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the government by a few great corporations?
Was all their brave talk only "talk," and did they become meek and submissive under the hypnotic influence of their master's voice?
When we realize what organized billions can do, and are doing; when we see that the shafts of right and ustice, of reason and logic, are inipotent when hurled against those gold-armored soldiers, it is almost discouraging:
And yet, at this hour when honest government seems most distant, when the principles of Jefferson are without a friend in power, when greedy trusts hold eighty-odd millions of people by the throat, we are more than ever devoted to the cause of the many weak against the powerful few; more than ever devoted to the statesman, the pure citizen and lovable gentleman, W, J. Bryan Columbia (S. C.) State.

## Greater Than Ever

Mr. Bryan will not probably be a candidate for office again. He does not seek office for either fame or salary, and unless Nebraska calls him to office he has closed his political career.. It has been Hike no other career in ours or in any land. No other man ever grew greater un-
der constant defeat. No other man der constant defeat. No other man
with two national defeats on his shoulders was ever welcomed by kings and potentates as the repre sentative of his country. The old world hailed Mr. Bryan as the typical American.
Like Henry Clay, he will never reach the presidency, but he has made a permanent impression on our politics. He has forced reforms upon the victorious party and has compelled it to explain and deny its alliance with the trusts. He has made it discreditable to be dishonest in politics, and his terrific words have made predatory wealth shiver
If Mr . Bryan becomes a senator he will have a great opportunity to press reforms.

All the reforms that Mr. Roosevelt has attempted were suggested by Mr . Bryan and openly adopted ${ }^{\prime y} \mathrm{Mr}$. Roosevelt. He has purified politics as God purifies the sea, by constant agitation.
This defeat has not lessened the regard of the American people for the foremost private citizen. Mr Bryan is greater thanta Georgian
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THE EDGE OF DISAPPOINTMENT The only balm for the kc~n dis appointment we feel over the election is in the fact that we made a good fight, we kept the faith and the result in Iowa shows the effect of our work.
The reduction of the republican majority in the face of a landslide is an accomplishment of which any newspaper could be proud. We have received hundreds of congratulations and acknowledgments from demo crats all over Iowa who are kind enough to say that the change in than to any other agency.
However, we are willing go any personal gratulation to fore by the victory could bave if therefor that superb leader of the won cratic battalions in national demoThe defeat of Bryan is the saddest blow that ever crushed the hopes of man in a republic.

The defeat is not Bryan's. No man can defeat him. He is invincible The defeat is one that affects the reBryan can people are the losers. life's work go on and on with his life's work of good, but the republic torate by unfair defeat of the elecor later wreck any government on or later wreck any government on
earth.
might have been. We can expect half-hearted supporters of Mr. Bryan to indulge in post-mortem specula-
tion. They will point out that is Johnson had been nominated the democracy would have won. We deny it: No man in the republic could have beaten Bryan before the people. He is their idol. Parker afforded evidence of the difference between ane so-called conservative candidate was the radical candidate, Bryan not right.

Taft will give the American people an administration of indifference. He will seek the line of least resistance. He will not harm a single He will He is eminently safe and sane. porations yet more firmly on the porations yet more firmly on the
people and add years to the struggle

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