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EDITORIAL

Newton D. Baker's Election to Tom L. Johnson's Chair.

Personally, politically and in all other ways, Newton D. Baker, just elected Mayor of Cleveland by the stupendous majority of 18,000, is a man after Tom L. Johnson's own heart. For nearly ten years he was Mayor Johnson's beloved friend and able and trusted legal adviser and political coadjutor; and it is no depreciation of Mr. Baker's individuality and independence to say of him that his election seems like Tom L. Johnson come again. For Mr. Baker holds in his own right to the same civic aspirations and the same economic and municipal policies that Tom L. Johnson held, and accords them the same full measure of independent personal devotion that Johnson gave. With Baker's accession to the Mayor's chair in Cleveland, that city will resume its pilgrimage toward the goal of Johnson's ambition of "a city set upon a hill."

The Ohio Constitutional Convention.

In their first fight with the electric-power monopolies of Ohio and their allied interests, the Progressives have achieved a great victory. With a majority of two-thirds of the Constitutional convention committed to the Initiative and Referendum, Allen Ripley Foote's Ohio State Board of Commerce (the civic agency in Ohio for the electric-power interests, and

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