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HAS HE KEPT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?

In tone the address of President Taft at Peoria yesterday was almost plaintive. With the intelligence from Canada weighing upon his mind Mr. Taft looked serious, and he talked that way.

Once more one heard the admission that the President considered himself a very poor politician, and that his ambition had lain in the direction of the Supreme court of the United States. Furthermore, in holding council with the Republican leaders of Illinois, the President admitted that it was very uncertain what the future held in store for him, since his mistakes had been great and many.

A candid appeal of this kind to the sympathy of the whole people, an appeal to the innate sense of fairness of the average American citizen, would inevitably have the effect of turning away wrath, or of tempering adverse criticism of the President, all things being even. We have wondered, however, just how even the average citizen will consider things to be.

In dealing with his party leadership, for example, has the president been free from guile, and has he, in point of fact, pursued a "middle-of-the-road course," (to quote the President's own words) in his dealings with the two wings of his party? It is recorded history that President Taft, called to his high office by President Roosevelt, lost no time in setting aside, not only My Policies, but My Friends, and the voices of Aldrich, and Cannon, and Ballinger began at once to predominate in the Republican councils.

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making him President. The political world has marveled for a long while over the strange fact that the President has not gone back on Hitchcock, and that he has not definitely and permanently chosen Murray Crane as his guide, counselor and friend, since Crane was among the reactionary leaders who opposed his nomination at Chicago.

President Taft has been untrue, we feel impelled to say, not only to his friends, but to an ideal in the politics of the Nation, using the term in the higher sense, and it is just possible that a great many people are not going to be surprised, now that his policies, (not My Policies) already condemned by the electorate of so many states at home, have been utterly repudiated abroad.

And one day, following the delivery of a Taft speech, the market breaks, and another tremor of alarm is felt in the business world, while the next day, following the repudiation of the paramount Taft policy by the people of Canada, there follows an immediate and material advance in the prices of the things that are produced by the American farmer. That rising market completes the condemnation, both of President Taft and his Democratic allies.

STOLYPIN.

According to dispatches from St. Petersburg, matters have come to light implicating prominent officials of the Russian government in the plot which brought about the death of Premier Peter A. Stolypin at the hands of an assassin. How they are involved was not stated, but the news need have come as no revelation.

The czar's "iron man" has long occupied an isolated position in the empire and he undoubtedly realized for years that he was on the very edge of hazard.

Canceled a great administrator, Stolypin brought ability and energy to the task of crushing the revolutionary movement which gained such headway during the premiership of Witte and of his successor, Gorkykin. But all his strivings to harmonize the jarring elements in the land of the czar proved in vain. Blasted by terrorists and liberals for his repressive policies and in constant jeopardy from them, he was also disliked and distrusted by the reactionaries, so that it is said he had difficulty in getting the police protection his position demanded in that blood-stained country. For Stolypin was not bureaucratic, and in fact was recognized as having liberal leanings.

Twice previously to the Kiev tragedy, Stolypin's life was attempted. His first measures as governor of Saratov resulted in an effort to destroy him in 1905, and a few months after his accession to Gorkykin in 1906 an exploding bomb wounded the premier and two of his children. But spring came his final break with opposition. His measure for the establishment of local government in the western provinces having failed in the duma, the premier resigned and the czar, inducing him to reconsider his resignation, dissolved the duma and promulgated the measure under the authority of the fundamental laws.

Stolypin occupied a middle ground, dangerous and difficult. He strove with might and main in behalf of the czar and the Russian ruling class to stem the tide of revolution which has long threatened to sweep the State from its moorings. But he also attempted to apply constructive state-manship to the problems of his day and it may be doubted whether liberalism has gained in his country by his taking off.

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Washington Gossip

BY H. E. C. BRYANT. Washington, Sept. 22.—President Taft is beset by "insurgents," "progressives" and "democrats." He is being hit on the belt, below the belt, under the short ribs and on the back. The erratic west is after him. The woods are full of LaFollettes, Workses, Cumminses and their allies.

All of this indicates that William Howard Taft is in for a skirmish if nothing more serious. Senator Works, a new light from California, is ready to join with Governor Woodrow Wilson, or anybody else, and organize a new party. Anything to beat Taft!

The two factions, the old-timers, stand-patters, or reactionaries, are in grips with the insurgents, progressives or what-nots.

The democrats are divided, but not as they were two, four and eight years ago. The Bryan wing of the party was dominant in those former years, but the old-timers, under the leadership of Oscar Underwood of Alabama, are dominant now.

Since congress adjourned politicians and others have been studying the results of the elections of last year. They are trying to get at the meaning of the figures. Will the democratic sweep continue? That is one of the questions asked.

In the Bryan-Underwood controversy that raged on the floor of the house just before the session closed was a heavy revelation to many. The support that Underwood got was remarkable. Mr. Bryan is no mean foe.

The democrats have tabulated the vote for congressmen by states for three elections, including the years 1906, 1908 and 1910. The figures follow: Total vote for congressmen was: 1906, 11,936,822; 1908, 14,245,793; 1910, 12,981,526.

The democrats believe that these figures show that the victory of three years ago was real. They say that the vote polled was sufficient in an off year. The increase over the last off year is indicative of a natural growth.

The republicans were given a majority of 59 in the house with 11,936,822 popular votes, while the democrats won by a majority of 62 with 12,981,526, a light increase, voting. This is considered wonderful. The democrats, however, must do some fine pulling to keep up the bill. They must poll a large total vote to carry the presidential election and hold their own in the house.

The republican leaders claim that stay-at-home republicans gave the election to the democrats in 1910.

"Canada seems to have voted for Simmons," is the way the Charlotte Chronicle sees it.

PARTY IN AUTOMOBILE RAISING DISTURBANCE

Abused Mrs. Reed at Swananoa—Officers Lose Trace of Machine.

About noon today Sheriff Williams received a message from A. L. Reed, of Swananoa, stating that some men and women in an automobile were partying in a disorderly manner and that one of the men had abused Mrs. Reed. He asked that the officers try to apprehend the party, saying that they came toward Asheville.

Sheriff Williams with one of his deputies started at once to Biltmore but on the way met one of the police officers who said that he had seen an automobile, which the sheriff thought must have been the one wanted. The patrolman stated that the machine he saw had three men and two women in it and that one of the men was lying on the way met one of the police officers who said that he had seen an automobile, which the sheriff thought must have been the one wanted.

INCREASED FINE

George Rhodes is Alleged to Have Given Whiskey to Leona Shope.

The heaviest punishment imposed in police court today was a fine of \$50 and the costs given George Rhodes, for being drunk and supposedly for giving whiskey to a young girl, which landed her in police court. There were no special features to the case when it was first called and the evidence heard. It was simply that Rhodes was drunk last night in the neighborhood of Maiden Lane and had slept a good part of it off when the police saw him. He stated that he had been up twice before and received the usual fine of \$5 and the costs.

Washington Gossip

They argue that the returns in the state will show this. "We will win the next election," said a cunning republican congressman today. "Our vote will come out."

"In 1908 Taft received 573,310 and Bryan 502,731 in Ohio, giving Taft a plurality of 69,579 out of a total of 1,125,588. Two years later, Harding, republican got 376,700 and Harmon, democrat, 477,977 for governor, giving Harmon a plurality of 100,277. It will be observed, however, that Harding polled 25,000 less votes than Bryan, and Harding nearly 200,000 less than Taft.

"In New York, Dill gained 56,000 over Bryan, but Stimson ran 248,000 behind Taft.

"In Indiana, the candidates for the local offices fell 38,000 short of Bryan, while the republicans lacked 61,000 of keeping up with Taft.

"In New Jersey, Taft went 78,000 beyond the republican candidate for governor, and Wilson 50,000 ahead of Bryan.

"This will give you an idea of what took place. We expect to get out the republican vote next year. If we succeed, we will win."

The democrats are just as confident that they will keep up the pace set in 1910. They do not anticipate any setback.

The republicans will nominate Taft. No one has any show to defeat him for the nomination. Senator LaFollette is not in the race, although he is firmly fixed in the middle. Taft, the reactionary, will lead his party to defeat or success.

The democrats are at sea. They are far from being united on a man. Col. Bryan is a live issue. He may not be a candidate, but he will have something to say about the men that offer. Harmon and Wilson are the most promising prospects, but Bryan likes not Harmon and Wilson is a southerner. If Mr. Bryan puts his foot down on the Harmon boom it will explode, or collapse, for no democracy can win without the aid of the Nebraska. If Bryan takes out his blade for a presidential candidate, he can do some fine work. There are thousands of voters who listen to him. In his light to keep Fitzgerald off the house committee on appropriations, Senator Martin from being elected.

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