinguished, Breaks Out and Entire Building and Contents Are Lost. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Oct. 13.-A freight-receiving warehouse, 75x150 feet in size, containing several cargoes of tankage and a large quantity of burlaps and manufactured bags, immediately on the water front at Navassa Guano Factory, four miles from the city, was destroyed by fire before day this morning. The fire originated evidently from spontaneous combustion in the tankage early in the evening, but the mill force thought it had extinguished the flames, declining aid fro and'2 o'clock this morning, however, the fire in the tankage blazed up again, and the entire building and contents were consumed. The factory force of colored employes used the mill hose to fine advantage and saved the factory proper, this being in close proximity. The loss was fully covered by insurance, but the amount has not been estimated. The fire will in no wise interfere with the operation of the factory, it is stated.

ARRESTED IN SAVANNAH.

W. Menifee, Charged With Grand Larceny, Caught by Detective-Will Serve Two Years in State Prison. Columbia, S. C., Oct. 13.-J. W. Menifee, who was to-night arrested in Savannah, Ga., was indicted by the grand jury in the Circuit Court at Tavaris, Fla., charged with grand larceny, it being alleged by the authorities of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company that while agent of that road as Leesburg. Fla., he, with the connivance of his predecessor, John W. Jolly, stole and disposed of a large quantity of merchandise from the railroad warehouses. Jolly was convicted at Tavares on October 9th under the charge of forgery and

sentenced to two years in the peni-Menifee was located by the detectives of a surety company at Lena, S. C., but he received a "tip" suddenly left that place this afternoon and was apprehended by Detective Murphy at Savannah on infor-

mation wired him from Columbia. FARMER SHOT TO DEATH.

Brothers Called From House One of Them Killed and the Other Seriously Wounded-Slayer in Jail. Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 13 .-- A spe-

cial to The Advertiser from Demopolis, Ala., says: Matt Gandy, a young white farmer is dead, and his brother, O. D. Gandy,

is seriously wounded, as a result of a shooting affray which occurred in front of their home at Hall's Creek this morning. Marvin and John Tutt, farmers of the same community, are in jail charged with the crime. The Tutt brothers, it is said, rode up the house in a buggy and inquired for Matt Gandy was killed instantly

and I. D. Gandy was wounded in the fused the request. According to the legs and hips. The two families had been at outs for some time.

Pythians Pay Marked Honor to De-

censed Brother, Wilmington, Oct. 13.-Distinguished onors were paid this morning by the Pythlans of the State to Col. W. J. Woodward, who passed away Friday evening. The four lodges in the city brief funeral services at the hous ust before the remains were taken to Fayetteville, and the past grand chancellors residing in the city, four in number, with District Deputy L. B. Rogers, accompanied the remains to heir final resting place as an addiional mark of respect.

Will Organize Society of Naval Spon-

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 12 sors of navy yessels are organising a society of naval sponsors. There are 163 names on the list of eligibles. A meeting will be called for some time this winter in Washington to perfect permanent organization. In the meanime a committee headed by Miss kunic Reifir France, of Chattanooga, laughter of Senator James B. France, and Sponsor of the Tennessee, is at

TAFT AND THE FILIPINOS

TRUST PLACED IN BROWN MAN

ceretary of War's Survey Will De-termine Whether the Native Mind and Character Can Stand the Test of Direct Responsibility—Mr. Taft and Character Can Stand the Test of Direct Responsibility—Mr. Taft Has Stood by the Courage of His Convictions and Forced His Views on Congress—His Present Trip Will Show Him That His Confidence Has Not Been Misplaced—His Policy Still Paramount in the Islands.

that of most moment will determine the exercises took place from an improvished stand at the corner-stone and seats were placed across Cherry street for

of the natives that in the sourse of time they not only might become industrious, orderly and prosperous, but some time assume the functions of independence and self-government.

He has stuck to his text, though in this faith and work he long stood alone. Americans, civilians and army officers alike, scoffed at the idea that the faithless, lazy natives led by unservivous agritators, could become the faithless, lazy natives led by un-scrupulous agitators, could become

validity in his diea to force it upon Congress and public opinion at home. So far his plan has not been changed at all. It has gone on without deviation. More and more trust has been lodged with the Filipino.

In a bread way he has shown an advance. He cannot tell the truth, do a day's work or view a public office as a public trust, up to the American standard, but he has pulled himself, or been pulled, a measurable dissented in the morning, all the prominent churches uniting in a union service at Centenary at night. This service was addressed by Mr. George F. Tibbits, of Washington.

The campaign headquarters were opened and committees were organized and began their work Monday. November 28th, 1906, to raise \$25,000 in 20 days. In tweeve Cays \$50,000 was raised instead of \$40,000, the amount first decided upon.

The association has been under the discussion of the following named several secretaries since its organization.

to see a benefit in a law applied impartially and impersonally to rich and poor alike.

Taft's disappointments have been Not all have been due to many. discoura zing Filipino shortcomings, as they have been at times. American trade restrictions have offended the Manila business men. More than all, the thoughtless demeanor of the the Filipino movement toward acceparce of American ideals.

Christian theory and Christian pracde present to the native mind an Filipino sensibilities.

Like all Occidentals who travel in of his visit and the probable effect it the East, he assumes superiority with might have, Geronimo said: what seems a barbarian coarseness. It is an agency of obtruction constantly operating to cause recation against the policy of "work and wait, for the good time is coming"—the

Taft policy. Yet the secretary will be encouragof life have been slowly instilled into the native mind by the enterprises established here and there. Railroads, the great civilizers, are under Officials of the minor grades have scalped white men merely for pleaslearned what promotion by merit ure but am an old man full of sorrow means-a most striking and valuable Natives are teaching with English books in scores of schools.

Secretary Taft will see that his wisdom, patience and labor have not been repaid with ingratitude and incapacity alone.
In the Assembly the Secretary will

find more of lust for the spoils of power than of ambition to imitate his unselfishness. To a perception of that manifestation of a similar spirit. A few years, he will say to Amer-

in the uplifting of a mass of 10,000,judgment on Filipino progress will not required to report at once depend on the faults but on the difand those of 1907.

Progress ensued, and commission. he became the first Governor General. He returned to America. Progress continued, and, under his policy, the United States gave a representative kins block, in the business section of Parliament to the Islands. HIS POLICY STILL PARAMOUNT.

His policy is still paramount. When the expression of reverence, gratitude and affection greets him on his arrival at Manila, he will hardly be the man to hunt for flaws in the structure he has builded. Americans become pessimistic because witnesses in the law courts do not know the sanctity of an oath; because politicians prate of liberty before they appreciate order; because the native looks upon overnment as a means of private enichment.

Taft will pat the pessimists on the back, as he used to do, and tell them that there is a little more of truth on the witness stand and a little less of false complaint on the docket. So, through the list of pessimutte utterances, he will have encouraging an-

That is Taft. If he is elevated to the presidency at home, he will be in command of our Philippine policy. If events select another President, he all his life be the first authority on Philippine affairs. His opinions CORNER-STONE IS LAID.

and the desires that Stage of a stage of a stage of the constant of the organization of the constant of the co clal to The Observer.

Whatever the rate of progress to the present, it is Taft's creation. He was the "strong, honest, tactful" man demanded by McKinley and suggested by Judge Day to establish and conduct civil administration.

He gave out the text of confidence in native ability to become self-respecting citizens. He worked and planned steadily for such an uplifting of the natives that in the source of the creation which Rev. Dr. H. F. Chreitzbery, pastor of Centanery Methodist church, pronounced the benediction.

On Sunday, October 7th, 1888, a meeting of the members of the various churches of the city was held at Centenary Methodist church for sunday, October 7th, 1888, a meeting of the members of the various churches of the city was held at Centenary Methodist church, is which is selected to be purpose of beginning the movement for the Y. M. C. A. At this meeting a committee was appointed to frame a constitution and by-laws and another to select a permanent home for the organization. On the Sunday following another meeting was held at the First faptist church, at which time the details of the organization were completed and

scrupulous agitators, could become reliable at work or at politics.

FORCED PLAN ON CONGRESS.

During his term as Governor General Taft evoked enough capacity in the Filipino and demonstrated enough validity in his diea to force it upon Congress and public opinion at hame.

self, or been pulled, a measurable distance from the childlehness of the Spanish era.

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Even the Negrito and Igorrote have acquired some nation of the miles included in 1888-90; Mr. E. L. Harris, from its organization in 1888-90; Mr. J. S. Bowling, 1890-91; Mr. A. B. Paul, 1891-96; Mr. A. W. Hick, 1891-1993, and Mr. P. M. Colbert since 1908.

LAST INDIAN WAR DANCE.

Apsche Prisoner of War. Says Celebration is a Religious Rife and Not a Blood-Thirsty Affair-No a Warrior But an Old Man Full of Sorrow and Regret,

Tulsia, I. T., Oct. 13.-Geronimo Apache prisoner of war, accompanied American on the islands has set back by his eighth wife and his daughter, passed through Tulsa, yesterday for Collinsville, where he is to be guest of honor at the last Indian war tice present to the native mind an dance and pow pow. The old war-inconsistency which he does not un-firm looked tired and worn but through derstand. The American volates the his interpreter he said it was said ... It was trouble on his mind that made him ASSUMED SUPERIORITY OFFENDS appear weary. Discussing the object

"The celebration at Collinsville is a religious rite and not a blood-thirsty affair. I will discuss the questions of vital concern affecting the full bloods in the new State and their spiritual welfare. The spirit Father in the clouds has sent a message to Modern industrial conceptions all Indians and I will deliver it to them while the dance goes on. have made peace with my master and my mission is to lead my people safe-ly across the broad field of peace to A few districts have eternal happiness. I am no longer an seen agricultural machinery at work, old Apache warrior who killed and

and regrets." NO MORE "FARMING OUT."

National Baseball Commission Decides to Revise Rules Governing With Options For Recall of Players.

Chicago, Oct. 13 .- The practice of "farming out" baseball players was situation he will smilingly add the given its death blow to-day by a decomment that he has seen in Wash- cision of the national baseball com ington and Cincinnati an occasional mission to revise the rules governing sales with options for recall of players so as to provide that all such ican doubters, are a mere flash of time options in either major or minor leagues should be made by August 000 people. The formation of his 20th of each year and the players club exercising the option, with the ference between the faults of 1900 further provision that no club should enter into any such contract with He went out as president of the option for recall more than once for the same player.

> Lexington, Va., Oct. 13 .- 1ue Hopthis town, was destroyed by early to-day. Five firms, including the plant of the Rockbridge County News, were located in the building. Loss \$60,000; insurance \$25,000.

There will be greater Washington. or less advancement this winter and the relations of corporations and vesthereafter, in Washington, in proportion to what Taft sees of advancement in Manila. WILL SEE GREAT PROGRESS.

Mr. Taft will see in the Assembly have become everal natives who derate and sensible through an experience in official life as provin Governors and fiscals. see in the islands a constabulary of 6,000 men, well directed and gaini dally in demeaner and efficien will nee a better feeling be Americans and natives as a result of his own example in obliterating the

He will see a self-supporting government and a collection of revenue much less oppressive than under Spanish rule, while more productive. He will see primary schools in every

Nothing is likely to prevent a maintenance of the Taft idea in supremacy over our insular affairs. The Philippines will be independent of the United States when the Taft idea is fully in possession of the native methods.

Mesnwhile the idea will be read to the United States when the fire starts appears from a condition in which army officers conducted all functions. The people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with people of the United States will be infocated with numerous high schools and a university.

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POLITICS AND CANDIDATES GOSSIP AROUND WASHINGTON

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The large and looming figure of Taft, casting a shadow across the continent, bedims only Republican luminaries and indicates only that sentiment which affects a nomination by a convention, in the opinion Democratic leaders who come and go about Washington and make quiet remarks about the situation. Dame Democracy, these say, is neither dead nor sleeping. She is only low" and winking occasionally the eye. Most of the talk has been as to who would get the nomination in the Republican convention; because the Democratic press taken almost as keen an interest in this as Republicans, it seems to be taken for granted that the man is nominated by the G. O. P. will be President. At this Democrats here laugh. They have always laughed when Republican victories have been taken for granted, and this year they are apparently as sanguine as ever. Little is really being said out loud by the Democrats. The leaders do not consider that the time is yet ripe, but on the quiet they are beginning to consider plans of organization for

an aggressive campaign. CONVENTION IN THE SOUTH. As to a candidate, while Bryan is still the one nearly always mentioned-and he is being more and more ooked upon as unavailable and impossible-leaders here are not gravey concerned. There is the usual disposition to wait and see who they have got to beat before putting up a man. Bryan is the only figure who looms up, but no one here considers that anybody, even himself, has determined definitely that he is the man. A convention is to be held Oc-tober 17th in some Southern city, probably Memphis, for the purpose of considering the nomination of Southern man for the presidency. A call has been issued for this convention, but from any indications hereabouts the plan is not taken overseriously. There does not seem to be any considerable demand in the South for a distinctively Southern man for the presidency. On the contrary, there is no good reason for suppos-ing that the Southern delegates to the Democratic national convention to be held next year will differently from their The impression here is that the South as heretofore, will merely ask what the programme is, and learning this

follow it with a hurrah. SOUTH SOLID YET. And the South is going to vote Democratic ticket, on election day. That can be depended on. The talk about Roosevelt's popularity in that section is considered merely bonh. Personally popular he may be and his policies in accord, to a large extent, with the sentiment in the but that is one thing; voting the Republican ticket under any circumstances is quite another. So it is taken for granted by Democrats and conceded by Republicans that all the Southern States which voted for Parker in the last election will vote for the Democratic nominee next year regardless of who he may be. Kentucky is thought doubtful, though Democrats here hoot at the idea. The assassination of Goebel settled Kentucky into the Democratic column for many years to come regardless of Roosevelts or new national policies. Roosevelt carried Missouri and it is thought that Taft might do the same thing, though such men Champ Clark hold out that the only thing which gave Missouri to the Republicans was the famous telegram of Judge Parker to the St. Louis convention, which was itself, they the most forcible reminder of the folly of nominating Parker at Maryland is now in the Republican column. Roosevelt carried it by a very small majority. It is in doubt now, with a spirited campaign on for Governor. The Democrats claim that any normal candidate for the presi-

dency under the Democratic banne would carry Maryland next year. OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC. The new State of Oklahoma will

be Democratic beyond all question, it is thought, though there are those here who pretend to believe that should Roosevelt be the nominee he carry it. His Western manners ar bear-shooting proclivities are thought to be the chief basis of this notion Taft made the people of the new State angry by suggesting to them that they vote down their constitution, of which they were quite proud The idea that Roosevelt could it for himself while Taft could not has been suggested by this.

Every indication here is that while there may be a heated contest between the radical and the conservative wing of the Democratic party for supremacy, the Democratic ers are of the opinion that the great mass of American people to whom they must look for votes are so determined that there shall be reform in ed interests to the people that they would have no chance at all with a ess ardent reformer than Ro This is considered the reason there is such irrepressible Bryan, even on the part of men actually fear Bryan and despise

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