

The President Is Urged Openly to Break With Roosevelt, But He Refuses to Do So.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- "Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now.

President Taft, it is reported, made this statement to White House callers shipped to certain eastern markets today and added that he had no ob- were given and the price to be charged jection to the statement being made It undoubtedly was intended public. to set at rest reports that Taft might withdraw from the race for the republican presidential nomination in favor of Roosevelt. President Taft, it is said, is thor-

oughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the republican party and is determined to let his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he withdraw his name for consideration by the Chicago convention next June and has asserted that his position respecting the nomination has not changed in any particular since he entered the White House. Taft told friends and party leaders from the beginning that should he be called upon to stand for re-election he would be glad to do so; that he felt under obligations to his party for making him president and was willing to abide by its decision in convention. According to an announcement today, he will not quit the race until the nominating ballots are cast at Chi-

The president was urged by many of his closest friends to make a defi-nite statement about his position and agreed to do so in language quoted above. With this statement as their inspiration, it is said Taft supporters will begin an active campaign in his behalf immediately. It is stated that some of Taft's friends have gone so far as to advise him openly to break with Roosevelt and challenge the lat-ter to make plain his intentions. The president has declined to do this.

The White House has been flooded callers lately bringing word to that Roosevelt so far has declined to say he would not accept th nomination if it were tendered him. It is reported to the White House that Roosevelt believes an organized ef-fort is being made to "smoke him out" and he declines to be "smoked" by either Taft or LaFollette forces. The president listened to all these re-ports with an induigent smile but refused to indicate whether he believed them. It is vehemently denied at the White House that President Taft sent subject whatsoever. The president has been urged for weeks to make a more progressive campaign in his own behalf. He has replied that he dfd not think political activity ported with presidential dignity. forward the fight as vigorously as they desire, and he will lend whatever as sistance he properly can.

ers' Case Hearing. Chicago, Jan. 3.-Documentary evi-dence that the price of meat was fixed Hope Yet to Hear His Story and the business apportioned on a non-competitive basis by the packers at their weekly meetings was intro duced by the government yesterday at the trial of the ten Chicago packers before United States District Judge Carpenter.

Special Counsel Pierce Butler read several letters received by W. D. Mills. manager of the Armour Packing company, Kansus City, in June, 1897. n which the amounts of beef to be

based on a margin of 50 cents on the uniform test cost estimate used by the packers was named. The letters also flatly refuted the atements of Henry Veeder on the witness stand that no meetings of the packers to fix prices and apportion business were held between April. 1897, and January, 1898, when a "statistical bureau" was maintained to compile records of meat shipped and prices obtained at different points. Mills, who severed his connection

with the Armour interests in 1903, will, it is said, be one of the star witnesses for the government. One of the letters dated June 29.

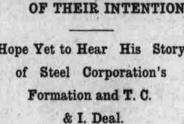
1897, read in part: "Dear Sir: This afternoon it was agreed that each party will not ship during the current week in excess of shipments agreed upon for last week. "Boston: At this point it was agreed that each party in interest will not ship during the current week in excess of his proportion of a total shipment

of 100 cars, basing such proportion on the average weekly shipments to Boston for the eight weeks ending June 26, 1897. It was also agreed that parties in interest would endeavor to btain for the current week margins

"Pittsburg: It was agreed that each party in interest would not ship in ex-cess of 90 per cent of the average weekly shipment for the four weeks ending June 12, 1897."

Witness Veeder said "the statistica bureau," remained in existence until January, 1898, when the packers went back to the old arrangement of hold ing meetings every Tuesday to determine prices and apportion business on a percentage basis.

of 50 cents.



Washington, Jan. 3 .- If J. Pierpon Morgan had not left Saturday last for Egypt he would soon have been called as a witness before the Stanley Stee investigating committee of the house It is learned authoritatively that at the time Mr. Morgan left the commit tee was seeking to learn whether he

would appear voluntarily. It has been the policy of the com mittee to arrange for the volunteer appearance of witnesses where poesible, and this has been generally successful in obtaining their presence. Mr. Roosevelt came before the com mittee as a result of such an informal arrangement and it is understood that the committee desired to follow the same course in the case of Mr. Morgan. Where the voluntary method fails subpoenaes will be issued, but thus far the voluntary method has Ths Political and Personal En-

succeeded. The committee still hopes to have Mr. Morgan as a witness. If he re turns at any time before the investiga tion is ended he will be called, ac cording to the present intention of the committee. When he left New York, Mr. Morgan said: "I don't know when I will be back."

The Stanley committee may make report before the winter is over. It is no means certain, however, that its final report will be made before the end of the session, which the leaders think will last until the summer, or even before the end of the present congress on March 4, 1913. That

means there will be plenty of time to hear what Mr. Morgan has to say about the organization of the stee ombination after he returns from abroad. Want First Hand Story. After much discussion, Representa

tive A. O. Stanley, the chairman of the committee, and the other democratic members came to the conclu sion that no investigation of the Unit

I must be candid, in my judg ment the republican party in North Carolina would be much stronger as a voting party if all the federal offices were filled by democrats.-President Taft's speech at Greensboro, July 10, 1906.



coretary by the North Carolina child the house. An investigation is being labor committee at a meeting held in Raleigh last Friday night, is losing no time in setting to work to secure a That Judge Lancaster has some po crystalization of sentiment in the litical and personal enemies who are regarding child labor, and with the first day of 1912, he started a canvas uspected of knowing something about for members for an organization 601 the cause for and the perpetrators of public spirited men in Guilford county, the explosion is the belief of detecwhich will be a nucleus to the state-'ves who arrived here to work on wide organization he hopes to accom the case late yesterday afternoon. The plish in the ensuing year. Mr. Swift house was practically blown to pieces. will visit counties of the state, and he Furniture was tossed into the air and is now engaged in formulating his

Chicago, Dec. 3 .- A divorce decree plans. Mr. Swift said yesterday that h

political in the state, by lenders and ose interested in party success. Hitherto speculation and proph-sy have been made at random this one and that the time approaches for the an-nouncement of candidates and the the shaping of party politics, affairs are taking on concrete form and a more substantial analysis can be made.

The contest in the general election In November next will be, perhaps, the hardest fought in the political annals of the state and particularly in west-ern North Carolina.

IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

War of Proportions Likely to

Break Over Various Local

Questions-The Contest

For The Senate,

With the opening of the new year

there is increased discussion of poli-

tics in Buncombe county and affairs

political in the state, leaders and those

bdt, as

This is a presidential year. The stronghold of republicanism is in this section. Here is the battleground. Not a stone will be left unturned. Nothing will be left undone. It will be a conflict to the death. When the line-up comes we can expect to see, not only the old war horses again in the thick of the fight, but the demo-cratic ranks be recruited by business and professional men-men of affairs who never before have been active politically. These recruits have always voted the best part of the democratic ticket and have, in a way, affiliated with the party. But in this contest been investigating conditions for the they will be found in the trenches touching elbows in the ranks; and ren dering a service which conditions sug-

gest to every patriotic citizen. The New York Sun, in a recent editorial, advocated the opinion that con-DECREE OF DIVORCE ditions were not unlike those of 1874. when Samuel J. Tilden was elected president of the United States, and reflected the probability of such a superb organization now being formed, as was inaugurated then. Organization, it must be remembered, is worthless unless there is an issue produced has been ordered in the suit of Mrs. Ralph C. Herz, known on the stage have, of course, the live, all-infestious

REALIZE ROOSEVELT SEEKS NOMINATION

Action of Ohio Progressives Remo Last Doubt That He Would Supplant Taft.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Jan. 3.

Suspicions of long standing have ystalized to definite conviction crystalized among all factions here that Theodore Roosevelt is a candidate against President Taft for the republican presi-dential nomination. The conviction exists in Mr. Taft's immediate circle

exists in MP. Tarts immediate circle at the White House, but Taft answers that he will fight. "If death should lay its hands on the president's shoulders," said one of the president's closest advisers, "that would settle it, but let no one entercess, which began December 21. Most senators and representatives had re

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lear sky. It is even runnored here in Taft ircles that the Taft crowd have hermelves besought Roosevet to re-move all doubt about his attitude and that he has refused. J. H. Coolis, chief clerk to the com-mittee on claims, of which Represen-tative Pou is chairman, reached Wash-lauten, revieway and sold that Mr. Legislators Meet at Albany.

In March, 1898, the witness said, States steel corporation and allie industries would be complete unless the man who organized the great trust Schwarzschild and Sulzberger were taken into the combination and sent a was called to the witness stand. All representative to the meetings. The agreement the witness said was for three years and expired in 1901. of the witnesses who have appeared before the committee spoke when a new agreement for three years Morgan's part in the organization o was entered into.

E. J. Martin, Armour & Co.'s repre-sentative, died in 1899, the witness said, and after that Arthur Meeker attended the packer's meetings in behalf of Armour & Co.

Continuing his recital, Veeder said was for three years and expired in 1998 the penalty charged for overhipment was 75 cents per 100 pounds. He said comparative statements of profit margins were furnished mempers on application and added that he all the agreement of 1898 and 1901 had been destroyed.

"Some time between 1898 and 1902 activities in the flurry of 1907 the the agreement in certain territory was applied to fresh mutton as well as beef and the penalty fixed for over-shipment was \$1 a 100 pounds. In 1902 the agreement was extended to

include veal in certain territory," con tinued the witness.



Washington, Jan. 3 .- Hoth house of congress reassembled at noon to day after the Christmas holidays re-

Albany, Jun. 3. With the sons mocratic by ? votes and the nase y republican by a majority of 4, 1 guilature convened today. Eds

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the corporation. Again, it was Mr. Morgan who was the guiding genius in the transaction by which the steel corporation took over the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in the fall of 1907. Judge E. H. Gary, executive head of the steel corporation, who with Henr. C. Frick came directly from Mr. Mor

gan's library in New York to the White House and obtained the approva of Mr. Roosevelt for the merger, spoke of Mr. Morgan's part in the transac tion at every turn when he was a witness before the Stanley committee He paid a high tribute to the banker declaring that had it not been for his

husiness world would have suffered ; disaster from which it would not have

recovered for many years. The committee feels that it has had ough of this second hand information about Mr. Morgan, and the time come to hear from the financier has himself. The members are greatly

lisappointed that he should have gone away. They believe he was aware of the plans to call him, but away. have not intimated that he arranged the trip to Egypt in order to avoid service of a subpoena

Andrew Carnegie, before leaving for Europe last summer, told the commit-tee that he would willingly appear this winter and tell what he knows of the formation of the steel combination. He



Washington, Jan. 3 .--- Comptrolle

of the Currency Murray announced today that the forged notes which caused the failure of the Albion Na-tional bank of Albion, Mich., amount-ed to \$144,698. The notes the comptroller announced, were placed in the bank by the cashler.

OF THE CANAL ZONE

Washington Jan. 3.—Chairman Sul-zer of the house committee on foreign affairs announced today that his com-mittee soon would begin hearings or the Rainey resolution authorizing an investigation into the nequisition of the Panama canal zone by the United States. The resolution mentions the

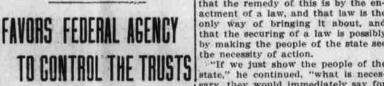
The resolution mentions the that a former president of the Sintes has declared that he Panning from Columbia without

the the explosion and the detectives believe a bomb was operated by clock mechanism.

blown to small bits. No one was seen

Bloodhounds brought to the scene were unable to find a trail. of Mr.

made.



Secretary Nagel Says Recent Decisions Show Other Measures Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- "The mere breaking up of large combinations are desired to be put through. into a number of separate parts by A negro giving his name as

no means meets the whole trust question," says Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, in his annual report transmitted yester. Henry Bushnell of Reidsville, who is day to President Taft.

Secretary Nagel declares that the Sherman law has been proved to be an effective statute beyond all doubt and that a degree of combination of

capital is quite necessary, but he adds that the Supreme court decisions in SAYS HE TOLD LABOR the Standard Oll and tobacco cases have demonstrated that the next step in the control of great industrial cor porations will be the creation of

permanent federal agency. How such control shall be exercised, whether by commission, federal incorporation or other means, which have been advocated recently by Indianapolis, Jan. 3.-National labor officials affiliated with Samuel Gompers and the American Federation of Judge Elbert H. Gary, George W. Perkins and other financiers before Labor were informed two years ago the senate committee, which has been conducting hearings to determine what changes would be desirable in the antitrust laws, Secretary Nagel by Charles A. Bookwalter, who as nayor then conducted a secret investigation, that John J. McNamara di rected a series of dynamite explodoes not definitely say. dons.

TRAINS CRASH: 20 HURT

Engineer Potter Killed and Many sengers Hurt in Head-on Collision on Chocktaw.

El Reno, Okla., Jan. 3 .- A head-on jury. collision occurred on the Rock Island railroad new here today when the "Firefly," Southbound, and passenger train No. 41 crashed together.

Potter engineer on the "Firefly" was killed and 20 passengers and members of the train new were injured.

Underwood, III, Won't Attend Banquet

Washington, Jan. 3.-Representa-tive Underwood of Alabama will not participate in the Jackson Day ban-quet here Monday night. Underwood parcelled the engagement to speak by order of his physician because of his possit inter-

purpose is to conduct a campaign of education throughout the state. as Lulu Glazer, against her husband. 'North Carolina." he said. "is way behind many of the states in giving protection to her children." He believes that the remedy of this is by the enactment of a law, and that law is the only way of bringing it about, and

that the securing of a law is possibly by making the people of the state see the necessity of action.

"If we just show the people of the

sary, they would immediately say for it to be done." The average man, says Mr. Swift, realizes the necessity of

proper rest for children, and the harmfulness of overwork, and the main thing now is to crystalize public sentiment.

Mr. Swift will first go to the mill men and hold conferences with them tay issued a statement denying that one by one and if possible have an LaFollette intended withdrawing. agreement with them so that they

will be in favor of the plans which

A negro giving his name as John Scott is in jail here as a suspect. The negro was arrested yesterday afternoon and is suspected of being one wanted in Rockingham county, charg-"Scott

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MEN OF DYNAMITINGS

contest the suit. The couple were married in New York five years ago.

TO STAY IN RACE

board of health. Lewis county is the

Festifies Her Husband, Ralph C. Herz,

Choaked Her, Calling Her Bar-maid" and "Bowery Woman."

only one in the state unaffected.

LULU GLASER GIVEN

Denial Is Made That Wisconsin Man Intends to Withdraw from Presidential Contest.

ansing speech that LaFollette with-LaFollette national headquarters to-

MME. CURIE VER YILL

Discoverer of Radium Suffers fron an Acute Attack of Appendicitis -Worry Aggravates Illness

Paris, Jan. 3 .- The condition Mme, Curie, discoverer of radium, because of an acute attack of appendicitis, continues serious. Her illness, it is believed, was aggravated by worry during the recent suit in which her name was connected with that of iar conditions. Democracy was divid-Prof. Langevin in divorce proceedings. ed and Grant benefited. Democracy

FIRE LOSS \$500.000 mokehouse of Swift & Co., at Chi-

cago Is Burned-Three Fire-men are Injured.

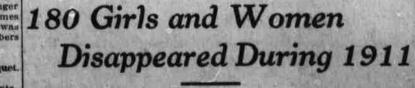
Chicago, Jan. 3 .- Fire destroyed Swift & Co.'s smokehouse, a five story

building today. The damage was \$500,000. Three firemen were injured.

Scaboard Flagman Injured.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh. Bookwalter declared this today when informed that the government's

Raleigh, Jan. 3. Walker Eiks, a white flagman eminvestigation embraced an inquiry into the circumstances of four exploployed by the Seaboard fell from the top of a car between two cars at Wake sions directed against Albert Vonshreckelsen, a contractor, because of Forest today and probably sustained fatal injuries. He is in the college labor troubles. Bookwalter expects to be subpoenned by the federal grand hospital. His home is in Raleigh.





issue-the tariff. It was the sole ifsue that elected Grover Cleveland presi-The plaintiff testified her husband dent, and the attitude of the national choked her and called her "barmaid" democracy on this issue is responsible, and "bowery woman." Herz did not in large measure, for the inroads made by the democrats in 1910-11 in New England and other rock-ribbed republican strongholds.

A democrat, a careful student of political affairs at home and abroad, gives the following appraisal of conditions as to the congressional race

"The state of North Carolina is safely democratic-this year at least-lt will give its 12 electoral votes to democracy's choice. Ten congressional Chicago, Jan. 3.-Without referring to Governor Osborn's suggestion in his is to be a battle for at least two draw from the presidential race, the seats. It will be a battle royal, especially in this, the tenth district. democrats are determined to carry the tenth this year. It has always been much more difficult in presidential years for democracy to prevail in the mountains than in the "off" years Grant was elected along with Taft. Grant carried Buncombe; Taft did also. Grant was elected to congress, Taft led Bryan in the tenth. Will Grant be called again into harness? His friends are urging his chims Grant vill not return to Washington as representative; he may be nominated, but he will be defeated. The pedple have heard Grant. They listened

was responsible for state-wide prohibition and the commercial liquor dem-ocrats rebelled. This district is normally close and only a hundred or two democrats could elect a republican.

Other Republican Possibilities.

"Grant had 'ploughed the bull and earned his lesson by the light of the tourch.' This appeal pleased and was effectual. He told this joke again two rears later but the people would not laugh. There are many strong republicans to choose from this time. There is that redoubtable warrior, Richmond Pearson. It is true he is out of harmony with the republican administra-tion but republicans have a wonderful way of getting together. Mr. Pearson is a trained diplomat. There are a great many things to explain from the republican standpoint and the former minister is specious-if he is anything. Mr. Pearson was in congress for two terms from the old ninth district and the democrata, too, well remember his power as an organizer and debater. The late Judge Joseph S. Adams and

The late Judge Joseph S. Adams and former Congressman Crawford went down before the "Duke of Richmond Hill." There is also a popular and srowing young republican to be reck-oned with should he aspire to con-gress. Mark W. Brown would at once appeal to the rank and file of the ra-publican party and would likely be nominated. In this event Mr. Brown would not be objectionable to name

ald not be objections