

## ON WHAT HAS GREAT CEASOR FED?

Theodore Roosevelt, the strenuous, still manages to keep himself very much in the limelight and just now he is the issue in the campaign and that, too, to the exclusion of the tariff, conservation or insurgency. Just how the citizens of the United States with all of their reputed intelligence and political independence will permit themselves to be cathauled hither and thither by any man, whether it be Roosevelt, Taft, Bryan or any one else is more than some of us can explain. Mr. Roosevelt rises to inform the national administration that he does not approve of this or that measure and that his ideas must be adopted or he will have the administration thrown out and to this multiplied thousands shout themselves hoarse. Men possessing way above the average intelligence and who have been honored by their fellow men in official positions threaten their constituents with Roosevelting them unless they are re-elected. These men never make a public speech for campaign purposes without devoting fully half of the time in telling you what Roosevelt thinks of them and what the colonel thinks about this or that public question. And so it goes from one thing to another until it begins to look as if all that Roosevelt need do in order to become absolute dictator of the United

States is to express a desire to so become. Have the citizens of this country gone Roosevelt mad? Have the the citizens of this country ceased to think for themselves and delegated that important function to Roosevelt? Do the citizens of this country propose to have every law they want passed to first get the O. K. of Roosevelt? If they expect to delegate all such powers to Roosevelt then, why not impeach Taft and proceed at once to name Roosevelt as his successor? It might not be according to the constitution of the United States, but since the Roosevelt fiat is necessary for every measure just get it for that and then the constitution for the time being can with impunity be suspended. Unless all this is to be done seemingly at the behest Mr. Roosevelt then it is high time that the citizens of the United States were breaking away from the Roosevelt spell and think and act for themselves and if what the administration does is not pleasing to the "colonel" then tell him he has his life time in which to get pleased. That Roosevelt is a great man no one denies, but with all due respect to Roosevelt there are others. If Roosevelt is the *sina qua non* of the United States then we shudder at the thought of the time when he comes to the grave. If Roosevelt holds the destinies of the republic of the United States in the hollow of his hands then lets pray to Him that ought to hold the destinies of Roosevelt in His hands that Roosevelt live forever, lest we perish.

Without consulting the American Negroes of the United States or even the United States government Roosevelt goes into the heart of Africa with the view of treating with the native Africans for extensive territory and

to it transport the Negroes of the United States and there form a republic with the United States retaining the right of protectorate. How much of this story is true the writer verily doeth not know, but one close to him gave the story to one of the leading magazines of the East. Leaving the jungles of Africa he without invitation visited the Egyptian government and insulted the natives by telling them they were wholly unfit for self-government. He goes to Italy and enters into an embrolio with the Pope and not satisfied with the private misunderstanding he makes it public. He goes to England and insults the English government. He orders citizens of the United States and even high officials to meet him in a foreign land to give a full account of the administration that he left in power. He sends his emissaries scouring over the country to inform the voters that they must do this or that or he will be displeased. Is this Roosevelt, of which we hear so much, God, man, beast or devil? If the first then let us look upon Him as such and bow to His will. If man, then he is no more than any other man and deserves no more consideration. If beast, then let us slay the monster as an enemy to the hu-

man family. If devil, let us relegate him to the infernal regions, to which the damned since the mind of man runneth to the contrary hath been consigned. If you are a man then permit no other man to lord it over you and yours.

The following is from an exchange that purports to represent the working man in whose interest Roosevelt and Pinchot is said to be working:

"During his recent visit to the slums of the mines Roosevelt made other exhibits which might be used as evidence in a trial for sanity.

Thinking of a man having every comfort in the going among people who have worked hard all their lives and have nothing, submitting to adulation as to a higher being, and advising them to be content! The picture is good enough to make people who are really sane turn away with disgust. Think of a man whose whole life has been given to killing urging poor women, hardly able to live through motherhood because of heavy burdens borne, to have more children! The idea of asking the workers to constitute themselves manufactures of wares for the plutocratic murderers of the toilers, staggers a thoughtful man. Out of pure charity for Roosevelt one must conclude the fellow is insane.

the militia of the Pacific Slope. A son-in-law is preparing the way in Ohio. Another Roosevelt is in Paris, studying the methods used by both Napoleons. Evidently, our day of doom is near.—New York Evening Post.

It is gravely announced that Mr. Roosevelt is likely to be at odds with the President in regard to conservation. Except that Mr. Taft did not conserve Pinchot, it is difficult to see what there is, in the Taft-Ballinger policy, for the Rough Rider to quarrel with. The process of segregating the mineral, oil and timber resources has gone steadily on since Roosevelt retired, and only the other day the empire of solitude in California alone was widened by the withdrawal from entry of 800,000 acres. Much more conservation than there is would, except for the opening of some Indian lands, roll back the tide of westbound homeseekers altogether and give the benefit to Canada, where the material welfare of the living is not subordinated, as yet, to that of the unborn.—Argonaut.

depends largely on the results of the present effort to regenerate and purify the old Democratic organization

### The Future of Insurgency.

What is to be the final outcome of their movement so far as party politics, party divisions, are concerned? One thing at least is reasonably certain. Insurgency cannot continue indefinitely to retain its present character: that is to say, it cannot continue indefinitely a mere insurrection or revolt inside the Republican party. Considered as a struggle for control and direction of that party, it must either fail or succeed. If it fails, that party will remain the conservative party of the country—the party of property, the party, as the phrase is, of order. If it wins, the character and animus and policy of the whole party will be so changed that there will be a question of whether or not it can still be regarded as the true conservative party of the country. In that case, and in that case only, the true insurgents may be expected to remain in it. For if the stand-pat faction, the Aldrich-Cannon faction, shall continue to control it and dictate its policies, it is hardly conceivable that men like Cummins and LaFollette and Bristow will continue indefinitely to belong to it: for in their warfare against that leadership and those policies they have fairly burned their bridges behind them. They are liberals, and liberals of a radical rather than a moderate sort. In all modern representative governments the permanent party division is pretty sure to be, broadly speaking, between liberals and conservatives. Sooner or later our own party divisions will doubtless take that normal character; and when they do it is impossible to doubt that these Western leaders and their following will be found on the liberal side, while men like Aldrich and Cannon and their following will be on the conservative side, whatever the mere party names may be. It probably

whether Democracy or insurgency will give form and leadership to the true liberal party in the alignment of the long future.

Teddy does not want to be President again, but may have to take it to save the country.

Theodore Roosevelt may not be taking any sides in the insurgent-stand-pat controversy, but no one except himself believes it.

Teddy's triumphant tour may make Taft's tardy tactics set up and take notice.

Mayor Gill is said to have washed dishes for his first meal in Seattle, and we suspect his last one, too, for the man of a family without hired help to eat his meals and then sit down while his wife washes the dishes is the same as no man at all.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The defeat of Roosevelt by the New York politicians for the chairmanship of the Republican state convention will only strengthen the ex-President with the people of the country at large. His defeat is due to his endorsement of the direct primary measure for that state—a measure that does not meet the approval of the politicians of the party. These politicians are short-sighted. The direct primary is sure to come in every state in the Union and their action in turning down Colonel Roosevelt will be resented by the people of the country generally.—Grays Harbor News.

With the friends and family of Mr. Roosevelt strategically scattered over the country, the Charleston News and Courier considers that the time for the great coup d'etat is almost at hand. General Wood has been placed in supreme command of the army, Willis L. Moore will control the elements. In California, the young Roosevelt, disguised as a carpet agent, will be in charge of