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SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18.

RECORD VS. RECORD.

Governor Kitchin, in his opening further drain upon the state, proposed address, devotes his time largely to in the Sherwood pension steal? How an attack upon the record in United States senate made by Senator Simmons. As yet we have had time to glance at the A cursory address only hurriedly. persual, however, shows that almost

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his sole attention is given to Senator Simmons

the The governor throws down gauntlet, in other words, and commences what will be a swift and fur ious struggle between brainy men.

As we have said, the day is young and it will pay readers to wait be fore making up their minds. Mr. Sim, mons is to have a say, and Judge Clark and ex-Governor Aycock have not spoken as vet.

The chances are that Senator Simmons will "come back" in the manner attacked, and he will no doubt find a rich field from which to pick his theme.

A BLARING INJUSTICE. North Carolina paid last year to the government over \$7,500,000 in revenue, and received less than \$2,000, 000. This \$2,000,000 represented the expense of maintaining federal offices, amount spent on rivers and harbors, etc. To be exact we quote the follow-1530 ing special sent out by a Washington correspondent, and appearing in The News and Observer:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15 .- North Carolina paid the federal government for the fiscal year 1911 in excess of 3.00 the amount of revenue received by the state from the federal government, \$5,962,876.60. The total receipts from the state, derived from internal revenue, corporation tax and

miscellaneous was \$7.31.977. "Disbursements made by the nation-

al government to the state for public buildings, customs, internal revenue, life-saving service, public health and marine hospital service, essay office at Charlotte and rivers and harbors amounted to only \$1,354,100.58.

"The above information was furnished by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Bailey at the request Senator Overman, who wanted know just how the balance sheet between the state and federal government stands. The result shows that the state is burdened with appropria tions from the federal government.

Is it any wonder that taxpayers

(BY SIDNEY ESPEY.) .. .. (nation who was not a declared asplrant for the honor. Washington, Feb. 17-By the col-Should Roosevelt come out strongly lapse of the LaFollette presidential in his own behalf even now, however, he would be in a position to comboom, Republics have become sumplimand an enormous strength in some fied. The complications brought sections. This is particularly true of

Collapse of The LaFollette

Presidential Boom Simplifies

Republican Party Politics

obaut by three insurgent candidates Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Ohio is are removed and the fight for the nomination has narrowed down to cept Roosevelt. The colonel could, Taft and Roosevelt.

It is true that Senator Cummins, of delegation if he made the effort. He lowa, is still a nominal candidate but cannot get more than a few scattered he has not figured importantly except one state delegation against the Pre- campaign.

sident. That is all Cummins went in-The same conditions prevail in Into the race for and, unless something diana. A number of legal districts unexpected happens, that is all he in that state have declared in favor

will accomplish, politicians now be of the president, but there has been As long, however, as Senator La- timent. This is said to be very great-

Follette was an active and aggressive ly divided between the president and candidate, he divided the progressive his predecessor. element of the party and divided it In Illinois there is perhaps the

badly. His insistence upon the sup- most mixed situation to be found port of his followers is said to have throughout the West. Local dissenlargely influenced Colonel Roosevelt tions in the party have arrayed prac to remain but a passive aspirant for tically every important leader against

every other and in such a state of the nomination The lines are now more closely affairs, Taft and Roosevelt would be however. The LaFollette able to divide the delegation. There drawn. people will undoubtedly go over to would, of course, be an unequal di-Roosevelt, if he will permit it, and vision, but it is doubtful if any hat means a desperate fight upon prophet could foretell which candihe President. He means union of date could control a majority of the forces and it not means, if the Col- delegation.

It is also possible still, onel finally comes out activel yfor most polithe nomination, that the Raft forces ticians admit, for Taft and Roosevelt will have to face an enemy forthy of to divide the Southern delegation. Many republican leaders in the South

The only hitch in the situation is are candidly in favor of Roosevelt. the uncertain attitude of Roosevelt Cecil Lyon, of Texas, national comhimself. His admirers await only the mitteeman from that state, is a shinword from him to begin organization ing example. He has told friends that in a dozen states. They are eager to he can deliver the Texas delegation fight and are willing to promise re- to Roosevelt if the colonel only will indicate that he wants it.

hey have gone over to Roosevelt, is a statement from Roosevelt that

When LaFollette finally decided) The fight in the East would be that his race was a hopeless one, and more uncertain. The Roosevelt oppothat his health would permit of no sition in New York and New England more campaigning, his supporters lost is powerful and only a powerful force | Taft and Roosevelt.

the Chicago convention a

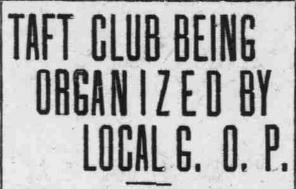
he is an active candidate counled

Every day, however, that he lets

this is, of course, known to the for-

no time in rallying to the standard could take it away from Taft. Pennof the former President. This was sylvania will be delivered to the particularly true of the individuals president if Senator Penrose, the and whining who had generously financed the La- state leader, can manage it, and he when laws are being violated. He Follette candidacy. His Washington has usually managed small matters forces, who claim they are in the wastes very little time talking about headquarters were supported by less of that kind without apparent diffi- majority in Charlotte and this vicinihow difficult it is to get evidence, than a dozen men of wealth and they culty. etc. This dispatch, s self-explanatory,

to be a posibility. Now



Washington, Feb. 17 .-- Is Roosevelt The organization of a Taft Club is to become an American Caesar? in process of formation among Charlotte republicans and they are align-

cal.

ing themselves into two camps. The movement is understood to have been for Taft against every candidate exlaunched a few nights ago when Mr. Warren Vines Hall entertained a numwithout question, divide the Ohio ber of prominent republican friends at dinner at his home in Piedmont

Park in honor of Congressman John delegates, on the other hand, unless M. Morehead, who is himself a warm as a facorite son who expects to hold he does take an active part in the admired and supported of President Taft. Since that time the propaganda has

gone on quietly but very steadily. A convocation of the Taft. followers

was also held on Thursday night at the law office of Mr. D. B. Paul in no demonstration of the popular senthe Carson building on South Tryon

thrice presented him a kingly street. Mr. Paul and others when crown, asked about the nature of the meeting Which he did thrice refuse." were non-committal and would neith-

er affirm nor deny that an organiza And then the political expert point-

tion was being planned. ed out that Caesar, in spite the on the stand Roosevelt takes. A del-The local G. O. P.'s are divided be thrice repeated refusal of an actual inite statement from him is being ween Taft and Roosevelt, it is said. awaited anxiously. The people of the with no third choice, unless it be a crown, managed to whip the annual country are not satisfied with reading few for Senator LaFollette. The elections for the leadership of the weakening of the LaFollette following Roman republic into such shape that the pledges he made against third here seemed to precede the warning they became idle forms, and noth- termism in 1904 and again in 1907. of the Wisconsin senator's boom over ing more than endorsements of Cae- They want something new, and all the country at large and with one or sar.

two exceptions his adherents have Now lots of folks see just such a gone over to the Roosevelt or Taft possibility as the fruits of a third hand or through letters to friends, camp. The organizing of a Taft club term for Theodore Roosevelt. Repre- which may or may not be regarded here and the sharp drawing of the sentative S. W. McCall is one of as final utterances, that Roosevel lines between the Roosevelt and Taft them. He was to deliver a spech from has no personal ambitions, but is forces is in keeping with the doings the floor of the House upon Represen- strong in the faith that if his counof the republicans in other cities of tative Slayden's resolution in con- try calls him, he must answer.

the state. Taft and Roosevelt clubs having been organized in several cities already. The same thing has happened with remarkable frequency in many cities in Southern States in the last few weeks, showing, according to the prevalent opinion among Charlotte republicans, that there are only two names now thought of for republican presidential nominee-

The Taft followers are confident that he will be nominated and elected by an even bigger majority than he received before, while the Roosevelt

tional convention is called.

forces, relative to the selection

about Russian action in Mongolia as

having any bearing whatever on Tibet

of British India. Moreover Russian

these provinces, nominally Chinese,

A much simpler and more honest

policy is to keep in touch with China

ism

China.

Distresses Political Leaders try than Roosevelt, a third term (BY JOHNATHAN WINFIELD.) president. There is no question that the prob

able course of the militant colonel No question in the political world is giving everybody-republicans and democrats alike-considerable worry today is vexing the minds of memnor is the situation regarding him bers of both of the big parties or looked upon entirely impersonally by muddling the prognostications of the hep rogressives. political seers as much as this one.

Possibility That Roosevelt May

Become An American Caesar

The whole proposition may finally narrow down to a fight between One of the political lights around Roosevelt and laft in the republy. Washington a few days ago recalled can party for the nomination. LaFolthat once upon a time Caesar was lette's boom is more or less regardambitious. He cited no less authority ed as having "shot its wad," with lit. tle or no effect, and now the bristling than Shakespeare, who chronicled pompadour of the progressive sena-Brutus' words:

tor is pointed toward the Mediterra. nean sea, where he will stop for six You all did see that on the Luperweeks recuperating.

When he left af ew days ago, he declared that he will be back in the game before the campaign of 1912 is

well afoot, but folks are not worry. ing much about him just now. A great deal is going to depend

that they have been able to get se lar are statements given out second

demnation of thrid termism. He did There are some who say Roose not make it that day, but took ad- velt is straddling two horses as far vantage of general debate on the as thep ublic knows. His political army bill the next day to deliver it. | confidants may be aware of what the And right here is the time to men- doughty lion hunter intends to do. tion some facts concerning Slayden's but as far as thec ountry at large is resolution, which shows just how concerned, one of Mr. Roosevelts careful the democrats believe they've legs is over the sadule of his magagot to be in handling anything which zine, while the other is hunting the is even a remote forty-fourth cousin stirrup of the presidential palfrey, People who are willing to be callof the Roosevelt boom for the repub-

ed "calamity howlers" because they lican nomination The Slayden resolution was called have faith in their opinions, are now up on the floor of the house Febru- openly admitting that such a thing ary 5. Representative McCall, who by as an assumption of power by one the way is a republican, announced man is not impossible under the ty, are equally sure that the magic that he would make a speech. All the present form of government in this remained loyal to him as long os he All that seems necessary to give name of Teddy will cause a landslide Democrats were laying back in their country, and they declare that there hairs and figuring how they would is only one safe and the republican na support the Slayden bill and vote that outlined by Washington and up for it, when some member made a held by Jefferson, Munroe and man In connection with the plan of or ganizing a Taft club here, it is said point of no quorum. While the noses others.

this state are up in arms against the the any southern representative in con gress could vote for a bill, contrived by scheming northern politicians governor's which will rob his section annually of millions without offering anything in

> return, we fail to see. Already the state has paid many millions more to the federal govern ment than it has received. And yet it is extremely difficult to get appropriations for needed public buildings, for sults

waterway improvements, etc. A FEARLESS JUDGE. Out in Oklahoma there is one public official at least who does not be lieve in whimpering

any type of political combat

The governor, too, has a record which is open to criticism

His fuss and furor over the "trusts" in his pre-election campaign. when compared with his tranquil afterelection record will do doubt give the senator a great opportunity to return then named John Overstreet, county his fire.

The governor, it will be remembered, proposed to do all but blot the trusts from the face of the globe! He intended especially to devote his the proprietors placed under arrest energies to an iconoclastic inquisition and their employes placed under bond as witnesses. upon those twin demons of monopoly, the American Tobacco Company and drug stores, barber shops and pool the Southern Railway. From last re- halls ports both of these "infant industries"

were still doing business at the same old stand, and despite the blight cast by guberntaorial disapproval, were

managing to make enough to keep the wolf from the door.

The governor has not "busted" any nobody in that city is subject to cold great number of trusts during his make Charlotte grow. reign. In fact, we believe we might sount on our fingers the octopuses he has set a limping. His administra- and goes right ahead in all tion has been as quiet as a May mornweather .- Wilmington Star. ing. The state has flourished during his ministry, that is true, but it

would have flourished any way. It has acquired the flourishing habit. No, the governor has nothing on ty is sufficient to thaw its way to the senator, and his verbal assault the coldest heart. strikes many of us as another in

stance of the pot calling the kettle black. We deplore a campaign which com-

mences with this sort of attack. Why is it necessary to erect a mountain of sensation out of figaments of the imagination during a campaign? Why must a candidate build up some "paramount issue", which he has no Idea of remembering after election? "Why can not a candidate stand on his merit, go about his business and abide the result of election?

The democracy of both Messrs Kitchin and Simmons is sound and true, and no amount of misrepresentation will be sufficient to delude the public.

If Governor Kitchin gets more than he expected of the same sort of Mr. Davis and the anti-saloon league thing, he can blame none but himself, are endeavoring to assist and encourfor he has commenced the campaign age the officers in making arrests with personal astack.

## THE SENATOR'S RECORD.

Governor Kitchin's "opening" address is devoted largely to criticism of the democracy and the record of United States Senator Simmons. As news, we are today offering the governor's message in its entirety.

and it tells a story which should carry weight

by Judge Allen.

the dynamite plot.

Concord Times.

given by The Greenville Piedmont.

FROM OTHER

SANCTUMS.....

Business is Good

booster

While

That

"Sapulpa, Okla., Feb. 17.—"I know President Taft's friends do not ap- with some demonstration of that acof fifteen places within a stone's throw of the courthouse selling liquor," deconfidence in the success of their friends to work. clared Acting District Judge Allen

appeared

in court today. "I am surprised," add movement. And they have had evidences within the past two weeks of go by without such a move adds also. Mr. Duncan, Congressman John ed the judge, and then removed from office V. S. Decker, county attorney and John Berry, county sheriff. He doubtful. The Taft forces have the advan-mer president, as it is known to his

every man of them

attorney, and Holmes Davidson, sherage of an organization in practically advisers. iff, despite protests from counsel for

All politicians every state and an additional advanthe county attorney. Within an hour tage of a candidate about whom tirement of LaFollette places Rooseafterward sixteen places of business there is no equivocation. The presi- velt in a far better strategic position were raided in the heart of the town, dent is frankly a candidate to suc- with regad to the nomination. It is ceed himself and this has served his only a question whether or not he is friends handsomely in their efforts to willing to take advantage of that pogather together the Taft believers. sition "The places raided include hotels

Had Col. Roosevelt a month ago Most of the Taft managers still as frankly stated that he was a canhold to the belief that the colonel didate and was willing to make a will not become any more of a candi-"The county commissioners ratified fight for the nomination, his position than he now is and they say that, the removals and appointments made would undoubtedly have been vastly unless he does, he has no chance to

stronger than it is now. Many Roosecapture the nomination. Proceeding velt people have been anxious to par- upon this theory, these managers indemonstration ticipate in his boom but they have sist the Taft fight already is won and Charlotte when the Queen City upfelt a natural reluctance in support that it is now only a question of action is hardly open to any honest builders had a torch light procession ing a man for the presidential nomi-preparing for the general election. on a mighty cold night, shows that

objection, if all the facts were known Russia has advised these foud Mon gul provinces to remain under China an improvement in the general out-

and has informed China of the advice given. Mongols in there provinces have no fighting forces and are probably in Information has come to light which capable of evolving anything like even seems to show that in the event of a Chinese army. They would like very Portugal being willing or forced by the much to secure Russia's aid to free condition of her finances to part with them from China, whose hold, however her East African colonies, there is no has never been particularly stringent reason to fear that this will lead to But Russia, with some experience of an Anglo-German imbroglio, as the An- these and similar homad "nations," is glo-German treatl of 1898 was made perfectly aware that any shadow of with just such a possibility in view. It consent given by her would only set has long been no secret that the trea- petty princelets of these regions inty is a contingent one providing for triguing with China against Russia.

the division between England and Ger- precisely as at the present moment many of Portugal's African colonies, in the event of her wishing to dispose of are intriguing with Russia against

made, this country is, in the eventuality mentioned to receive the Mossa- and compare notes as to what is gomeded region of Angolia, which ad-ling on in China. That is what Russia joins the German Southwest Africa, is doing. These nomad tribes will, in the boundary being drawn somewhat all probability, never succeed in beto the north of the fifteen degrees of coming an independent state, even latitude. There is auso to be a rectifilit they seriously aim at such a goal cation of frontier, involving a portion Russia maintains a strong army, and of Northwest Rhodesia, which "would is rebuilding a respectable fleet; she assure advantageous possibilities of intends to keep herself strong in arms, comunication" to the so-called Caprivi but she has no need of nor desire for

corner of the German Southwest Af- any more territory until she had securrica. On the east coast this country ed and developed all that she now is to receive the northern portion of holds. There is nothing to be feared Moxambique down to a line running from these Mongolian provinces, and from Porto Oroje, on Lake Nyassa, to they will doubtless, in due course of Port Amelia, on the Indian Ocean. This time, fall into the lap of the stronger would give Germany practically the whole of the Portuguese east shore of Meantime, Russia plays a safe and per-Lake Nyassa

ting matters arrange themselves in It is added that Great Britain would, of course, in the event of Germany ac- Chalcha. If the local princelets sucquiring these regions, "assert her ceed in establishing their independence, Russia will naturally recognize rights under the Secret Treaty of 1898 their status for the sake of her trade. to the remainder of the Portugueese possessions in Africa, including Cape There is no rom whatever here for Verde Islands, the Azores and Maabuse of Russia. deria.

As to Persia which has succeeded in enlisting the sympathies of almost

as civilization extends its borders.

fectly honest aboveboard game in let-

There is no small amount of ill will every European country as well as against Russia being felt in this coun- those of the United States, the Russian try as in fact all over Europe because diplomat assured me that Russia has

pear disconcerted over this new con- tivity. A little preliminary campaign- that the recent visit of Mr. E. C. Dun. in the house were being counted, T. If a country comes W. Sims, representative from Ten- its safety and well being rost large dition. They even maintain a show of ing by the colonel will put all his can in the city for a few days, besides his looking after the Norfolk-Southern nessee, saw a great white light. He ly in the abilities and activities of interests, had political significance had a "hunch" that the Slayden any onep articular man. measure was a big fat piece of bait. run of citizens-and they hold the and when the roll call came that the votes-are too prone to fear all sorts Taft support in quarters that seemed strength to the Taft movement. All M. Morehead and several prominent local republicans were closeted to republicans would sit back in their of calamities to attempt to unseat gether at the Selwyn hotel for some seats, vote "present" and let the any maann who might take this sort ime during Mr. Duncan's recent visdemocrats pass the bill. They would of power to himself, and if such a

it, and it is understood to have been then place themselves in a position man be strong and virile, he could a Taft meeting. There is promised a which would allow campaign pamph- hold his leadership as long as Caesar warm time among the party adherents leteers to accuse them of fearing the ever held his. former president. Sims got busy passhere, as a result of the division So that is why the question as

ing his hunch around, and the demwhether a candidacy of Theodore delegates to the state convention and. ocrats voted not to consider the bill. Roosevelt under any or as in the country at large, so in this Mr. McCall's attitude on the Roose--whether the countrycalled to him immediate vicinity, it will be a convelt candidacy, however, is worthy or not-would not put the United test between Taftism and Roosevelof comment, for he says that Roose-States in the position of ancient

velt, a councillor in private life, will Rome, is interesting almost every be of vastly more service to the coun- body today.

# French Government Takes Drastic Step In Powder Scandal

(By GEORGE DUFRESNE.)

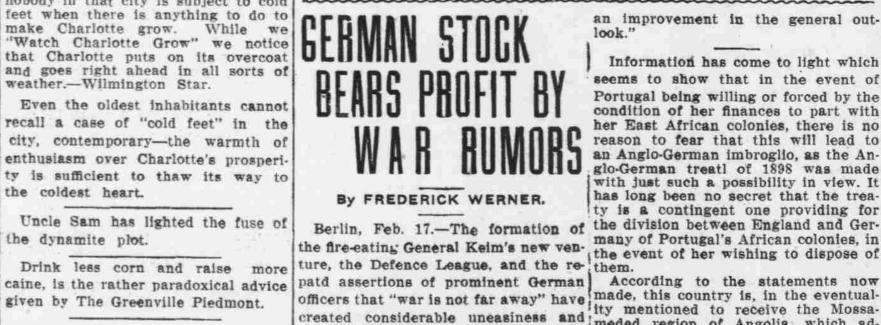
near every fortified place and min Paris, Feb. 17 .- The government has tary camp, for which the one already aken a drastic step in connection existing at Epinal is to be a model with the powder scandal. At a privy It covers some eighty acres without council meeting held at the Wlysee any obstacle.

At present there are six companies Palace the other day the president of the republic signed a document charged specially with aviation, and which puts on half-pay the engineers these companies will be multipliat responsible for the government pow- They will form the aviation section attached to each garrison, fort, o der stores.

It will be remembered that Major military camp, just as the sappese Schwerer was ordered by the minister do not form a regiment in the real of marine to verify the condition of sense of the word, and yet have the the powder in the stores. The inquiry, name of a regiment, and in a similar one of the papers states today, is de- manner the name will be given to the cisive. All the powders are suspected. new regiment.

The manufacture was affected in From the returns of the last census such conditions that it is impossible to declare that a single quantity of which have just been published, those powder was above reproach. It is who are fighting against the race sul stated that in all the stores the same cide will be inclined to believe that error was committed, and that the their propaganda is bearing fruit. The minister of marine only knew this census is taken every five years in ten days after the blowing up of the France, and the population is given at Liberte. M. Delcasse then inquired 39,601,509 as compared with 39,252. into the new powder supplied to the 245 in 1906. The figures which in marine and found that a quantity clude the population of Corsica show bearing the date of 1903 had been an increase of 349,264. The increase mixed with the powder manufactured is not great. Still, those who are clam in 1906. This was rejected by the oring that more encouragement should marine. It was again mixed with new be given to parents who have families will rejoice that the tide has turnedpowder and passed off as new

that the depopulation of the country This system, we are told, was carried on until 1911. There is no alle- has been arrested, gation of sabotage. It is a question The increase in the 872 to 1876 was 802,867. There has of a scientific error. The evil is now being remedied, but never been such an increase since it is calculated that it will take from that period. The smaller increase 16 to 18 months before the 4,500 tons 124,289-was from 1886 to 1891. It is of powder necessary for the fleet can to be gathered from the figures jut be manufactured. M. Delcasse has issued that the population has increas given orders that the powder on board ed in 23 departments, but it has de battleships shall be examined daily, creased in 64 departments. This de Mongolia, but a Russian diplomat, with annex even the northern provinces of that all the magazines shall be rigor- crease is attributed to the attraction



have been made the most of by the bears on the Berlin Stock Exchange, but the greater part of the German press realize that these symptoms are only the results of the socialist victor ies at the polls, mere empty manoeuvres on the part of those who are in

Rev. R. L. Davis is being sharply terested in the passage of the bills criticlsed throughout the state, but providing for increased military and if you will take particular notice the naval expenditures, which are bound criticisms invariably come from those to meet with strong opposition on the who do not want the prohibition laws part of the radical parties and that enforced, or who are unwilling to do in reality there is nothing in the presanything to accomplish that end. The ent political situation which justifies work of Mr. Davis is really about the any feeling of alarm. Even a paper like only effective organized work that the "Koelnische Zeitung," which is has been done for law enforcement. closely connected with the present gov-

ernment, admits this and in a recent article writes: "At the moment there is no ground and bringing offenders to justice. for uneasiness, and though there are, May their arms be strengthened .it is true, still many clouds on the political horizon, and difficult problems remain to be solved, nothing has

actually happened which would justify We believe The Charlotte News specially pessimistic reflections. These

is entirely correct in predicting that always crop, up from time to time on the coming presidential campaign is the Stock Exchange, which really going to exert no influence on North should be able for itself to appraise Carolina business conditions. We are at their true value such rumors couchtoo busy to allow politics to inter- ed in general terms and devoid of pal-

