

did fight and his efforts will be more appreciated if the banking committee is found, as I believe it will be, under the control of Wall street."

Representative Pujó of Louisiana, chairman of the banking committee of the house announced that Mr. Bryan would be summoned as the first witness before the committee to tell what he knew about the money trust. An Associated Press dispatch from San Antonio, Texas, says:

William J. Bryan intimated his willingness to appear before the house committee which will investigate charges of the existence of a money trust. He declared he would reserve anything he might say until he should appear before the committee. "The Pujó resolution," he said, "is not comprehensive enough to meet the requirements of the situation. It shows that there was reason to doubt the banking committee's sympathy with the investigation desired. The question now is how complete the investigation will be."

Following is an Associated Press dispatch, dated February 6: Applauded by a majority of the regular republicans, and sharply questioned by insurgents, Representative Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, long a prominent republican in the house, today aligned himself with the movement against presidential third term. In a speech liberally interspersed with insurgent interruptions, Mr. McCall declared that American presidents had set a precedent of retiring after a service of eight years, and quoted the declaration made by President Roosevelt before the end of his last term that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Representative Norris of Nebraska, insurgent leader, questioned Mr. McCall repeatedly with the evident purpose of indicating that the sentiment against a third term probably was against a "third consecutive term," rather than against a third term served after a lapse of four years out of the White house.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch, dated February 8: The conferees of the two houses of congress on the joint resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote have decided to report a disagreement after six months of effort to get together. The report, however, will not be made until friends of the resolution feel sure of the presence in the senate of all its supporters. The disagreement is over the Bristow amendment retaining the supervision of congress and there will be a motion in the senate to recede from that provision. It is believed that this motion would carry, as only a majority vote would be required, but there is no such assurance of the adoption of the resolution after the elimination of the Bristow provision, as a two-thirds vote is necessary for its passage.

Conditions in Mexico have been the cause of official activity by President Taft and his cabinet. Official dispatches placed before the president have seriously questioned the loyalty of General Pascaul Orozco to the Mexican federal government, and intimated that the present conditions in the state of Chihuahua, bordering on Texas, might develop into a movement of secession, establishing an independent republic in the north. The president discussed precautionary measures with the cabinet and the war department has sent additional orders to army posts throughout the country to be ready for a possible mobilization. The department of justice has instructed its agents to exercise all possible vigilance in enforcing neutrality laws, while the state department has asked for quick

reports from consular agents of any danger in the interior to Americans or their interests.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated February 8th, says: Intervention in Mexico by the United States is not intended by any mobilization of troops that might be made again along the southern border. This was the attitude of the department, telegraphed today to various consular diplomatic representatives in Mexico who had complained that intervention talk there was fostering a dangerous anti-American sentiment. The state department reiterated emphatically that this government had no interest in Mexico beyond the safety of American lives and interests, but from the same consular agents came reports far from reassuring as to the stability of the Mexican federal government. No specific formidable uprising was recorded, but small upheavals, regarded as symptoms of general dissatisfaction, led to an apprehension that the malcontents may unite, confronting the government with a serious crisis. Anticipating possible orders from President Taft to move once more to Texas to enforce neutrality laws and inspire a respect for American lives in the north country where rebels are reported to be operating, the general staff has completed plans for a big troop movement when that becomes necessary. Telegrams already are prepared ordering department commanders to move their forces southward, although the organized militia is not included. The national guardsmen, it is pointed out today, can not be sent out of the country, being available only to repel an invasion. The activity of the general staff is attributed to its eagerness to show how promptly the troops can be moved, and does not forecast international developments.

Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois was re-elected chairman of the republican congressional committee.

Senator Works of California, in a speech before the senate, urged the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France. He declared that if the representatives of the three great powers had intended to exclude from the terms of agreement very dispute that a nation was likely to go to war about, they could not have done it more effectually.

Announcement has been made that Taft headquarters are to be opened in Washington immediately, and Representative William B. McKinley, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, will be in charge of the president's political interests from now until the Chicago convention.

Assurance of support in maintaining the integrity of China has been given by Secretary of State Knox

The nomination of Former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio to be ambassador to France was sent by President Taft to the senate. He will succeed Robert Bacon, resigned to become a fellow of Harvard university. An effort will be made to secure his immediate confirmation.

COURAGEOUS DEMOCRACY
(Cincinnati Post.)

A few years ago Edw. J. Dempsey was elected mayor through a popular uprising against the Cox machine. The chairman of a committee formed to boom Harmon for the democratic presidential nomination wrote to Mr. Dempsey, urging him to help boom. Mr. Dempsey's reply so well describes the condition of mind of many intelligent and patriotic democrats, we

think, that we give the following excerpts from it:

"My conclusion is that it is not wise for the democracy of any particular state, or section, to commit itself, or themselves, at this date, to the fortunes of any particular candidate. It seems to me that what the democratic party of the nation should be interested in just now is principles, not men.

"It sounds cant-like, no doubt, to talk about the rights and powers of the common people, but no thinking or observing man will deny that, during the last decade, the question of those rights and powers has come largely to the fore, and that now there is an insistent, imperious, demand that the wishes of the people shall be more considered and consulted in the making of laws and in the administering of the government than has heretofore been the rule. The political party that fails, or refuses, sincerely to recognize this condition of affairs is bound, in my judgment, to meet defeat in November, 1912; and this prophecy applies to both of the present dominant political organizations, for there is a vast insurgent host in each of them that will resent any repudiation, or ignoring, or sidestepping, of this main question, and show their resentment by aligning themselves in a new party under some such leader as La Follette.

"If the national democratic party responds to the demands of the times, in its platform of principles, then it will have further to make good by naming a candidate for president in accord with those principles, and one who has proven the faith that is in him by good works theretofore done in behalf of those principles. He must be no eleventh hour convert; otherwise, the electorate will doubt his sincerity. And therein is where I fear that our good friend, Governor Harmon, is weak, and probably this weakness comes naturally to him; for Governor Harmon was not bred a democrat. On the contrary, Governor Harmon was bred a republican, and, in his early manhood, held subordinate political place under republican office-holders. He came into the democratic party through the liberal-republican back door of 1872, because, after the overwhelming victory of the regular republicans in that year, there was no other place for him to go. But the leaven of his early republican teachings seems still to lurk in his blood, as is evidenced by the hesitancy and reluctance which characterize his acceptance of modern progressive democratic ideas.

"I have a strong personal liking for Governor Harmon, and, if he could make it plain and clear that he is willing to stand upon a progressive democratic platform, conserving and preserving the rights and powers of the whole people of this good land of ours as against the claims and demands of a privileged few, with an earnest purpose on his part to make an unflinching, sincere and conscientious endeavor to carry that platform into accomplishment, in case he is elected, I would be glad to support him, and to use my best efforts, humble though they be, to aid in his nomination and election as president.

"But, whether the nominee be Governor Harmon or another, if the next platform of the national democratic party be reactionary, or ultra-conservative, in its nature, or if it be written with the word of promise to the ear, and with the intent of deception and destruction to the hope of the great mass of the American people, or if the planks therein be framed, to use an Indian expression, in forked language, as the tariff reduction plank in the last republican platform was framed, then I reserve the right to abandon my allegiance to the democratic party.

CHANCES TO MAKE MONEY
I have just returned from a six week's trip through Northwestern States and Canada, spent investigating the fruit industries and resulting profits. The apples, etc., are magnificent, but the prices of land ridiculous; \$200 to \$300 per acre for unimproved land, under ditch. Why, you can get land in Mexico better than any I saw on my trip absolutely free. All you have to do is to have five acres of bananas planted within five years. For particulars regarding Mexican Free Land, (printed in English) address The Jantha Plantation Co., Block 913, Pittsburgh, Pa. You can have the bananas planted without going to Mexico, and cared for on shares, and your share should be about \$200 per acre. Bananas begin bearing in from 12 to 15 months. Why pay \$200 an acre, when you can get better land free?

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