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TAFT-ROOSEVELTIZING TAMMANY.

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THAT was a significant meeting, the one held on the evening of the 17th of this month at the Hotel Belmont by about 100 picked Democrats from all parts of the State.

The resolution that was adopted approaches its subject gradually, yet with admirable directness.

It first sets forth the necessity of “ridding the Democratic party of the leadership and control of Mr. Charles F. Murphy.” That, tho’ general, is an endeavor that falls within a certain scope.

The second necessity mentioned is the ridding of the Democratic party of “the men whose instrument” the said Murphy is. That narrows the scope down.

The third step taken is to refer to Mr. Murphy and the men whose instrument he is as people who “know neither parties nor principles,” and who find “both Cannon and Fitzgerald equally serviceable.” That makes matters quite clear. The men, whose instrument Mr. Murphy is, and who actually find a Cannon and a Fitzgerald equally serviceable are just one set—the Roman Catholic political and business hierarchy, which, ambushed behind religion, is being supported by the Jew and Gentile and Infidel big business which considers mystification a necessary lever for economic and political Absolutism.

Finally, determined that there shall be no doubt in the matter, the resolution point blank declares that the said Murphy and the men whose instrument he is would, within the Democratic party, “support any candidate whom they believe President Taft could defeat.” There can be nothing more pointed. President Taft being the Pope’s man, and his election being the thing at the heart of Mr. Murphy and of the men whose instrument he is, the men, whose instrument the 100 picked Democrats from all parts of the State are, are none other than the plutocratic ele-

ments, who, tho' straining after Absolutism, just as the Taft set, discard the cloak of mysticism as a mummery too ridiculous for the 20th century, and prefer Absolutism without cloak—the bareback riding “man on horseback”—Roosevelt.

The resolution adopted by the 100 picked New York Democrats implies a split in Tammany—one set remaining with Taft, the other going over to Roosevelt, with a negligible residue to wander to the Academician Wilson.

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