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SENATOR BAILEY.
 The press of the South is complacent while, generally speaking, statesmen of this section appear very well pleased over the prospect of the retirement of Senator Bailey from public life. It is not clear to us why Democrats should feel that way about it. It is true that Mr. Bailey has been suspected of a too friendly regard for the corporate interests, but the allegation has frequently been laid at the door of men in public life. There is always the chance that there may be a mistake somewhere, that public clamor is being directed by men with a purpose to serve.

It must be borne in mind, that whereas the fight against Bailey was inaugurated in Texas, he likewise found vindication there, and we have always harbored the hope that, in his dealings with 95 Broadway, Bailey was merely indiscreet. It is likewise true, as the critic would catalogue the shortcomings of the Senator, that he has not disclosed a faculty for getting along very well with his colleagues. As John J. Ingalls said of Ben Hill of Georgia, Bailey is a polemic, intellectually pugnacious, a controversialist, sometimes positively dogmatic. Nevertheless, some of these faults and failings, we are persuaded, may be ascribed in greater or lesser degree, to all great men, and it is well to remember that many of Mr. Bailey's enemies who may be described as bitter, have not hesitated to record the appraisal that the Texas statesmen just falls short of greatness, such as has been attributed to Webster and other statesmen in that day of statesmen.

But accepting all these adverse criticisms as true, and not being unmindful of the more serious indictments made by political enemies and a hostile press, we are still convinced that it would be well for Democrats to temper their rejoicings over the prospective retirement of this man. It may so happen that the conspicuous place he has occupied in the party council will be taken by some one no less friendly to large financial interests—if it must be admitted that this has been the mental attitude of the Senator—but not possessing his admitted ability. Moreover, Democrats should not lose sight of the fact that Bailey is often right, even when he has apparently acted from impulses that sprang from a quick temper. When Bailey resigned because his colleagues apparently approved the Arizona constitution with its provision for the recall of the judiciary (and subsequent events have shown that Bailey really desired to quit the Senate) many Democrats were well nigh panic-stricken, not because of any personal distress over the prospect of the Senator's summary departure, but because a lot of these Democrats had a most uncomfortable feeling that they had done an undemocratic thing. There was a feeling that the party in the Senate had erred, collectively; and when Bailey quietly sent his resignation to the Vice President there was a powerful stir among those who hoped the party blunder would not be given emphasis by the Bailey resignation. And then, admirably equipped for every parliamentary battle, one wonders who will take Bailey's place in the event Democrats find it possible to take charge of the Senate after the next Presidential election, as so many feel they will.

This second declaration on the part of Senator Bailey of a purpose to give up political career to bring to mind a matter in which North Carolinians may have an interest. Opponents of Senator Simmons have sought very differently to make it appear that the North Carolina Senator and Mr. Bailey have been in concert in public and party matters and that they were identified with the same group. There

was there a greater mistake. There was very little in common between Messrs. Bailey and Simmons, and for a long while their relations were not even what one would term pleasant. Personally, there had been no open break in their relations, but even when a few months ago, Mr. Bailey sent in his resignation, Mr. Simmons declined to become active, according to the gossip heard among North Carolinians in Washington at the time, in the effort to induce the Texas senator to reconsider. Most of Mr. Bailey's colleagues, immediately after hearing of the resignation, sent hurry-up messages to Texas Democrats, urging them to use the wire in dissuading the Senator from pursuing such a course.

All of Mr. Bailey's friends in the Senate, and those who had affiliated with his faction, took a hand in this enterprise in which the wire was used so freely, but Mr. Simmons took no hand in the proceedings. Nor did any Senator regard this as strange because, as hitherto stated, Mr. Simmons has never been looked upon as a "Bailey senator," as those who had shown the least activity in their friendship for the Texas senator were frequently called.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS.
 One of the questions which President Taft will take up on his western trip is the divorce evil, which is now engaging the attention of publicists and divines as never before. The president feels strongly on this subject. He is quoted as having said that in his opinion a person divorced and forbidden to remarry by the courts of one State, who weds in another state is guilty of bigamy, nothing more or less. And it is along this line that he will seek a remedy. He will urge the enactment in each State in the union of a law prohibiting the remarriage in that state of any person forbidden to remarry by another jurisdiction.

President Taft, we are told, believes the attempt to secure a uniform divorce law hopeless, and thinks legislation such as he has outlined will greatly minimize the evil, a position in which he is sustained by the common assertion of authorities that many divorces—probably the majority—are obtained to enable one of the parties to marry again. The hope of such legislation is, by removing the incentive, to check the tendency lightly to cast off the marriage tie.

Nevertheless a glance at the statutes of the various states and territories shows that for a real reform more stringent laws are needed in many quarters, even if absolute uniformity is a hopeless ideal. Of the 50 separate jurisdictions in continental United States having power to grant divorces, South Carolina grants no divorces at all and New York absolute divorce for adultery only. Washington grants divorces on nine specific grounds and for "any other cause deemed sufficient by the court." Grounds elsewhere are divided as follows: three in one jurisdiction, four in two jurisdictions, six in ten jurisdictions, seven in ten jurisdictions, and in ten jurisdictions, nine in four jurisdictions, ten in six jurisdictions, eleven in one jurisdiction, twelve in three jurisdictions and thirteen in one jurisdiction.

In order to make President Taft's dream truly effective it would seem that lives need to be drawn tighter in many States, the grounds for divorce being restricted and more persons who are divorced forbidden to remarry. And after all what is needed as much as legislation is an aroused moral sentiment on the subject.

Do not forget that tonight Hastings H. Hart, of the Child Helping department of the Russell Sage foundation, is to speak at the Y. M. C. A. under auspices of the Child's Welfare society of Asheville.

The place of what summer boarders have left Hendersonville is taken by reporters and Sherlock Holmeses.

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PRESS COMMENT.
NEWS OF THE TARIFF BOARD.
 With 115 employees on its payroll, the tariff board is reported to be working hard to get ready reports on several schedules. Those on wool and cotton and wool manufactures have been promised to congress early in December. It is said that rapid progress is making. Data on raw wool is now being tabulated. The board began collecting this information nearly a year ago. Joseph B. Wing, an expert sheepman, was sent to Argentina, Uruguay and England, Scotland and France. Another expert was sent to Australia and consular offices have sent reports from Turkey, Russia and other countries. Fifteen men have been employed comparing labor efficiency and costs in woolen mills in this country and Europe, under the direction of E. J. Sheridan, an experienced employe of the bureau of labor. The board also went into the market for samples and had them analyzed and mills are being queried about the costs of producing the various samples. The inquiry has been extended also to the readymade clothing shops. It is said that the board's employes are finding little difficulty either here or abroad in getting accurate cost estimates. This is considered a gratifying surprise. Carpets and knit goods also have been mapped out and investigated.

HARMON TALKS OF HIS PLANS
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 range from 1 per cent to 5 per cent, and collateral, from 5 to 25 per cent. The maximum in a few other states is as high as 5 per cent for lineal and 15 per cent for collateral, beneficiaries, only Kansas, as to collateral, a few states have fixed charges, as to collateral beneficiaries, Utah and Minnesota have the same exemption, \$10,000, and the same charges to both classes of beneficiaries, that of Utah being 5 per cent, fixed, and Minnesota progressing from 1 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent. The usual progressive charges are from 1 per cent to 3 per cent for lineal, with scarcely four agreeing on collateral, beneficiaries. With varying minimums, six of the latter, collateral, have a maximum of 15 per cent, two 12 per cent and three 10 per cent; the largest minimum being 7 1/2 per cent, in North Carolina.

The states and their sub-divisions are hard pressed for available sources of revenue, prevalent methods of inheritance taxation being welcomed as a God-send. This burden begins as the living expenses of the deceased owned ends; and, usually, not directly upon the estate, but upon certain beneficiaries, who, considering the exemptions, are making but a reasonable contribution to government for access of unearned wealth. The tax is simple, easily understood and computed, difficult to evade, collected with small outlay and supervision, and in the course of administration of estate in local courts. According to circumstances, division of proceeds can be made between state and county treasuries. The state government, which gave direct protection to the decedent and his property, during the period of its acquisition, is the logical beneficiary of the tax on its transfer. Ad valorem taxation, as a source of state revenue, through its temptations to local officials to escape part, or all, of the state burden, by under-assessments, is becoming largely impetive.

A Much Needed Supplement.
 "The inheritance tax, susceptible of no such fraudulent abuse, constitutes a much needed supplement; and, if aided by some other sources of state revenue which can be fairly and equally collected, the direct tax system, which for state needs has outlived its usefulness, can be superceded or made normal.

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Which, assuming that the young ruler of Spain was correctly quoted, means that he has achieved the sense to view with clear vision the exact position of kingcraft in the world today. The theory of "divine right" does not seem to trouble his slumbers. He is tolerant, as tolerant, almost, as the head of a genuinely republican government.

He realizes that democracy is, after all, the governing force and that a king, to keep a grip on his throne, must either be of the ornamental variety or one who, like Edward and George of England, does not unduly thwart the public will, but gracefully falls in with it.

Alfonso is a philosopher. Should the aggressive policies of his fiery premier ever bring on successful revolution in Spain, it is a fair certainty that Alfonso would not go up and down the courts of Europe wailing—like his cousin, Manuel, formerly of Portugal—Atlanta Constitution.

THE STOCKS.
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