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PINCHOT'S WORD GOES

MR. PINCHOT came out of his conference
with the other candidates and the
officers of the Republican State Committee
yesterday afternoon with the assurance
that the three important things on which
he had been insisting would be done.

He first insisted that there should be no
assessments on public officeholders for campaign
funds. He knows that the system of
assessments has been responsible for vicious
political practices and that the officeholders
have felt that they held their places by favor
of the political committees from whom they
must take their orders.

Senator Pepper, Major Reed, Secretary
Woodward and Mr. Gawthrop agreed with
him that there is to be no solicitation of
campaign funds from any officeholder and
that no pressure, direct or indirect, is to
be brought to bear to force a contribution.

Mr. Pinchot then insisted that all the
financial records of the State Committee
should be open and public and that they
should be audited by a certified accountant.
This was in order to protect the men who
contribute to the campaign funds and in
order, also, to let the people know just
where the money came from and how it was
spent.

This was agreed to because there is not a
valid argument against it. No reputable
man dare say that he is opposed to the
fullest publicity in the matter of campaign
funds.

Mr. Pinchot further demanded that all the
members of the Executive, the Finance, the
Resolutions and the Rules Committees be
satisfactory to all the candidates. This
means that if any lack political or any
man suspected of connection with the boot-
leggers is proposed for any of the commit-
tees, Mr. Pinchot has the power to veto the
appointment. The committees will have to
be satisfactory to him, as they should be, in
view of the fact that he is the head of the
ticket.

And after these concessions had been made
to him Mr. Pinchot let it be known that the
special committees organized in various
parts of the State to further his candidacy
for the nomination would continue in exist-
ence to co-operate with him in bringing
about his election. They will work on paral-
lel lines with the State Committee and in
perfect harmony with Mr. Pinchot. No
objection was raised to this.

REBUILDING THE FAIR BASE

THERE are encouraging indications of
an administrative health and of a basis for
progress in the definite changes in the man-
agement of the world fair project.

ANOTHER PRESIDENT READS THE RIOT ACT TO CONGRESS

A Habit to Which Executives Are Being Driven by Intellectual Ineptitude in Both Houses

PRESIDENT HARDING'S cutting letter
to Mr. Mondell, Republican floor leader
in the House, outwardly deals with the mat-
ter of ship subsidies and the necessity of their
immediate establishment. Its inward
significance strikes deeper.

The President has done the inevitable by
attempting to force a rational and patriotic
sense of its responsibilities upon a Congress
that is without a recognizable mind or pur-
pose of its own. He has followed in a path
originally indicated by Mr. Cleveland, when
the intellectual decline of the House and the
Senate first became marked, and traveled
later by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Wilson. The
country has not been so quick as its Presi-
dents to perceive the dismal fact that a
Congress elected to manage the country has
in turn to be managed.

The faults of weakness, cowardice and
ignorance discernible in successive Con-
gresses have actually grown more conspicu-
ous since the establishment of the direct
primary.

Secretary of War Weeks may have been
wrong in questioning the utility of the direct
primary. But if he was wrong, the deficien-
cies of legislative conduct and character
at Washington must be blamed at last upon
the recklessness of the electors themselves.

The fact remains that the Congress of the
United States seems unable to go along
alone upon any enlightened course. A pow-
erful and certain hand is required to drag
it around to the consistent and intelligent
view of its duties that it seems unable to
achieve unaided. That is why Presidents have
come to talk to Congress as they might be
expected to talk to a crowd of unruly children.

The captain of a ship may not yearn to
assume the responsibilities and labors of his
crew. But in an emergency he is responsible
for the safety of his vessel and the lives of
his passengers. And the fact that the crew
may be untrained, unfit, lazy and generally
useless will not serve to relieve him in the
end of blame for a catastrophe.

As the President broadly implied, Con-
gress has been cowardly in the presence of
the general question of ship subsidies. It
can be charged fairly with hypocrisy in its
handling of the soldier-bonus issue. The
majority of Representatives and Senators
alike, confronted with unfamiliar questions
turned up by the war, seem almost in-
variably to lack either courage or enlighten-
ment.

The average politician in Washington be-
lieves as if every new issue in the business
of government were a thing accursed and
packed with danger—a thing to be relig-
iously avoided and ignored. Pioneering
legislation of the sort that the builders of
the country had to direct in other periods
of reformation is consistently neglected in
a Congress which at present is almost wholly
without imagination and eager to apply only
old rules to new problems.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

OF SECRETARY WEEKS OF the War
Department, it may be said at least
that he is no pussyfoot. He appears, on
the contrary, to have joyfully assumed the
role of outspoken radical in Mr. Harding's
Cabinet. Pussyfooters cumber the land. The
world is crowded with them. So a plain
speaker ought to be welcomed, even if you
cannot agree with him.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MILLIONS

The investigation in progress at Harri-
sburg into the manipulation of State
Treasury funds is daily developing new and
unexpected angles.

The latest revelation has to do with cer-
tain checks which, the certified public ac-
countants, Main & Co., declare, were
drawn on Treasury funds for the personal
benefit of himself by the then State Treas-
urer, Harmon M. Kephart.

Up until yesterday there was no sugges-
tion whatever that the former State Treas-
urer had diverted to his own use moneys of
the Commonwealth committed to his official
keeping.

It is the most serious of all the allegations
concerning the management—or mismanage-
ment—of the Treasury.

In his cross-examination by the Common-
wealth's attorneys Mr. Kephart, while dis-
cussing the so-called "revolving funds"—
set apart as non-interest-bearing moneys—
stated that they were an expedient of his
own devising as an "emergency fund" dur-
ing war times.

But why an emergency fund of millions?
The funds appropriated by the Legislature
for State defense were available and "re-
marked." They could not be made avail-
able for any other purpose.

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WORLD FAIR TROUBLES

Some Famous Former Fights Among
Directors—The Ructions That Ac-
companied the Chicago Colum-
bian Exposition—Murry-Up
Work on the Centennial

WORLD FAIR TROUBLES

THE resignation of directors from the
Sequel-Centennial Board is not in the
least surprising.

No world fair, in a generation at least,
ever opened its gates without an almost
endless succession of bickerings, jealousies,
resignations and squabbles of various kinds.

It is unnecessary to go further back than
the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893
to verify this statement.

The resignation of Governor Pattison from
the board of directors of the Sequel-Centennial
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CHARLES J. COHEN

On Work of Fairmount Park Association

SOME PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION TO THE YOUNG IDEA



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

THE present members are still work-
ing.

SHORT CUTS

Baseball, it would seem, is a ruthless
game.