

TRIBUTE PAID
TO MEMORY OF
MR. CLEVELAND

Notable Exercises at Session
of Association of Life
Insurance Presidents

"RECORD WILL ABIDE
TEST OF TIME."

Late President Had Been
Chairman of Associa-
tion 18 Month.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Notable ex-
ercises in memory of the late Grover
Cleveland, former president of the
United States, constituted the feature
at the opening session in this city to-
day of the Association of Life Insur-
ance Presidents, of which he had
been chairman during the year and a
half between the time of its organiza-
tion and his death. The program
included addresses by President Paul
Morton of the Equitable Life Assur-
ance society, and Dr. John H. Finley,
president of the College of the City of
New York, and the reading of letters
which had been received from former
Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson and
governor Hoke Smith and Hilary A.
Herbert, members of Mr. Cleveland's
cabinet.

President Charles A. Peabody of
the Mutual Life Insurance company
acted as chairman.
Letters of tribute to the late presi-
dent by members of his cabinet were
read.
Adlai E. Stevenson, vice president
in the second administration of the
late Grover Cleveland, sent a letter
dated Bloomington, Ill., November 18,
in which, after giving expression of
his appreciation of the valuable pub-
lic services of Mr. Cleveland and of
the loss the country sustained in his
death, said in part:

Personally Acquainted.
"Closely associated with him during
his eight years of administration of
the government, I had an excellent
opportunity of knowing his worth as
a man and his keen sense of the re-
sponsibility devolving upon him as
the incumbent of the great office. His-
tory can truly say of him that he
magnified the exalted position to
which he had been called, did nothing
to detract from its dignity in the
judgment of his countrymen and of
the world.

"Able and with fidelity he met ev-
ery requirement of the most exacting
station, and the record he has left
will safely abide the sure test of
time."

The association's afternoon session
was a "Life Insurance Taxation" con-
ference. Robert Lynne Cox, general
counsel and manager of the associa-
tion, said that the first step toward
securing justice for the policyholders
should be a reduction of the amounts
charged by the high rate states, thus
bringing about uniformity.

Prof. Lester Bearman of Yale uni-
versity maintained that present meth-
ods of taxing insurance are unjust.

President John F. Dryden of the
Prudential Insurance company held
that life insurance should, in theory,
not be taxed at all; that to tax it is to
penalize thrift.

Judson Harmon, governor-elect of
Ohio, who was attorney-general in
President Cleveland's cabinet, paid a
tribute to the memory of Cleveland
in a letter, in which he said he
thought Cleveland was the "least gen-
erally known and understood of all
our presidents."

In a telegram former Governor
Francis, secretary of the interior un-
der Mr. Cleveland, spoke feelingly of
the character and services of Mr.
Cleveland.

CLARK TO SUCCEED
JOHN S. WILLIAMS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Representa-
tive Clayton, of Alabama, today an-
nounced that the democratic mem-
bers of the house of representatives
would hold a caucus tomorrow night
for the purpose of forming its organ-
ization for the coming session of con-
gress.
Mr. Clayton said that Representa-
tive Champ Clark, of Missouri, would
be elected leader of the minority party
to succeed John Sharp Williams, of
Mississippi.
"Mr. Clark will have no opposition
for the leadership," said Mr. Clayton.
Mr. Clark is the ranking member of
the house ways and means commit-
tee, and has been the most active in-
terrogator at the tariff hearings which
the committee has been holding.

VESSEL LASHED
BY GALE, SINKS
WITH 18 MEN

Wreckage on Cape Ray
Beach Reveals Fate of
Little Steamer.

SEVEREST STORM
IN RECENT YEARS.

Same Gale Drove to Pieces
10 Fishing Vessels—
17 Were Lost.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 4.—Wreck-
age which has come ashore at Cape
Ray leaves little room for doubt that
the sturdy little steamer Soo City,
which for 20 years plied as an ex-
cursion vessel on the great lakes,
went down with her crew in the midst
of the gale that lashed the New
Foundland coast for two days this
week. The steamer was in command
of Captain John G. Dillon, of Brook-
lyn. It is known that no less than 18
men were on board.

The Soo City was recently sold by
the Indiana Transportation company
to Felix Jackson, of Velasco, Texas,
and was being taken to New Orleans,
where it had been planned to put
her in service between that city and
Texas ports. She carried no passen-
gers. She was to be first overhauled
in New York.

Sailed Nov. 1.
The Soo City sailed from Michigan
City on November 1 and reached Og-
denburg, N. Y., November 11. Up to
that time the steamer was in charge
of Captain F. V. Dority, of Milwau-
kee, but at Ogdenburg the command
was turned over to Captain Dillon.

She was last reported at Quebec, No-
vember 14. On Wednesday last the
vessel was listed by the Maritime Ex-
change among the missing. The
steamer's first mate was John Casey,
of Chicago.

Today a deck cabin and fittings and
16 life preservers came ashore. These
all bore the name "Soo City." During
the day life buoys, deck boards and
other gear unquestionably belonging
to the steamer was washed in.

The storm that wrecked the Soo
City was one of the severest in recent
years. It began Tuesday night with
a northerly gale that continued for
48 hours, assuming at time the prop-
ortions of a blizzard. The same gale
caught and drove to pieces no less
than ten New Foundland fishing ves-
sels and while seven of the crews
escaped, three with a total of 17 per-
sons, perished. It is figured that the
Soo City was caught in the Gulf of
St. Lawrence when the storm was
at its height.

The Soo City was of 438 tons net,
and was built at West Bay City,
Mich., in 1888. She was valued at
\$35,000.

FEWER DESERTERS
FROM U. S. ARMY

Campaign Against Deser-
tions Meeting With Suc-
cess, says Gen. Ainsworth.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The cam-
paign of the war department against
desertions from the army is meeting
with success, according to Adj. Gen.
F. C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., who stated
in his annual report to the secretary
of war, made public today, that the
relative number of desertions was
less in 1908 than in any other fiscal
year since 1901.

The desertions during the fiscal
year 1908 were 4,505, or 4.6 per
cent of the whole number of enlisted
men in service in the army during
that year. Every branch of the ser-
vice showed a decrease in the number
of desertions during the year, with
the single exception of the hospital
corps, where there was a slight in-
crease.

The report says that the Fourteenth
cavalry had the largest relative num-
ber of desertions of any organization
in the service.

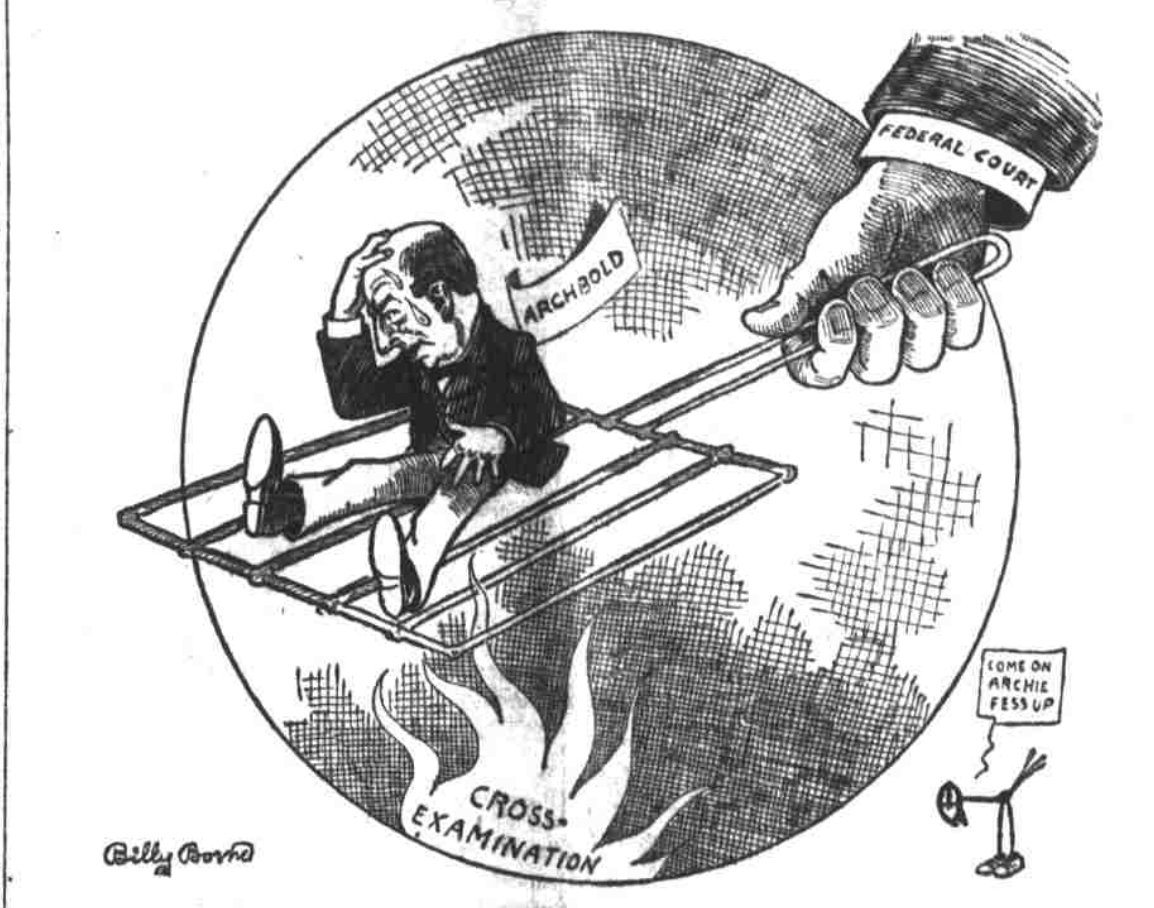
General Ainsworth points out the
significant fact that of the white troops
4.54 per cent were reported as des-
erters, while only .57 per cent of the
colored men in the service deserted.
General Ainsworth says that the cer-
tainty of punishment after apprehen-
sion has operated to reduce the num-
ber of desertions.

Director North, of the census bu-
reau, who notified Chairman Payne
that he would gladly appear to test-
ify under oath regarding his connec-
tion with tariff legislation, was in-
vited to appear before the commit-
tee today or tomorrow. He replied
that he would rather appear when
the committee shall have secured au-
thority to administer oath.

SAVANNAH FOR
COL. ANDERSON.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Col. Geo.
A. Anderson, coast artillery corps act-
ing inspector general, has been order-
ed to assume command of the military
district of Savannah, Ga. He will go
to Fort Scriven immediately upon be-
ing relieved from duty in the depart-
ment of California.

Making it Hot For Him



PLEAD GUILTY
TO REBATING

C. & O. Railroad Fined \$9,-
000 and Johnson Company
Fined \$4,500.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—By
agreement of counsel the Chesapeake
& Ohio railroad and W. R. Johnson
& Co. pleaded guilty to rebating be-
fore Judge Waddill late today and
were fined by the court, the Ches-
apeake & Ohio \$9,000 and Johnson
\$4,500.

The railway was fine \$1,000 each on
nine counts and Johnson was fined
\$1,500 on the first and \$1,000 each
on three other counts.

In view of this voluntary proceed-
ing, other counts in the indictments
were nolle prossed on motion of Judge
L. L. Lewis, United States district at-
torney, and John H. Marble, counsel
for the interstate commerce com-
mission. Counsel stated to the court
that their principals knew nothing of
the violation as alleged, but that the law
was so broad they thought conviction
was certain on the indiscretion of
their agents and H. O. Gates, and
therefore adopted this course.

This action follows the verdict of
the jury in the same court yesterday,
finding A. P. Gilbert, assistant gen-
eral freight agent, not guilty. Gil-
bert had been on trial for ten days.
H. O. Gates, clerk for Johnson & Co.,
grain dealers, having secured im-
munity from prosecution by turning
state's evidence, his statements in
reference to Gilbert being denied and
the jury taking only six minutes to
reach a verdict of not guilty in Gil-
bert's case.

TARIFF MATTERS
ARE CONSIDERED

C. L. Feltman Urges Free
Trade in Barley—Miscel-
laneous Items

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The vari-
ous sections of the tariff and miscel-
laneous matters were considered by
the house ways and means committee
today. Charles L. Feltman, repre-
senting the Buffalo Malsters' Asso-
ciation, appeared before the commit-
tee to urge free trade in barley.
"You would be lucky if we compre-
hended and gave you a duty of 10
cents per bushel, instead of free im-
port," said Chairman Payne, "that
would give the government good re-
venue."

Frank S. Henry, of Buffalo, asked
that the provision for the drawback
on wheat and flour be extended.
Myer C. Goldman, of New York, de-
sired that the theatrical scenery be
specifically mentioned in the tariff
law.

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DUTCH VESSELS
MENACE COAST
OF VENEZUELA

Naval Demonstration Indi-
cates Preparations for
Blockade.

GUNS ASHORE
COVER WARSHIP.

Reported That Battleship
De Rivier Left Hol-
land for Willemstad.

(By Associated Press.)
WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 4.—Having
been unable to obtain an amicable
settlement of outstanding differences
with Venezuela, the Netherlands gov-
ernment has begun a naval demon-
stration off the coast of the South
American Republic, and since Wed-
nesday vessels flying the Dutch flag
have steamed along the coast from
Puerto Cabello to LaGuaira, at a dis-
tance of 3,000 yards from the shore.

The battleship De Rivier, the Heem-
skerck and the cruisers Gelderland
and Friesland are engaged in the
operation, which it is said will con-
tinue indefinitely. The Jacob Van-
Heemskerck arrived here this morn-
ing bringing the above news.

Two cruisers had proceeded to
Maracaibo, it was stated, though the
officers observed secrecy concerning
the movements of the vessels. The
Heemskerck will relieve the Gelder-
land at Maracaibo Monday.

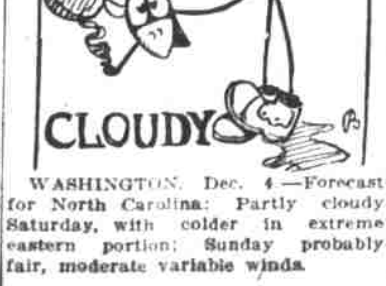
With steam up in all her boilers
the Heemskerck arrived off LaGuaira
Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. As
soon as the battleship was sighted
all the lights in the city were ex-
tinguished. From the deck of the
ship could be seen the guns ashore
pointed toward the battleship, which
was kept ready for action. The
Heemskerck remained but one day off
LaGuaira and yesterday proceeded
up the coast and passed between the
shore and the small sandy islands in
the bay of Puerto Cabello, off the
city of Puerto Cabello.

The demonstration is regarded as
indicating that the preparations for
an effective blockade of the Venezue-
lan coast are complete.

It is reported here that the Hol-
land battleship DuRoi left Holland
yesterday for this port.

BUILDINGS FALL
BEFORE FLOOD

(By Associated Press.)
PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 4.—Seven
frame buildings and a two-story
business building, was the toll ex-
acted today by the encroaching wa-
ters of the southern Arkansas river.
Tonight the water is slowly rising and
the water is gradually undermining
another dyke west which will prob-
ably crumble before tomorrow.



REBEL ARMY IS
AT CITY'S GATES

General Simon Will Enter
Port-Au-Prince Today In
Triumph.

(By Associated Press.)
PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 4.—Gen-
eral Simon with his army is at the
gates of Port Au Prince, only await-
ing the morrow to enter the capital
triumphantly at the head of his 6,000
men. Had it not been that today was
Friday—a day that to superstitious
Haytiens is one of ill-omen—the five-
teen miles separating them from the
capital would have proved no obsta-
cle, and tonight the victorious revolu-
tionists would have been within the
city.

The delegation sent out from Port
Au Prince yesterday met General
Simon at the cross roads where re-
cently the government troops were
entrenched, where he is lodged in a
villa built by ex-President Hippolyte.
The general assured the delegates his
men would make a peaceful entry
into Port Au Prince.

Among the lower classes General
Simon is very popular. The better
classes would have preferred a man
more refined than he for the presi-
dency. They are resigned, however,
to accepting General Simon.

General Leconte, former minister
of the interior, will embark at St.
Thomas, D. W. L., on a French mail
steamer tomorrow and proceed to
Cape Haytien, where he will land
Sunday. General Firmin is on board
the steamer Virginia, bound from St.
Thomas to Port Au Prince, by way
of Kingston. General Jules Coleou,
military chief of Port Au Prince, to-
day took refuge in a seminary.

Threatening groups stood in front
of the building, but soon were disper-
sed. The city of Port Au Prince is
tranquil.

NEGRO IS KILLED
BY LESTER WATSON

County Scoured for Alleged
Murderer of Frank May-
hues at Fletcher.

A long distance phone message from
Hendersonville at 1 o'clock this morn-
ing announced that Lester Watson
had killed Frank Mayhues, colored,
near Fletcher last night.

Nothing could be learned of the cir-
cumstances leading to the killing,
Fletcher having no night telephone
or telegraph service.

It was understood by the police that
Watson is still at large and there is
possibility that he is heading toward
Asheville. Immediately after send-
ing the message, Deputy Sheriff Con-
nor, of Henderson county, left for the
scene.

A member of the police force said
this morning that he had known Wat-
son in his youth, though he had not
seen or heard of him in several years,
and thinks he is now a prosperous
farmer living about four miles from
Fletcher. Watson is about thirty
years old. He thought the negro was
a laborer at a brick mill at Fletch-
er.

PROSECUTION ENDS
IN DAVIS CASE.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.—The pro-
secution finished its case today in the
trial of Charles Davis, charged with
the murder of Frederick W. Rustin
and the defense began its testimony
in Judge Sears branch of criminal
court.
Mrs. Rice took up most of the fore-
noon with her story of how Dr. Rustin
told her of the plan to have Davis
kill him under promise that the phy-
sician would furnish Davis with a
deadly poison with which to take his
own life.

UNITED CHURCH
FAVORS LABOR
ORGANIZATION

Necessary in Protecting
Working Men Against
Capital.

"SOCIALISM IS
LEADING CHURCH"

Has Lead in Taking up
Fight for Labor, Says
Rev. Steltzer.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—A clear
conception of what the Federal Coun-
cil of the Churches of Christ in
America hope to accomplish through
church unity was conveyed through
the actions of the body in session
here today in adopting resolutions
placing itself on record as favoring
active work in the interest of the la-
boring man and organized labor and
also urging a better distribution of
churches and the home missionary
workers.

Rev. Charles Steltzer of New York,
superintendent of the department of
church and labor of the Presbyterian
church, declared that the relation of
the laboring man to the church was
one that dared not be ignored. He
said that topics must be introduced to
interest the workingman in the church
and keep him away from socialism.
He declared that socialism had taken
the lead from the churches in taking
up the fight for advancement in be-
half of labor, and placed himself on
record as favoring organized labor.
No matter what the evils of the labor
organizations, he said, they were
necessary in protecting the working
men against organized capital.

Shame of Child Labor.
Rev. A. J. McKelvey of New Or-
leans, secretary for the southern states
of the National Child Labor com-
mission, declared that the greatest shame
of the country was child labor, and
that the greatest shame of the church
was its disregard of this industrial and
social problem.

The resolution of the committee on
"The Church and Modern Industry"
was adopted, recommending the aboli-
tion of child labor; the regulation of
the work of women so as to protect
the physical and moral health of com-
munities; the suppression of the
"sweating system"; the protection of
the worker from dangerous machin-
ery; a reasonable reduction of the
hours of labor to the lowest practi-
cable point; a living wage as a mini-
mum in every industry, and for the
highest wage that each industry can
afford.

MINING CONGRESS
ON ARBITRATION

T. L. Lewis Takes Stand
That Third Party Should
Not be Utilized

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 4.—Arbi-
tration was the theme at tonight's
session of the American Mining con-
gress.

President T. L. Lewis, of the Uni-
ted Mine Workers of America, made
the opening address, taking the stand
that arbitration in which a third
party or outsider had to be utilized
was unsatisfactory and failed to
bring about permanent settlement,
but that arbitration in which em-
ployer and employe act together and
between themselves adjust their dif-
ferences, did more for the betterment
of the mining industry than any other
agency.

A letter on arbitration from Judge
George Gray, of Delaware, was one
of the interesting features of to-
night's session.

Carroll D. Wright, president of
Clark college, Worcester, Mass.,
former United States commissioner
of labor, prepared an address to be
delivered tonight, but was unable to
be present. His address was read,
however.

GRAND LARCENY CHARGE.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Gov-
ernor Gillett today authorized the
extradition of Homer Haslan, wanted
in North Carolina on a charge of
grand larceny.

CONGRESS TO INTERPRET THE
RESOURCES OF SOUTH IS READY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—G. Gros-
venor Daw, chairman of the commit-
tee on arrangements of the Southern
Commercial congress, December 7-8,
arrived in Washington today. He
said:
"This congress, to interpret the re-
sources of the south, is shaping up
finely. The display of maps and dia-
grams of special southern features will
cover many hundreds of square feet.
"Indications by telegraph are that
the attendance from southern states
will run over 2,000. The congress
merges with the National Rivers and
Harbors congress on the 9th.
"President Roosevelt and Presi-
dent-elect Taft will address the mem-
bers of the congress at the conserva-
tion mass meeting Tuesday after-
noon."

ELIHU ROOT IS
NOW CERTAIN OF
SENATORSHIP

Withdrawal of Woodruff
Leaves no Doubt in
Root Camp.

AMBITION IS HIS
STAR OF ATTRACTION

At One Time Root Heard the
Siren Call of the
Presidency.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Wherever
a New Yorker is met with in Wash-
ington he places himself in an atti-
tude to receive congratulations upon
what now appears the certainty that
Elihu Root will be elected to the
United States senate to succeed Thom-
as C. Platt. For quite a number of
years now New Yorkers have taken
no part in conversations that had to
do with the merits and abilities of
United States senators. They have
displayed little evidences of enthu-
siasm over the men the Empire state
has sent to represent it in the "great-
est deliberative body on earth."

But they are proud of Root as
well they may be, even though they
may not have learned to love him.
The austere secretary of state is a
figure to be admired, though his per-
sonality is not one to inspire devo-
tion. By those whose unwilling ad-
miration he has compelled, Mr. Root
has been described as a "congenial
intellect" and in other frigid forms,
but these terms of endearment are
not wholly deserved. Many a man
earns the reputation of being cold
and distant whose heart beats just
as warm and true as that of his more
falsible brother.

Fairbanks has for years been termed
the "bummer" of the senate, but the
writer recalls that the night Mark
Hanna died he saw Fairbanks sit in a cor-
ridor of the Arlington hotel and sob
like a woman bereaved.

President-elect Taft has announced
that he had hoped to retain Mr. Root
in his cabinet as secretary of state.
There is not a member of the senate
who would not gladly accept the
presidential nomination.

Then, it is often asked, does Root prefer
to exchange the state portfolio for a
senate seat? The writer has not been
taken into the confidence of the sec-
retary of state, but he feels justified
in guessing that the thing which
brought Mr. Root back into the cabi-
net is now taking him to the senate.
That thing is ambition.

Elihu Root wants to be president
of the United States. He has for-
tune, and he has had every honor
public life in America could give
him short of the presidency. Service
in the senate can add nothing to
his distinction, but service of his
right sort in the senate might well
add to his public prestige and his
popularity.

Lure of Presidency.
It is no secret that it was the lure
of the presidency that brought Root
back to the cabinet after he had re-
signed the secretaryship of war to
return to his law practice. President
Roosevelt held out the hope that this
year's nomination might go to the
brilliant New Yorker, and it was
known at the time that he was
Roosevelt's first choice for the suc-
cession.

The turn of the political wheel
finally convinced Mr. Roosevelt, and
it did Mr. Root, that while Root
might secure the republican nomi-
nation, he would be in danger of defeat
at the polls. Because he had been
at the head of the New York bar
and closely identified with the great
financial interests centered at the
metropolis, Root would have had to
make his campaign under a cloud of
suspicion, and this was not a year
in which a candidate suspected of sus-
taining close relations with the
financiers could have been elected.

Root's services at the head of the
state department had been a failure,
therefore, so far as advancing his
presidential ambitions. He had won
renown in the field of world
diplomacy, won the right to be rank-
ed among the very greatest of Ameri-
can secretaries of state, but the
limelight does not often penetrate
to the seclusion of the state depart-
ment.

It became clear to Mr. Root that
to win popular leadership he must
seek other lines of activity. The senate
offered the most inviting field to
a man of his tastes and abilities. It
is true that for some years the sen-
ate itself and the men who rule that
body have not been high in popular
esteem. But the fault lies with the
senators, not with the senate as a
forum. To a man with the com-
manding ability and exalted prestige
of Elihu Root, the United States sen-
ate offers the most promising field
for activity.

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