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ANO: TNLETTER TOREPUBLICANS Mr. Pearson Sets Forth Reasons for Opposing Nomination of Mr. Taft and for

RECORDS AND PROSPECTS OF THE TWO COMPARED

Supporting Roosevelt.

A Forcible Document-Meeting for State Organization of **Roosevelt Men Is to Be** Held March 8.

The Roosevelt republicans are pursuing energetically the task of organization and crystallizing the sentiment in favor of the nomination by their party of the ex-president to succeed President Taft.

The next move of consequence will he a meeting in Greensboro March 8 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of effecting a state-wide organization. At the recent Chicago conference

Richmond Pearson was Hon appointed a member of the national Roosevelt committee. Mr. Pearson has prepared an open let-ter to the remultioner of North letter to the republicans of North Caro lina in which he contrasts the records and prospects of the president and the ex-president and sets forth specifand with characteristic force reasons for opposing the re-nomination of Mr. Tail and for supporting the nomination of Col. Roosevelt, Mr.

Pearson's letter follows: Reasons for Opposing the Nomination of Mr. Taft.

He has split the party. If nominated he can command 2. If nominated he can command the support of only a part of the by direction of the democratic cancus,

party. 3. When his administration was put on trial in the elections of 1910, he lost a million votes in five states alone, he lost 12 republican governors and 44 republican congressmen, conand 44 republican congressmen, con-

ity with Canada against the recorded judgment of a majority of the republicans in the house and a majority of republicans in the senate.

5. In allying himself with the dem-ocrats to force through this measure the caucu which has never been sanctioned in any republican platform he alienated many of the ablest republicans in the house and in the senate, and he adthat he tried by the use of patronage to coerce these unwilling republicans to vote against their convictions. In this fatuons course he lost

IN BANKING PROBE

Pujo Resolution Broadened as a Concession to the Bryan

Faction.

Washington, Feb. 24 .--- The "money crust" inquiry resolution finally agreed upon by the rules committee after several weeks dickering is before the ouse for passage before today's adjournment. The resolution, as it came from the rules committee, provided inquiry by the banking and currency committee into the country's financial affairs as to what legislation is neces-sary, and contains the further direction that allegations in the Henry

resolution, which was turned down by the caucus, he investigated, Opponents of the Bryan plan for an investigation by a special committee paist that the compromise is one of phraseology only, while Representa-tive Henry, chairman of the rules committee, who led the fight for an inquiry by a special committee, instead of standing committees of the

house, claim a victory. Representatives of both sides ex-press satisfaction, however, of a redraft of the resolution introduced by Representative Pujo, chairman of the banking and currency committee, to which will be referred the major por-tion of the investigation. It was made by the democratic members of th rules committee

The original Pujo resolution provided merely that there be an inquiry into the financial condition of the country and as to what financial legis-

power.

and 44 republican congressment, converting a republican majority of over 40 in the house to a democratic mar. After many days of fight the demo-tratic members of the rules commit-cratic members of the rules commit-tee agreed to insert in the Pujo reso-bution a clause that the committee on banking and currency also be directed to inquire into such matters "touched tee agreed to insert in the Pujo reso-fution a clause that the committee on banking and currency also be directed to inquire into such matters "touched upon in house resolution No. 405 as more more within the inriadiction." may come within the jurisdiction." House resolution No. 405 is the Henry resolution which was turned down in

> Although the resolution contains no Says the Time Has Not Come specific mention of the Henry allega-tions of the power of "money trust," reference to his charges in the resolu-tion has done much to smooth over





PRESIDENT CALLS Rebels Lose Heavily in the Laguna District and Fed-STORY FALSEHOOD eral Fatalities Number 60. Denounces Report He Said DEFECTION REPORTED People Were Unfit for OF NOTED GENERALS Self-Government. News of Coalition of Orozco Washington, Feb., 24 .- President and Trevino Comes to Taft today denied emphatically that in his New York speech on Lincoin's Washington-Americans oirthday he had said "that the people upe not fitted for self-government" in Ask Protection. the first official statement of this kind the White House has issued during the Taft administration. The president calls the circulation of the story a "falsehood." "Lae White house statement follows: assiduously circulated by persons and Mexican government agent. Army

560 MEXICANS

DIE IN BATTLE

"Among the falsehoods now being papers opposed to the presiden is one that in his Lincoln's day speech he argued that the people are not fitted for self government. The president said nothing on that occasion which could possibly be tortured into any such construction. The only speech In which the president made reference to popular government was delivered at the State Bar association banquet

in New York on the night of January 20 "What he said on this subject, and It was correctly quoted in the news-papers on the following day, was this: Popular government we all believe in. There are those of us who do not believe that all people are fitted for self-government. The fact is we know they are not. Some of us do not dare say so but I do and the question whether a people is fitted for popular self-gov-ernment so as to make that government best for the people is determined by the ability of a majority of the justice from the majority. It is the question of self-imposed restraint that determines whether a neorly is that

determines whether a people is fit-ted to govern itself." Aludes to Roosevelt,

While it is not admitted by anyone with authority to speak for the presi-dent that his correction of the interpretation placed by "some people" upon his New York speech included OF MILL WORKERS' LIFE upon his New York speech included Col. Rooseveit, political leaders here believe such is the case. Many of Taft's friends asserted Roosevelt had Taft in mind when, in his Columbus speech, after speaking at length of the "position these eminent lawyers take and applaud," Roosevelt said "the only tenable excuse for such a position is the frank avowal that the people lack sufficient intelligence and morality to

GUARANTEE \$10,000

San Antonio, Feb. 24 .- Five hundred rebels were killed and the federal fatalities numbered 60 in a battle in the Iaguna district, Mexico, according

to advices brought here today by a officials here have no information that Orozco has quit Madero's standard. Emilio Vasquez Gomez today wired President Madero of Mexico asking him to surrender the presidency and prevent further bloodshed. Gomez is urged as a presidential possibility by the Vasquista revolutionists.

Washington, Feb. 24.-American troops will cross the border line into Mexico whenever it shall become nes essary to stop firing into American ter-

essairy to stop pring into American ter-ritory. In ordering additional troops to El Paso, Tex., to cope with the sit-uation there in the event of an attack of revolutionists on the Mexican city of Juarez, the Washington government has determined there should be no repetition of the incidents of the Madero revolution, when a number of Americans in El Paso and Douglas, Ariz, were killed by flying bullets from opposing forces across the border.

Two developments in the Mexican

A request for American Intervention in Mexico was made upon the war delegation when Mayor Kelly and a delegation of citizens of El Paso ur-

gently asked Secretary Stimson to send American troops into Juares to preserve order, and protect Americans. Socretary Stimson replied, it was impossible under present conditions. In a dispatch from a government official on the border, one not in the

diplomatic service, it was reported that Gen. Geronimo Trevino in Chi-huahua, had turned to the aid of the insurrectos. The dispatch read: "Have reliable information that

General Orozco will join the revolutionary forces of General Geronimo Has agreed to accept pro-Trevino. visional presidency of Mexico." The dispatch which speaks of "the

revolutionary forces of Gen. Trevino' is the first indication that the staunch

can support and confidence gained nothing-not even thanksfrom the democrats.

in his Winona speech that the Payne Aldrich tariff was the best tariff that had ever been written in the statute books. The election followed shortly thereafter and the people condemned this measure with an almighty con-demnation. As soon as the people had demnation. As soon as the population spoken at the polis, Mr. Taft awaked from his happy dream and said very frankly, "Oh, I see I was mistaken, we worked the old thing the wrong way: worked the old thing the wrong way. it should have been revised down and not up; we will try our hands again but the revising must be gradual, schedule by schedule." This vacillation of Mr. Taft may be urged as a proof of his candor but it can hardly be set up as evidence of the wolltant scractive or qualities of

his political segacity or qualities of leadership.

fatal error had been committed. "The flames that lit the battle wreck shoke sive platform. 'round him o'er the dead." Thirteen dead governors, 44 dead congressmen, fallen on the perilous ridges of hattle ad the power of restoratives, beyoud the hope of resurrection.

unaccountable reason For some unaccountable reaso Mr. Taft has come forward recently-

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WINDSTORM RAGES IN SOUTHERN ALABAMA

Heavy Damage Is Done at Mobile and to Surrounding Towns.

Mobile, Feb. 24 .- Much damage was done here and in surrounding towns by a windstorm which blew in from the gulf this morning. It is said Coden, Bay Minette and other towns sustained heavy damage.

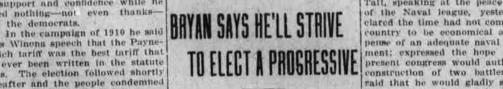
168 DIE IN SNOW

Many Frozen During Storm in the Vicinity of Omsk, in Aslatic Russia.

Omsk, Asiatie Russia, Feb. 24.—A large number of people have been fro-sen during a anowstorm which is rak-ing in this section. Thirty-one fatal-ities have occurred here, 32 in Kok-topathak and 165 in Petropaviovsk.

Wilson in Nashville.

Gallipolia, O., Feb. 34,-Peter Zer ter, a prominent farmer, was mur tered and his home robbed and the porget in an attempt to cover the en is here and speaks ionight at this sening exercises of Nashville's \$100. (0, Y. M. C. A. huliding. This mera-willow mat members of the Woud-w Wilson child, the reception con-Nashville, Feb. 21 .-- Woodrow Wil



He Offers to Champion with All His Force a "True

Democrat."

retired, Representative Swagar Sher-ley of Kentucky and Charles Francis Denver, Feb. 24 .--- William Jennings Bryan, in an address here last night. dams of Boston were other speakers declared that the democratic party's at this meeting, the last of the seventh only chance of victory this fall is to annual convention of the league. retary Meyer accompanied Mr. Taft to The confession came too late; the nominate a progressive on a progresthe meeting.

"I am in favor of a good strong "I am satisfied," Bryan said, "some navy that would enable this nation to one else can poll more votes than mymaintain its position and make our self and I am ready to enter upon a campaign on behalf of a true demoreasonable demands on other countrie respected." said the president.

crat with even more vigor than that which I have fought at any time in economize in respect to the navy. The navy is expensive, but so is the army, so is war, and the expense of the three my own behalf.'

BEIRUT IS BOMBARDED BY ITALIAN WARSHIPS

can Protestant college is safe and none of the American institution suffered injury from the explosion of

shells. Professors, students and mis-sionaries are safe.

Sixty people were killed and a large number wounded as a result of the hombardment.—These are official fig-ures. Many more casualties are prob-

BEHEADED BY ROBBERS

Two Negroes Truiled by Hounds As i as Morderers of P. nent Ohio Farmer,

ly this m

Panic Prevails Among the Inhabi-tants of Syrian City, Most of Whom Are Christians.

gates that the war with Spain would London, Feb. 24 .- Three Italian never have occurred of the United States had possesses battieships in 1898. arships are bombarding Beirut, Syrsed one or two more in's principal seaport, according to a special dispatch. Terrible panic pre-

Representative Sherley urged the lenguers to insist that a "program" of special dispatch. Terrible panic pre-valls among the city's inhabitants, the The firing was brief. The Amerinaval construction he presented to CODEFORR.

nless we did."

all for two battleships."

SAVED MANY LIVES

Washington, Feb. 24 .- President

Mexican Boy Sped Through Smok Blied Staft at Lehigh to Wean Imperiled Miners.

Admiral Wainwright told the dele-

Okla., Feb. 24.-Half the

be got under control today.

Calls for Bank Reports. Washington, Feb. 24.-The comp-roller of the currency today immed a fail for reports on the condition of autional banks to be made February

Washington, Feb., 24,-Another of the Naval league, yesterday de-clared the time had not come for this Cuban crisis is apparently imminent. Cuban crisis is apparently imminent. Island reports indicate the unrest is of labor. With scanty food and poor country to be economical at the exabout to break out anew as a result clothing, according to the report pense of an adequate naval establish ment; expressed the hope that the present congress would authorize the of the Cuban Supreme court's decision invalidating the law ousting ofconstruction of two battleships and raid that he would gladly sign a bill tice-holders who were Spanish sympathizers during the revolution. The eral prisoners. The bureau selected as examples 21 typical mill families, that carried such an anthorization.

"In order to keep up with other pa literal execution of the decree would tions I don't think two battleships involve the reinstatement of a large are too many," said the president. " number of displaced officeholders and the diamissal of the so-called veter ment and I am entirely willing to meet that responsibility by signing a ans put in their places. Veteran asso ciation leaders therefore are in an an Rear Admiral Wainswright, U. S. N. ugly humor. If they attempt to resist the decree serious trouble is prob-

> able. Developments are awaited with keen interest in official circles. It is be lieved the situation will tax President

from Office.

Clomez' resources to the utmost.



Negro Arrested at Lake Charles the situation and we should be lack-ing in foresight and common sense Just to Make It Interesting for

Readers of Special Classified Page.

The doubling Thomases will be the very ones who fall to get any of the good, new one-dollar bills being hand-

ed out to the readers of the Special Classified page.

every person will be called on and if

Lehigh, Okia., Feb. 14.—Hall the will receive the money. somes in Lehigh were prevented from will receive the money. being robbed by desth through the To make it interesting, from now lifer name could not be made to overturned steamer is believe there who during the mine disas- and the initials in another. Some-here who during the mine disas- and the initials in another. Some-the names and initials will go the steamer of Wednesday night an they have their names marked they will receive the money. Of Augusta saw no signs of her crew. ter near here which cost seysn lives, traveled a mile and s half around the inter through smoke to warn fellow workmen. The fire in the shaft probably will this idea is to have the reader to

this idea is to have the readers go thoroughly through the page. The advartisers on this page repre-bent the leading business houses of this city and every advertisement is brimful of information that will in-terest you. Do not merely glance at the advertisements bit resid them, and you will be benefited. 1) (and

Executive Committee of the University when his reign was tottering mill workers is painted in a report Authorizes Signing of a Contract with Peabody Board.

he fit to govern themselves."

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Feb. 24.

At a meeting today of the executive committee of the university, Governor that which the government gives fed-Kitchin and President Venable were ten living near Atlanta, six near Greensboro and five at Burlington, N. authorized to sign a contract with the Peabody board, which is putting up the educational building on the The protest of these was supported by several wage-carners. In a family where five were employed, the campus, guaranteeing on the part of the trustees that \$10,000 a year will arnings totalled between \$800 and be expended for 'educational pur-\$900 annually. Most of the families

tre usually at the end of the year slightly in debt, the report concluded. Dr. J. Y. Joyner was added to the faculty committee on promotions, which will work out the plan for the ROOSEVELT TO BOSTON educational deparament's organiza-

INDORSE MR. TAFT

Republicans of Second Congressiona District of Virginia Instruct for His Renomination.

Norfolk, Feb. 24 .- The republicant of Virginia's second congressional dis-trict today endorsed the Taft adminpresidency

Cooley, an El Paso banker, and three tion. Delegates to the Chicago con-vention are D. L. Groner and P. J.

Cooley, an El Paso banker, and three other citizens of that place told Sec-retary Stimson that Juarez with 24,-000 population, linked to El Paso by an international bridge and trolley lines, was virtually a part of El Paso. Nightly robberies, hold-ups, and as-saults in Juarez, in which Americans were victims and in which their busi-ness hourses were located have beness houses were looted. , have be-come intolerable. They asked that soldiers he sent to patrol the city until

boldiers be sent to patrol the city until the Mexican government could control the situation. By the withdrawal of Madero troops, the mayor said, Juarez had been left defenseloss. Secretary Bitmeon pointed out that United States troops could not be sent into foreign territories under the present situation and said that a de-(Continued on page 8.)

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and was later accepted by Madero. had turned to the insurrectos.

The Mexican embassy had no ad-vices and no official there cared to make comment. The state department received no confirmation and was inclined to treat the dispatch as a report of a rumor. Coalition Would Be Strong. A coalition between Generals Oroz-

co and Trevino is looked upon here as the fraught with great consequences General Trevino was last reported in Monterey in control of the military in the northeastern part. These two generals, hitherto controlling practi-

cally all federal troops in the north-ern half of the country might, it is believed, completely cut off the north from the south, isolating Mexico City

and its immediate vicinity from connection with the United States.

The rather ambiguous wording of the last sentence of the dispatch recarding the provisional presidency, was interpreted among Latin-Americans here two ways. The majority declared it was intended to mean that

Seperal Trevino rather than Orozco had agreed to accept the provisional

istration and elected delegates in-structed to vote for Taft's renomina-Mayor Kelly of El Paso, Manchester

A. J. Barr Dead.

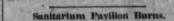
Pittsburg, Feb. 24 .- Albert J. Barr, nged 61, former publisher of the Pitts" burg Post and Sun and former director of the Associated Press, died aud denly today at the Duquesne club.

To Authorize \$2,000,000 Bond Issue.

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Georgia & Florida railway has been called for March 19 to authorize an issue of \$2,000,000 six per cent gen-

Riley.

Her name could not be made out. Th

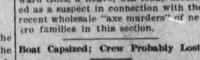


Lake Charles, La., Feb. 24 .- Edward Giles, a negro, was today arrest-ed as a suspect in connection with the tro families in this section.

New York, Feb., 24.-- 4 wireles message last night from the Savannah line steamer City of Augusta told the

This page will contain names of story of a probable sea tragedy in persons throughout the city each day during the time this page is run and 70 miles south of Hatteras. The craft eral mortgage bonds.

was floating bottom up, keel and



Washington, Feb. 24 .-- A dismal pic-

some of these people exist in crowded

company-owned houses and eat fare

about equal in quality and quantity to

Trip to Attend Harvard Overseers

Meeting Declared to Be Without

New York, Feb., 24 .- Theodore

Roosevelt today left for Boston to

overseers' meeting. Roosevelt de-lared his trip was without political

HELD IN AXE MURDER

Suspected of Wholesale Killings in Louisiana.

significance.

Significance,