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## A FRANK REPUBLICAN

The following, from a staff correspondent of the Indianapolis News, appeared in that republican paper, issue of June 7:

Chicago, Ill., June 6.—As has been said, there is to be no personalities associated with the campaign that has been planned by the field candidates. No one intends to say aught against Mr. Taft as a man, nor is there much disposition to say that he might not make a good president if elected. The sum total of the argument against nominating him is that he can not be elected. It is now being pointed out, and it will be pointed out with more energy when the delegates all get here, that for the following reasons he will be defeated, if nominated:

First—On reflection the people of the country will not elect a man whose nomination was dictated from the White House.

Second—He will lose the votes of a large number of progressive republicans everywhere as a result of the support he is getting in Wall Street and from the trusts and "interests" generally.

Third—The negro vote of the country is against him and will never become reconciled to his nomination.

Fourth—Organized labor is unfriendly to him and is quietly planning to wage war against him if he should be nominated.

Fifth—His statement about General U. S. Grant on Decoration day has offended the Grand Army men of the land, and they may be expected to be lukewarm in the campaign, if they do not refuse to support him.

Now these republicans who are opposing the nomination of Mr. Taft for the above reasons believe every reason they assign is based on facts. They have faith to believe that the delegates to the convention when they get together here and canvass the situation with the view of doing what is best for the party will see what a risk the party will be taking in nom-