

September primaries: Governor, William J. Schmidt and J. C. Karel, both of Milwaukee; lieutenant-governor, Henry Mollenpaugh of Clinton, and Harry W. Bolens of Port Washington; secretary of state, N. P. Kaley of Hudson; state treasurer, Nicholas Schmidt, Marathon City, and Jacob Loffird, Marshfield. The platform as presented by the resolutions committee ratified that of the Baltimore convention, pledged support to the candidates named there, and affirmed confidence in William J. Bryan. The party's support was pledged to the constitutional amendment providing for the initiative, referendum and recall, and affirmed the party's belief in the principle of the guarantee of bank deposits.

Four people were drowned following a terrific downpour of rain at Alton, Illinois.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Chicago, July 15, says: William F. McCombs of New York, Governor Woodrow Wilson's choice, today was elected chairman of the democratic national committee, and was empowered to appoint a committee of not fewer than nine members to take active charge of the democratic presidential nominee's campaign. Mr. McCombs also was authorized to select a national treasurer and such other officers as he may see fit, including possibly a vice chairman, and, after consulting with Governor Wilson, to name the location of headquarters. Mr. McCombs said he thought the principal headquarters would be in New York. "But I am not going to appoint anybody or select any place until I confer with Governor Wilson," he added.

Joseph E. Davies of Madison, Wis., was elected secretary of the committee to succeed Urey Woodson of Kentucky. John I. Martin of St. Louis was re-elected sergeant-at-arms.

Two dead, five injured, two missing and property damage of at least \$2,000,000 was the result of a terrific storm and cloudburst which struck Denver on the afternoon of July 14th.

**CAMPAIGN FUND INQUIRY IN CONGRESS**

Following is a special dispatch to the New York World: Washington, July 1.—The suggestion of forming a third political party was repudiated in the senate this afternoon by Senator Works, a progressive of California. At the same time he declared Mr. Taft's nomination was illegal and fraudulent. He announced that he would not support him. He assailed him fiercely both as president and as a candidate.

As a text for his sensational remarks Mr. Works offered a resolution providing for a committee of four republican and three democratic senators to investigate all the charges made in connection with the recent primaries for designating presidential preference. He referred to the allegation that enormous sums of money were expended to debauch the electorate. He said government employes from the president down had neglected their duties and performed pre-convention work.

The resolution went over for action until there is a full attendance of the senate. It calls for the most drastic inquiry into the funds raised by the republican and democratic candidates for influencing the primaries. It also calls for a detailed list of officials participating in the campaigns and the aggregate of salaries paid during that period.

In the course of his observations Senator Works said: "We have just passed through a campaign, in both of the great par-

ties, for the nomination of candidates for president of the United States. No American citizen can look back upon it without the blush of shame. Candidates for that great office have gone on the stump and canvassed for their own election. That was shame enough, but one of them was president of the United States and another an ex-president, pitted against each other. Their campaign was undignified, malicious and disgraceful. If half the things they said of each other were true neither of them was fit to be nominated. The whole country was shocked at this unexampled spectacle. The people were humiliated and indignant.

"It was openly charged on the stump and on the floor of the senate that enormous sums of money were being used to carry the election. The people have a right to know whether this charge is true or not. They have a right to know whether the direct primaries can be controlled by the use of money, as we all know the caucus and convention can be controlled and corrupted.

"We all know that public officials, paid by the government from the president down, have given their time that the people are paying for in carrying on the campaigns of the various candidates. The people have a right to know how much of the time paid for by them has been used in conducting, managing and manipulating politics in the interest of candidates. They have a right to know, too, how much it cost to hold the nominating conventions and who put up the money for these expenses. The enormous sums of money expended in political contests has become one of the crying evils of the time.

"The movement for a new party is founded upon hatred, revenge and ambition. The democratic party is torn with the same dissensions, the result of like causes.

"Are we ready now for such a party? Is it necessary? Are we willing to surrender and give over the old party with all its achievements and traditions to the men who have brought it to the brink of ruin? Are we ready to give up the fight the progressives have been making for a free and untrammelled party? Not yet.

"As conditions now present themselves to my mind, I can not join a new party movement. It does not follow from what I have said that I shall support the alleged nominee of the republican convention. I hope he does not realize, in accepting such a nomination, what thousands and thousands of his party believe to be the fact that it was procured for him by compromising with fraud and corruption and the violation of an express statute of a state. His title to the nomination is tainted and questioned by the great mass of the party.

"The struggle for political freedom and civic righteousness is not confined to the republican party. Its great rival, the democratic party, has the same fight with the powers of evil, and one man with a courage and a patriotism that challenge my admiration and respect and should incite the gratitude of the American people, is bravely fighting for the integrity and righteousness of his party, and fighting practically single handed and alone.

"He is making the fight that every good and loyal citizen should be making, not outside but inside of his party. If that effort, rightly made, fails, it will be time enough to form a new party. If it does fail no one will be more ready than I to form that new party founded on principles of justice, liberty, purity and honesty in politics."

**MR. PETTIGREW'S OUTBURST**

St. Paul Pioneer Press: R. F. Pettigrew, formerly a senator from



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South Dakota, does not add anything to his reputation by the attack he has made on William J. Bryan. Mr. Pettigrew was one of the staunch supporters of Champ Clark. He accuses Mr. Bryan of hypocrisy in refusing to vote for any candidate backed by Wall street. Mr. Pettigrew is quoted as saying that four years ago he went to Murphy and other Tammany leaders, at Mr. Bryan's request, to secure New York's support at Denver. He says he also went to see Roger Sullivan in Chicago and saw Hearst. "I was authorized to make no specific promises except that they would receive fair treatment at Mr. Bryan's hands if he became president."

Mr. Pettigrew's outburst is interesting as indicating two things: That Tammany and the Clark allies wanted more than fair treatment at the hands of the president. Otherwise why should Mr. Bryan be so objectionable to them now? If they had assurance that he is disposed to give them a square deal, and a square deal is all they want, why should they call him a hypocrite? A square deal is all any political faction is entitled to receive. A second interesting fact disclosed is that the South Dakotan admits that he has been chosen as go-between presumably because he was supposed to have influence with some interests that are not popularly believed to be working for the benefit of the people.

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