

That boast would be bad politics. But it is the fact. Mr. Brandeis has shown a verbal peephole through the Roosevelt platform, and it isn't quite appropriate to Ananias him for it. What he says is true. The Roosevelt platform "does not promise industrial democracy." What it represents is *plutocratic benevolence*.



### Roosevelt versus Deneen.

The essence of the violent quarrel between Governor Deneen and Mr. Roosevelt is this: Governor Deneen supported Mr. Roosevelt in his efforts to secure the regular Republican nomination for President. Mr. Roosevelt then welcomed his support. When Mr. Roosevelt's proprietary rights in that nomination were stolen, and he "bolted" the regular Republican convention to form his new party, Governor Deneen "stood pat," hoping to get for re-election as Governor the support of both factions. In this he had the co-operation of Mr. Roosevelt's Illinois organ, the Chicago Tribune, but not of Mr. Roosevelt. Having to choose between the factions, Governor Deneen took a month or so to think about it, meanwhile campaigning the State in his own behalf and maintaining a masterly neutrality on the Presidential problem. His neutrality was steadied by the Tribune, which continued to support Roosevelt for President and Deneen for Governor. In the course of his campaigning, Governor Deneen learned, or thought he did, that Roosevelt's strength in Illinois is declining. He saw, or thought he saw, that Roosevelt votes are rippling over to Wilson or slipping back to Taft. So he decided to come out for Taft. Some strong language has, in consequence, been interchanged. On the point of veritability, Deneen appears to have the best of it; at any rate he offers facts in evidence, whereas Roosevelt confines himself as usual to shirt-sleeve eloquence and epithets. But there is really nothing very substantial in the controversy. Deneen would have "looked good" to Roosevelt if he had come over to Roosevelt; in Deneen's eyes, Roosevelt would have "looked good" if the Illinois vote had had a stronger Roosevelt coloring. The one important thing about it all is that *Governor Deneen has come to the conclusion that Roosevelt will be third in the race in Illinois*. It should be added that whatever else Deneen may or may not be, he is an acute political observer.



### Mayor Dunne as a "Big Joke."

As Mayor of Chicago, "Dunne was a big joke." So states an autogenetic "committee of 100" in

Chicago. And he was—to the idle and indifferent swallows of grafters' gossip. But Mayor Dunne was no joke, little or big, to the crooks of Chicago, respectable or disreputable. He made war on their graft; and he could not be bought off, coaxed off nor scared off. Until Mayor Dunne spoiled it, one of the juiciest centers for respectable graft was the school board. This graft has run up into millions annually, and lots of it keeps on going to the very newspapers that have conspired to make the groundlings think that Dunne was a "big joke" as Mayor. It was their only way. Failing to make him a grafter like themselves, they labeled him a "joke." Let whoever doubts, read the official reports of the Supreme Court of Illinois since the election of Dunne in 1905. That the Court had to decide for technical reasons in favor of the grafters sometimes, will not mislead any intelligent person; their graft was uncovered just the same. Were all the truth known, it is not improbable that some of this graft might be traced to the inner councils of that autogenetic "committee of 100" which denounces Mayor Dunne's school board record. By no means was Dunne's administration a "big joke" to big grafters (or little ones, either); the joke was too big on them to be big to them.



### FREE SHIPS AND FREE SEAMEN.

A consideration of the problem of the American merchant marine discloses four palpable facts: (a) The American flag has all but disappeared from the high seas; (b) the disappearance of our shipping is a distinct loss to the country, both in peace and in war; (c) the American sailor has been driven from the sea by antiquated laws, which have as their central feature a high protective tariff; and (d) our place can be regained only by repealing the restrictive laws, and adopting such a liberal code as will give liberty to the shipmaster, and freedom and self-respect to the men.



It is not the purpose of an editorial to provide a Congressional program, but it may discuss the general principles upon which such a program must rest.

There has been a vast deal of discussion as to how our flag is to be restored to the high seas.

During the fifty years that the protective tariff has been slowly but surely strangling this one-time great industry, Congressional committees