Another Instance of Underwood "Leadership"

patch, printed in the Philadelphia sure is being exerted to prevent the North American, sent by its corres- committee from reporting to the pondent, Angus McSween:

to membership in the rules committee of the house, by democrats under the leadership of Representative Underwood, is calling forth democratic explanations.

Every one knows that the Lindbergh resolution providing for an investigation of the money trust is

Wanted a man or woman to act as our information reporter. All or spare time. No experience necessary, \$50 to \$300 per month. Nothing to sell. Send stamp or particu-Hon Bldg. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. that because the caucus of reaction-

Following is a Washington dis- | and that the strongest probable preshouse. Everybody knows there is a Election of Campbell, of Kansas, big fight on between those who wish to serve the public and those who would serve the great financial combination; that Campbell will be among the latter and that he takes the place of a man who would have voted otherwise.

Despite all this, Leader Underpending before the rules committee involved in the fight was that of permitting the republican members of the house to choose their own committee representatives.

Incidentally, he takes a position lars. SALES ASSOCIATION, 739 Associa- in favor of caucus control and insists

ary republicans had authorized Mann of Illinois, their floor leader, to fill all republican committee vacancies, the house was bound to accept Mr. Mann's nomination of Campbell.

In view of the fact that one-man control in both politics and business is one of the evils which the country is fighting against, this attitude by the democratic leader of the house is likely to cause him and his party embarrassment, and may necessitate some declaration from range. other leading democrats in opposition, in order to place them more in accord with progressive sentiment.

Nor will Mr. Underwood's explawood insists that the only question nation that the Lindbergh resolution was not considered in the vote upon Campbell's election to the committee which has that resolution under consideration be likely to prove entirely satisfactory, unless it develops that the opponents of the resolution are not strong enough, even with Campbell's aid, to prevent favorable action by the committee.

It is insisted by democrats that the Lindbergh resolution will be reported, and therefore the election of Campbell, if a gain to the money trust, was not a sufficient gain to do it any good. These statements were all expected, and will have force and effect only if the Lindbergh resolution is reported and adopted by the house. Until that action the public will be justified in viewing with alarm and suspicion any action which seems to indicate an understanding by reactionary leaders upon both sides in opposition.

PEACE AND PANAMA

Editor Ohio State Journal: At the peace convention recently held at Cincinnati, President Taft in one breath advocated world-wide peace treaties with Great Britain and all other nations, and in the next breath the fortification of the Panama Canal and the annual addition to our navy of two costly battleships. The same convention listened to John Hays Hammond, recently coronation ambassador to Great Britain, who said that the Christian nations of the world were spending the enormous sum of \$1,500,000,000 annually for armed peace. Of that sum at least one-tenth is chargeable to the United States, which holds an olive branch in one hand and a battleship in the other.

And now the president, with growing distrust of the nations whom he would persuade to make treaties, insists on fortifying the Panama Canal, which was originally started to facilitate commerce among the nations. Our congress should at once and forever set its foot down on this fortification scheme and insist that every nation entering into treaty relations with this country, from this time henceforth, should guarantee the neutrality of the Panama Canal as well as the sanctity of the Monroe doctrine. No treaty should be ratified which does not contain these two provisions and conditions.

And I go still further in saying that, in consideration of these treaty guarantees, the tolls chargeable shall be those agreed upon by representatives of the nations with the United States. Nations not included in this pact should pay higher toll than those having peace treaty relations. And finally the tolls for transit through the Panama Canal should not exceed the cost of its management and repair, plus a trifling sinking fund covering a period of 100 years. In other words, the tolls should be as light as possible, in view of railroad competition, but especially to promote commerce among all nations, who will thus be shown by a great object lesson, the financial daring, superb engineering and generosity of the United States.

M. C. SPAULDING.

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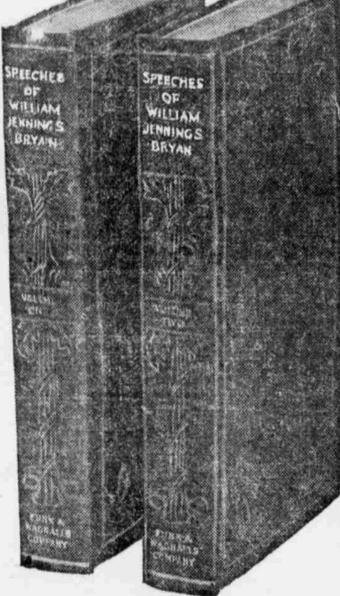
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