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TAFT WILL BE PERSONALLY RE-

There is a billion dollars of Amer ican capital invested in Mexico that is howling as only a billion dollars of American capital can howl, for in tervention-that is to say, for a war a war undertaken in violation of all that morbid yearning for excitement that is masqueraded under the name of patriotism-what a degredation of

There are seven hundred million dollars of British capital invested in Mexico but in neither England nor Canada is there manifest any considerable degree of agitation over Mexico. Possibly this is because the attention of the British jingoes is other wise directed.

President Taft has been reluctan to call congress in extraordinary session lest that act in itself lead to grave consequences. He is well advised. He cannot escape personal responsibility for those consequences whatever they may be he must admit that he possessed a degree of prescience.

For the calling of congress to con sider whether there is to be intervention will have the force and effect upon the Mexican mind of a declaration of war. The gringo has declared a war of conquest-so the tidings will go.

The American is cordially hated in Mexico. He is of a superior intelligence and ability. He scorns the courtesy that is a part of the Latin's nature. He has bribed and tricked concessions of the cream of Mexico's wealth. He tries neither to under stand nor to conciliate the people. He treats Mexicans and Mexican custom as inherently contemptible.

If therefore the convention of con gress for the specific purpose of considering the coercion of . fexico with force and arms should be followed by wholesale vengeance upon the Amerleans in Mexico, the President will not be surprised. He cannot be,

Those who seek in the war with Cuba precedent to warrant lingoism now will seek in vain, meddlesome though that so-called war was.

THE RESULT IN MAINE.

A Democratic victory in Maine Tues day would have been highly signi ficant; the Democratic defeat express ed dissatisfaction with Plaisted's rec ord and the adherence of the State national issue the Republicans ventured to inject into the campaign, Taftites and Rooseveltians joining in a chorus of praise of the Grand Old Party's record in this respect. The Democrats met the issue squarely; some of the party's most famous spellbinders pointed out the glorious record of the Democratic house of congress. The Republicans, however, would have none of it; they stood by the party Payne-Aldrich act, Taft vetoes and all.

The question of law enforcement entered the campaign, but the prohibition issue was not as pronounced as it was two years ago. At that time popular dissatisfaction with the ad-day was the final selection and rati-ministration of the State's finances fication of a state ticket and the was also a potent factor; a subsequent raise in the tax rate by the Democratic administration, however, apparently convinced the dissatisfied Republicans that they had not been so bad off under Fernald's adminis-

tration as they had thought, The overturn is furthermore a tribute to astute and cautious managenent of the Republican campaign The truce entered into after the Chiago split was preserved to the last. Mention of the names of Taft and sevelt on the stump was tabooed Not all the taunts and invectives of r-tongued Democrats could break he silence of their opponents in this egard. Now, however, the factions will probably be at one another's ats and the Maine woods will be

illed with echoes until November.
Othervers of the campaign have
seen impressed with another fact—

were sent to shell the woods: the Republicans refrained from these fireworks for fear of opening old wounds. And the Maine voter went to see the

> WILSON AND THE NEW YORK SITUATION.

> When Governor Wilson went out of is way to compliment the Progres sives on their achievements at Syraform "admirable," it is possible he intended something more than a pretty compliment. "It puts us on our mettie," he went on to say, and observed that the Democrats should nominate progressive candidates in all States.

The governor has expressed the deire and intention of steering clear of State fights; but his words may have a direct bearing on the future of Governor Dix of New York. New York Democrats of progressive inclinations have been telling Governor Wilson that the nomination of Dix will mean the defeat of the Democratic State ticket in New York, and its decisive defeat. Murphy, however, is determined to put Dix over again. He is said to be satisfied with his administration; and to regard repudiation of Dix as condemnation of Tammany's ecord during the past two years, another matter with which Murphy is satisfied.

Wilson men in New York who fea that the Presidential nominee's chances will be lessened with Dix heading the New York ticket have been threatening to make an issue of Murphy; Wilson apparently is half inprecedent. Its appeal is directed to clined to something of the kind him-

> The biggest news item in yesterday's Gazette-News was Mr. Seely's adver tisement, stating that Mr. Grove has decided to make the Autoway into boulevard for both atuomobiles are carriages, widening it, taking out curves and Macadamizing it and oiling it. Mr. Grove is a gentleman of pleas ant surprises. He will make the road one of the show places of the south. It is already that and one of Ashe ville's best advertising assets and greatest sources of pleasure. Th work Mr. Grove proposes to do, how ever, will more than double its value

Attend the Board of Trade jollifica tion tonight. If a lot of the busies men in Asheville can give a part their time every day for a week t the board, surely you can give a few evening hours. The greatest handical the board has is the indifference of it members, and their consequent ignor ance of what it is doing. Besides. looks like a big night tonight. It is good to be where there is enthusiasn in a good cause. It cheers the heart and tones the mind.

Its citizens feel a pride in the dirti est, meanest, orneriest town there is the one that has the least right t cumber the face of the earth. People of Asheville would not be severely criticised if they were as chesty as

What exasperates the people of New York in Mayor Gaynor is their utter inability to understand him. Instead of being highly excited all the timlike the rest of them he refused to be come excited at all.

What a cold, damp world this would be without sunshine.—"The Rambler," in Charlotte Chronicle.

Damp? It would be friz solid two seconds.

Judging from the moans of three walked off with Mr. Bryan's ideas Mr. Hearst's party and Mr. La Follette's nomination.

The board of managers of the woord and the adherence of the State The board of managers of the wo-to protection. The tariff was the only man's exchange will meet in the tea through the proxy of his brother, room at 10:30 o'clock Thursday

> Asheville is going to find something around the next corner.

Looks like a big night tonight.

PROGRESSIVES FORM COMPACT

(Continued from page 1) pearly 7 o'clock. A committee of fiv from each wing of the Roosevelt supporters met again at 9 o'clock last night to take up the matter of rearranging the progressive platform.

The Two Contentions.

The most important work of th agreement to maintain separate ganizations, the progressives to select their state chairman and the Roose velt republicans to name their com-mittee head. This latter arrangemen mittee head. This latter arrangement was arged by Richmond Pearson and Charles H. Cowies, of the Roosevelt republican wing while James N. Williamson, jr., Icedell Meares and others plead for a united organization, arguing that the two factions were bound together in a battle for a great cause. The other faction made it plain that while unalterably for Roosevelt. cause. The other faction made it plain that while unalterably for Roosevelt, they yet believed in the principles of the republican party and declared that though trustees of this party had betrayed these principles for the time they proposed to recover it and place the old party back where it stood before the Chicago convention. It was

Wilmington, as the no filmington, as the nominee for go rnor was made necessary by the re-mation of Zeb Vance Walser, wi the thick of the fight, but who declared frankly that he did not believ he was the man to head the progres-sive ticket. Mr. Walser pointed to the fact that he was a lifelong republican, that he had fought the consti tutional amendment and with such a record expressed the belief that he would not attract a democratic vote, where as he said he believed such a for whom we have made glasses. where as he said he believed such man as Iredell Meares would draw thousands of votes from the opposi tion party. The name of George E. Butler of Sampson, was also present ed, but his brother, ex-Senator Marion Butler, declared that it would be im possible for George to make the race The nomination of Mr. Meares was made unani nous and he accepted in a brief speech in which he voiced appreciation and pledged his best efforts in behalf of the progressive cause. Row Over Platform.

The report of the committee on vevision of platform was discussed until midnight when all deliberation terminated abruptly and with an apparent wide dissension among the former leaders, James N. Williamson, jr. who has been the progressive leader. fought any modification of the platorm adopted at the mass convention here and when, at midnight, the committee voted to insert a plank calling for the Australian ballot system he declared that he would no longer par-ticipate in the meeting. Mr. Williamon vehemently denounced the actio of "that crowd which came down here" and left the room, despite ap peals by Iredell Meares, who was h the chair, to remain. As Mr Williamson reached the door Mr. Meare again sought to restrain him, appeal ing, "My dear Mr. Williamson. have not voted to change the plat form." The recognized progressive or ganizer would not be held, however and a few minutes later the meeting abruptly adjourned.

The platform committee recom mended several changes and additions to the platform as adopted at Greensboro last week. There was lause narrowing the plank referring o local option to a simple declaration of advocacy of local self govern ment; a plank calling for the establishment of the Australian ballot sys tem; one declaring it wise and that all reference to state control of water powers be eliminated; one denouncing the tax laws now prevalent and the system of running the government by the issuance of bonds or "or the mortgage plan and a condemnation of the change in text books i the public schools" as well as a dec-

tration for confederate pensions. This report was discussed at length though all recommendations were re jected with the plank calling for the sertion of the plank calling for the Australian ballot system and one deouncing the present system of prop-

erty tax assessments. The District Elecoral Ticket. A resolution endorsing the district lectoral ticket named by the Greensboro progressive convention was pass ed with a request that the various listrict conventions give their endorsement to the nominee in the re spective districts. In the event of a tion it was agreed that the judgment of the district convention should prevall over that of the state conven-

Prior to adjournment the grand ommimttee named a committee of ive from each wing to meet at 5 in the evening and agree upon a state platform. This committee was com posed of Zeb Vance Walser, Richmond Pearson, J. J. Jenkins, Charles H. Cowles and Charles E. Greene as representatives of the Roosevelt republicans and Maj. W. A. Guthrie, S. Pearson, H. J. Falson, W. S. Rai R. A. Burch and Iredell Meares the latter ex-officio member, as rep resentatives of the progressives. Zeb Vance Walser, who was named as a

committeeman by the Roosevelt re-publicans, was later named as chair-

nan of the progressive state com While the meeting of yesterday was executive it was generally reported that Marion Butter played a conspic ious part in the deliberations, not withstanding a quiet effort was made previously to keep him on the outside was Marion Butler who brought abiut the adjournment at a time when threatened and it was at his suggeslisconsolate patriots, the colonel has tion that the question of platform left to a committee. Prior to the joint meeting Richmond Pearson and Marion Butler held a long conference. Butler was not a member of the Charotte commimttee, but it, was said he George Butler, who was a district

> committeeman. Changes in Platform.

After a prolonged session the join ommittee on platform reached an greement as to state issues the regolar platform adopted by the progresconvention here being agreed to

The platform as agreed upon by ommimttee narrows the plank referring to local self government, fav-ors the establishment of the Aus.ralian ballot system, strikes out all reference in the original platform state control of water powers; con-demns the changes in text books in the state schools; calls for Confederate pentions, denounces the tax laws now prevalent and the system of running the government by the issu-ance of bonds or "on the mortgage

Cowles Made Chairman.

At a late meeting the committee of the Roosevelt republicans agreed upon Charles H. Cowles as state chairman of the organization and empowered him to name a secretary, it is understood that the secretary will be a Wilkesboro man in order that he may keep in close touch with Mr. Cowles.

Supplemental to the resolutions adopted at Charlotte the Roosevelt republican campaign committee last night agreed upon the following reso

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greatness. "4. We are unalterably opposed to President Taft's fatuous policy of reciprocity with Canada. We condemn Mr. Taft's course on this measure which he himself has admitted form ed an "entering wedge" against th principle of protection and formed al so as we now realize the "entering wedge" which caused the deplorable breach in our party."

THE MARKETS

New York, Sept. 11.-Local mone ary conditions were the all-important factors in today's market. Call money opened at the highest rate of the preent movement and some loans at 4 % per cent were reported before noon. The list at first was inclined to move forward, but the small volume of business soon caused general recessions Some high priced specialties were again to the fore but their rise failed to excite interest elsewhere. vere ensy.

rising tendency of the stock market at the opening today, was Canadian Pacific, which declined a point. The strongest feature was Harvester, advancing over a point with material fractional gains in Amalgamated and Can issues, Union and Missouri Pa-Speculation halted after small additions had been made to the initial gains in important stocks and the

market later eased off. Cotton Steady, Lower. New York, Sept. 11 .- Cotton opened steady at a decline of 9 to 13 points under lower Liverpool cables, reports of free offerings of actual cotton in the English market and the appearance ber contracts sold at 12.22 on call and heavy buying was encountered at this gure. Prices sold up about 8 points from the lowest and the market dur ing the middle morning ruled within

to 4 points of last night's close. A bullish review of crop condition during the first week of September by a southern authority encouraged buying movement later in the fore noon and the market sold up to a ne advance of 1 to 5 points. Trading be came less active and at midday was quiet but fairly steady, with prices about net unchanged to 1 point lower Spot was quiet, middling uplands 11.65 nominal.

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