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T. R. SHOWS HIS HAND.

Columbus, Ohio, was the scene of a gathering of unusual interest last Monday. Nominally it was a gathering of the progressive republicans of Ohio, assembled to form a "permanent organization" and to adopt a declaration of "progressive principles." According to the tally of their votes, they mustered less than a hundred strong. By a vote of 52 to 32—and just after Mr. La Follette's tour of the state—the progressive republicans of Ohio determined not to give their indorsement to the Hope of Wisconsin as a candidate for the presidential nomination. To give the pill they passed, by a vote of 81 to 11, a resolution of tribute to Mr. La Follette, characterizing him as "the living embodiment of the principles of the progressive movement and the logical candidate to carry them to successful fruition."

The average reader, in contemplating the news of the Columbus gathering, may have been puzzled to find nine-tenths of the press reports devoted not to the speeches or the sentiments of the hundred Ohio progressive republicans, but to the manifestations of one, Gifford Pinchot of New Jersey, the testimony of one, Mr. John D. Works of California, and the lubrications of Mr. Moses Clapp of Minnesota. A small amount of space is devoted to the activities of Mr. James R. Garfield, who, being a resident and voter of the Buckeye state, had an inalienable right to participate in the councils of the hundred progressive republicans of Ohio and to lead their debate.

But the other leaders of the debate, we are told, were Gifford Pinchot of New Jersey, Mr. Works of California and Mr. Clapp of Minnesota, while the major—or should we say the colonel?—resolution of the day, adopted by the Ohio Progressive Republican league, was submitted by Gifford Pinchot of New Jersey.

A week ago, Colonel Roosevelt was at great pains to declare—on this occasion an authorized publication without strings to it—"I am not in politics. Nobody expects me to be in politics." We remarked at the time that this outgoing involved an abnormal tax upon public credulity. The Colonel, at the moment, however, was referring specially to New York politics, from which, naturally enough, in view of the stinging rebuke administered to him after the Dix-Stimson campaign in the fall of 1910, he still fights shy. But it is also natural enough, a week later, in Ohio—where presidents are wont to be born or made—to find the Colonel bobbing up serenely from below. Not in person, of course, but the irrepressible shadow of T. R., conjured by the faithful Gifford Pinchot—from below.

The good Gifford (now, as ever, the Fidus Achates of T. R.) was at some pains to deal to the hundred Ohio progressive republicans that he spoke "only for himself and in no way for Colonel Roosevelt," and along with that eminent member of T. R.'s "kitchen cabinet," the disappointed Mr. Garfield, who was not reappointed secretary of the interior by President Taft, led the debate against the indorsement of Mr. La Follette. The Pinchot resolution finally, however, declared, on behalf of the hundred Ohio P. R.'s, their determination "to work in harmony and unison to nominate a progressive republican for president, recognizing as fellow progressives all who hold the principles for which we stand, whether they be for the presidential nomination of Robert M. La Follette or Theodore Roosevelt or any other progressive republican."

Truly, a wonderful climax, and a tribute to the crafty lobbying of "Friend Giff," the discharged, and "Friend Jimmy," the disappointed. Sardonic but luminous was the news received in New York—"Roosevelt indirectly informs President Taft that he cannot promise to refuse presidential nomination if tendered." That's all. But there is no more chance of a gallery of T. R. shouters stampeding the republican convention at Chicago next June against Taft than there was in Chicago three years and a half ago, when the same trick was tried and miserably failed—much, doubtless, to the chagrin of T. R. himself.

Meanwhile, the Colonel's strategy is Napoleonic from the Colonel's point of view, though its supreme selfishness is as characteristic as it is transparent. The Colonel is not a candidate—"I am not in politics"—but should the Roosevelt personal machine, which has incessantly worked overtime ever since the Colonel reluctantly quit his "bully time" in the White House, be able

to stimulate sufficient sentiment against Taft and stampede the convention, he would not object to consider the offer of the nomination. By the time the national republican convention meets, the Colonel would be in a far better position to be able to test the political barometer. If his political wisdom counsels him that a democrat will be elected, he can then point to his persistent record of refusing to be a candidate. If he thinks he has a chance, he can declare it is his plain duty to accept his party's call to "save the country" once more.

The Colonel showed his hand at Columbus last Monday, but he is far too expert an opportunist to show his face—at present.

1911 AND 1912.

From a market standpoint 1911 was a very ordinary mining year. Like in other years there were opportunities to be taken advantage of but somehow or other it takes a good many years of training and experience to become sufficiently keen to the existence of such opportunities to be able to grasp them when they occur. From the standpoint of popularity, Poreupine, during the year, attracted the most interest, but its future is still a matter for development to unfold. Unusually slow progress there has made sentiment chary about financing more projects until actual results are obtained from the mines from which so much is expected.

A revival during the year was started in regard to Nevada with particular reference to the showing made at Tonopah and Goldfield. At Virginia City on the Comstock, the finding of a virgin bonanza ore body during the year has done much to confirm the notion entertained by those friendly to the lode that the possibilities of this district are greater than it generally gets credit for.

The silver stocks as far as they refer to those at Cobalt have enjoyed a poor year. The interest in them has been almost nil, though they have still maintained their reputation of paying good dividends and their underground conditions at this writing maintain their well-known commercial characteristics.

The coppers have seen the most sensational developments during the year. In fact, as the year closes the feeling toward the coppers is well established, and if anything is in the ascendency. Barring the past two months, copper shareholders have been most fretful and anxious during the year. They saw visions of an increasing metal supply piling up, seemingly unaware of the fact that an automatic adjustment of this surplus was slowly under way, and when the basic difficulties were apparently over and the metal took a sudden turn for the better, no one would believe it until many of the bargains as far as prices are concerned had discounted the improvement.

However, there is the satisfaction of knowing that it is the unexpected that makes mining popular. What the New Year has in store no one can say now, except to believe that it will present its regular share of opportunities, and to those who watch carefully for their appearance the greatest profits will accrue.—New York Mining Age.

SHOULD MAKE TVEITMOE TELL.

Yesterday morning we printed a militant editorial from the Stockton Mail calling upon the labor unions to demand an accounting by the men to whom they paid the money contributed for the defense of the McNamaras. Assuredly such an investigation should be made and those who were entrusted with the disbursement of the fund be compelled to say just where every dollar of it went. The workmen who gave from their hard-earned wages are entitled to a detailed statement and if one is not supplied voluntarily they should force it from those competent to make it.

O. A. Tveitmoe, the ex-convict from Minnesota, an agitator who has rolled in luxury for years at the expense of the union men of California, is now under arrest directly charged by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles with having participated with the McNamaras and others in the transportation of dynamite. The immediate case is one in which the public should withhold judgment, but the circumstances connected with it make all the more necessary a demand for organized labor that Tveitmoe tell exactly, to the dollar, what he has done with the large sum given him in behalf of the McNamaras. It has not yet been proved that Tveitmoe was an accomplice of the dynamiters, but he did get many thousands of dollars presumably to finance their defense and he has not yet told in anything like a satisfactory way what it was spent for, or for that matter how much of it was spent. California unionism, which has been so good to Tveitmoe, should now call upon him for an itemized statement of his receipts and disbursements in connection with the trial.—Sacramento Union.

Transfer of India's capital from Calcutta to Delhi will be credited with causing a slump in Calcutta realty values, while for the same reason property owners in Delhi may be expected to ask heavy damages.

It is reported that smoking among women is on the rapid increase. An early rise in the price of tobacco is promised in line with the boosting of the prices of everything else.

William Randolph Hearst will be heartless if he refuses to go to China's aid. Twice now have the unnumbered millions of that land called for him.

Congress may now wrangle over the tariff as much as ever for political effect, but cannot dispute the facts with any appearance of conviction with the report of the tariff board before the country.

Extra! Maybe this is the real "white hope" that has been sought for so long. The press dispatches declare that a man in Boulder, Colorado, killed a bear with one blow of his fist.

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