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THE LATE PRESIDENT McKINLEY. The news of the death of the late ture issued by Mr. Simmons, the President McKinley shocked and democratic state chairman, that such grieved the whole American people pledges were made, we showed that with a depth and unanimity of feel- the democratic press of the state ing never before experienced. The generally made such pledges editordeath of the President of the United ially on behalf of the party and at people, and when that President was state executive committee and press McKinley was the shock was necest lars that made such pledges, and we that. sarily that of deep and genuine grief. further showed that the democratic

But the death of such a President speakers sent out by the democratic by the hand of a dastardly assassin state executive committee from adds intense indignation to every mountain to sea read chairman Simother feeling. We might say that mon's circular and the democratic there is a feeling of alarm also at it handbook and endorsed the pledges because the assassin could have had which they contained. We further no more cause to have shot down showed that not a single democratic President McKinley than he would paper in the state questioned the have to have struck down William pledge, but either endorsed them J. Bryan, if he had been President. positively or by remaining silent. Therefore the motive behind the assassin must be one against govern- Observer admits and yet it claimment and law and order and not that this does not commit the party. witness was seeking news as a reagainst the man or on account of his The Charlotte Observer admits that porter, Mr. Spon to remarks made conduct of the great office that he chairman Simmons was committed while he and the Admiral were held. The assassination of Presi-by his pledge and that the demodent McKinley could never have oc-|cratic state committee was commitcurred from the hand of an Ameri- ted by this pledge and that all the can citizen to the manor born; it was newspapers and speakers that made from the hands of a hater of all pledges were committed by their government. A poisonous viper pledges, yet it hedges and pretends bred and nurtured in the miserable to claim that the party organization conditions that exist in the old was not pledged simply because this world, where the people know noth pledge which was the issue in the ing of selfgovernment. They strike campaign was not embodied in the at the ruler because they are against state platform. The Charlotte Oball government. These anarchists server therefore admits that all those ly any respect for our form of gov- pledges, but did not the men who ernment and it seems that one of made these pledges control the their chief desires is to strike down organization of the party? Did they one of authority as they would a not dominate this convention and despot on the throne.

It was not a strike therefore at the issue of which the party actually Mr. McKinley but a strike at the appealed to the people for votes? did government of this country, and it Lot overshadow any and everytherefore a strike at every citizen, thing else in the platform? for the citizens are the government. Therefore it behooves the legislative submit to the people of the state power of this country to take steps upon the confessions of the Charlotte to keep such characters from our Observer, whether or not these shores. This is the protection, and pledges, which it admits were made, the only protection that our Presi- should not have been observed by dent's and public officers need, and the party. Every vote that the besides it is the protection above all party gained in that campaign was others that our government needs. gained on this pledge and thousands

The people of this country today upon thousands of votes which the mourn for the late President Mc. party would otherwise have lost Kinley with a genuine sorrow be were secured by this pledge, and yet cause he had won the admiration the Charlotte Observer attempts to and confidence of the people and his justify these men whom it admits Sampson and Admiral Schley and popularity has grown upon this are guilty as well as the whole party country since he became President for breaking such a pledge. We are as no other President's has grown.

it most difficult to fill his place in tempt to justify such bad faith. It absent temporarily from the two years he suffered intensely. ing agents, others for local work lookthe hearts of the people and to is a lower plane than that paper has measure up to the standard of Presi- ever before admitted that it stood dent McKinley as a safe and wise on.

THE SCHLEY COURT OF INQUIRY. Probably the most important naval trial or rather investigation in sworn in as President of the United the history of our government is States at Buffalo, N. Y., on last now in progress in Washington. It Saturday. He comes to the presiis the Court of Inquiry assembled to dency not only following one of the investigate the charges made by the greatest tragedies in the history of enemies of Admiral Schley about the the country but he succeeds a man Santiago naval victory.

It will he remembered that Admiral Schley himself demanded this court of inquiry to investigate the McKinley where he left it off and many false and dangerous charges finishing the solvening of some that the clique in the navy department and others had made against him for the purpose of trying to rob the glory of that great victory from the great office under more trying the true hero and give it to Admiral Sampson, a man who was not at the battle.

The terrible calamity which has befallen the nation has for a time overshadowed this great court of inquiry and for a time has put it in the background; but notwithstanding this the people of America are probably more interested in the outcome of it than in anything else, after the last sad news about the late President shall have been received and passed upon.

Of course the navy department had the appointment of the court of inquiry, and upon it placed as one of its members Admiral Howison. Admiral Schley at once challenged the competency of Admiral Howison to sit as a member of said court, on the grounds that he had in public interviews criticised Admiral Schley in an unfriendly way and said that Admiral Sampson was entitled to all the glory of the Santiago victory. In spite of these charges by Admiral Schley, which he clearly proved, Admiral Howison insisted upon sitting upon the court, but the other members of the court headed by Admiral Dewey, be it said to their credit, decided that Admiral Howison was not the proper man to sit upon the court.

This is the first victory in this marked degree, and he has apparentinvestigation and it is for Admiral ly more selfwill and ne is very ag-Schley and it will not be the last. | gressive and is considered by some

WHAT CONSTITUTES A PARTY hotheaded and rash, but those who PLEDGE. We are surprised that the Char- York will remember that while he lotte Observer continues to insist was Governor he was not under the that the democratic party did not influence of any boss, yet he was wise

All these things the Charlotte

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

We notice that some are disposed

to question and doubt his ability to

the man we believe that he will

such fears. He is a man of great

native ability of wide culture and

naracter. These are preeminently

the great and chief charactistics of

the man who should be the chief

executive office of our country. It

is true that he is yet young, indeed

the youngest man who has ever be-

he has in his short life had much

civil service commissioner, as chair-

man of the police commission of

New York City, as assistant secre-

tary of the navy, as leader of the

Rough Riders at San Juan Hill and

lastly as Governor of the great state

of New York, he has shown to the

country that he was not only able to

meet every situation successfully

but that he was progressive and

It is true, that as far as the public

knows, he falls short of having the

great faculty of diplomacy which

President McKinley possessed in a

experience in public affairs.

circumstances.

pledge the people that it was not enough to always heed and seek adtheir purpose to attempt to disfran- vice of all who were capable of givchise any voter if it should be put ing advice before he would act. in power. The CAUCASIAN at some The greatest duties and responsibililength published the facts to show ties that now devolve upon him will in what ways and how completely no doubt have the sobering effect the party was pledged. We showed that will cause him to be even more It by extracts from the democratic wise and deliberate before acting. handbook that such a pledge was In short we predict that Roosevelt made, we showed by extracts from will be one of America's great Presiefficial circulars and campaign litera- dents.

The pronounciation of the name of the man Czolgosz, who shot President McKinley, has been a problem to the English speaking people. The Chicago Dispatch says States by natural causes would be a the request of the state committee. a Russian detective in that city who shock at any time to the American We showed that the democratic is familiar with the Polish language says it should be pronounced aumired and respected as President published chairman Simmon's circu- "Shollgosh." Well, let it go at

read his record as Governor of New

COURT OF INQUIRY.

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port of this challenge, namely, Francis S. Frost, William E. Spon, and Foster Nichells. They gave very positive testimony as to expression they had heard Admiral Howison make favorable to Admirs! Sampson and unfavorable to Admiral Schley. Mr. Frost testified to a statement Admiral Howison had made to him at Boston while the journeying back to this country from Europe on a trans-Atlantic steamer and Mr. Nicholls' conversation occurred during a business cal at Admiral Howison's private resitence in Yonkers, N. Y.

On concluding this testimony, the juestion arose whether Admiral Howison would join issue with the statements made by the witnesses, would rest upon his privilege to withhold any answer until he chose to submit.

The Admiral met the issue by turning at once to Amiral Dewey come to our shores without apparent- parties and individuals broke their and announcing that he would make written rejoinder to the statemer t of the three witnesses. This rejoinder he prepared very speedily. While conceding the accuacy of some points in the evidence it threw considerable was not the pledges made by them doubt on other points and disclaimed any recollection of the talks said to have taken place on the Trans-Atlantic steamer. It was not sufficient, however, to counteract the very direct testimony given by the But let all this be as it may, we three witnesses and moreover, the Admiral himself, in concluding his statement, indicated plainly that he had no desire to remain on the court and was there simply in obedience to orders. He even appealed to his associates on the court to decide all doubtful questions as to his digibility in favor of Admiral Schley.

The Challenge Sustained. Before submitting the challenge to the determination of the court Mr. Rayner cross-examined Admiral Howison very minutely as to his personal sentiments toward Admiral developed that Admiral Howison had expressed certain defined convictions as to Admiral Sampson's somewhat astonished that the editor retention of authority and re-His successor will therefore find of the Charlotte Observer should at- sponsibility, even while he was fleet at Santiago. The challenge Then the best doctors urged ampu- ing after our interests. \$900 salary then was submitted to the court, tation, "but," he writes, "I used one guaranteed yearly; extra commissions which under the circumstances was bottle of Electric Bitters and 11 narrowed to Admiral Dewey and boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve Rear Admiral Benham, to pass up. and my leg was sound and well as earnest man or woman to secure pleas-on. After hardly more than fifteen ever." For Eraptions, Ecz ma and future. New, brilliant lines. Write minutes spent in retirement to the Vice President Roosevelt was consultation room Admiral Dewey briefly announced that the court guarantee satisfaction or refund sustained the challenge, and that money. Only 50 cents Admiral Howison would be ex-

cused from further attendance. The decision came so quickly and THOUSANDS SENTINTO EXILE unexpectedly that it sent a flutter of agitation throughout the court room. poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged who had unusually endeared himment, and Admiral Schley exchang-ed looks of estisfection with his is costly and not always sure. Don't self with the American people and ed looks of satisfaction with his be an exile when Dr. King's New also to take up the work of President counsel. Admiral Dewey then at Discovery for Consumption will once closed the proceedings of the cure you at home. It's the most inday by announcing that the court fallible medicine for coughs, colds, mighty problems. Therefore Presi- would adjourn indefinitely until the and all throat and lung diseases on dent Roosevelt could hardly have Navy Department had named an earth. The first dose brings relief. an officer to succeed Admiral Howi- Astounding cures result from perassumed the tremendous duties of

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