

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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WHEN rogues fall out honest men come by their own, is proverbial. In the light of that philosophy Woodrow Wilson ought to draw a big dividend out of the quarrel between Boss Flinn and Senator Penrose. They have been flim-flamming the people of Pennsylvania, first in collusion and subsequently each on his own account, for many years, and now that they are exposing each other it is time for the people to demand settlement. As attorney in fact for the plaintiffs Governor Wilson should move for judgment and take his commission.

IN his book, "The Wilderness Hunter," Mr. Roosevelt says of the Bull Moose: "The bull moose lives on the public domain, and is a very wasteful feeder. He is of a wandering and flighty disposition. His flesh, moreover, is coarse and stringy; his hide thick and of very poor quality. He frequently shows a clumsy slowness of apprehension which amounts to downright stupidity." Colonel Roosevelt is not slow of apprehension or in the least stupid, but with respect to the other characteristics he has described we are forced to the thought that he was inspired in likening himself to a bull moose.

THE work of Congress was not as full in the matter of achievement as it would have been if both houses had been in accord with respect to the reforms desired. Nevertheless the rec-



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ord of the House is one to which every Democrat may point with pride and every patriotic citizen contemplate with satisfaction. The well defined and clearly expressed purpose to reduce the rates of tariff taxation was defeated by the prostitution of the veto power and other legislation which would have promoted the interests of the people was stifled in the packed committees of the Senate. But if the people are just to themselves and fair to posterity, the next Congress will complete the work that the present body so wisely began. We will then have a President in sympathy with the House and unless the signs are misleading, the Senate will be a help rather than a hindrance in the good work.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT is not as cautious in his expressions as one ought to be who expects to be believed in the future. For example in

refuting the statement that in 1904 Treasurer Bliss of the Republican National committee appealed to the Standard Oil company for a second contribution, the Colonel declares that the committee didn't need the money and in fact had a surplus of \$100,000 after the election. Those of us who have a better memory than the Colonel, however, recall that it was after the date upon which Archbold says Bliss asked the second contribution that Roosevelt wrote so endearingly and imploringly to "Dear Harriman" to "come over." If the National Committee had more money than it needed why would Roosevelt offer a mortgage upon his manhood and a lien upon his integrity to get a quarter of a million tainted dollars from Edward A. Harriman, the most notorious and unconscionable railroad wrecker of his day and generation? These circumstances are not consistent.