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Lorimer Unseated

The following brief report, taken from the columns of the Chicago Tribune, the most active newspaper opponent of Senator Lorimer, tells the story:

"Washington, July 13—It was 2:04 p.m. when Senator Gallinger announced the adoption by a vote of 55 to 28 of the following resolution offered by Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee:

"'Resolved, That corrupt methods and practices were employed in the election of William Lorimer to the senate of the United States from the state of Illinois, and that his election therefore was invalid."

"With the adoption of this resolution Mr. Lorimer, with an attempt at a smile, rose from his seat and sauntered toward the republican cloakroom.

"Representative Rodenberg of Illinois shook his hand and Senator Smoot threw his arm around his shoulder. He passed through the door. The case was ended. Mr. Lorimer's name, which has been upon the senate rolls since June 18, 1909, will now be erased from the senate records.

"Holding in mind the contentions so strenuously and vociferously advanced by Mr. Lorimer and his lawyers and by the senators who pleaded for him, it would appear that today the United States senate has decided:

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"That Charles A. White told the truth in the confession which was published by the Tribune.

"That the Tribune was not engaged and never

had been engaged in any conspiracy to destroy William Lorimer.

"That the Tribune performed a meritorious public service and is entitled to the approval of the country for the way in which it conducted the fight.

"That President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt, W. J. Bryan, the International Harvester company, Governor Deneen, State's Attorney Wayman of Cook county, State's Attorney Burke of Sangamon county, and the press of Chicago and of the country did not 'conspire and intrigue' to ruin William Lorimer politically and financially."

The senators voted as follows:

AGAINST LORIMER

Republicans—William E. Borah, Idaho; Jonathan Bourne, jr., Oregon; Frank O. Briggs, New Jersey; Joseph L. Bristow, Kansas; Norris Brown, Nebraska; Theodore E. Burton, Ohio; Moses E. Clapp, Minnesota; Albert B. Cummins, Iowa; Charles Curtis, Kansas; Shelby M. Cullom, Illinois; Coe I. Crawford, South Dakota; Joseph M. Dixon, Montana; Albert B. Fall, New Mexico; Asle J. Gronna, North Dakota; W. S. Kenyon, Iowa; R. M. La Follette, Wisconsin;

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FOR LORIMER

Republicans—William O. Bradley, Kentucky; F. B. Brandegee, Connecticut; H. E. Burnham, New Hampshire; Thomas B. Catron, New Mexico; Clarence D. Clark, Wyoming; W. Murray Crane, Massachusetts; W. P. Dillingham, Vermont; J. H. Gallinger, New Hampshire; R. J. Gamble, South Dakota; Simon Guggenheim, Colorado; Wesley L. Jones, Washington; H. F. Lippett, Rhode Island; P. J. McCumber, North Dakota; George T. Oliver, Pennsylvania; Boies Penrose, Pennsylvania; George C. Perkins, California; H. A. Richardson, Delaware; Reed Smoot, Utah: Isaac Stephenson, Wisconsin; G. P. Wetmore, Rhode Island.

Democrats—Joseph W. Bailey, Texas; D. U. Fletcher, Florids; M. J. Foster, Louisiana; J. F. Johnston, Alabama; Thomas H. Paynter, Kentucky; J. W. Smith, Maryland; John R. Thornton, Louisiana; B. R. Tillman, South Carolina. Total, 28.

PAIRED-AGAINST LORIMER

W. E. Chilton, West Virginia; C. A. Culberson, Texas; Jeff Davis, Arkansas; R. L. Owen, Oklahoma. Total, 4.

PAIRED-FAVORING LORIMER

J. H. Bankhead, Alabama; H. A. DuPont, Delaware; W. B. Heyburn, Idaho; F. E. Warren, Wyoming. Total, 4.

William Lorimer (Illinois) did not vote.

This closes the last and worst case of corruption in senatorial elections. With popular election such things will be impossible.

A HOT RACE

Hearst's American and the New York Sun are running a hot race in the effort to say mean things of Mr. Bryan. There is polish to the Sun's malicious paragraphs, while the American deals in coarse and awkward sentences. But the latter will make up in malice what it lacks in polish.

No one holds the Sun too strictly to account for it is generally understood that it is a faithful servant of the interests while everyone enjoys its charming style in paying tribute to its friends and in denouncing its foes. The bitter antagonism of Hearst's American would, however, be an honor to any man were it of sufficient importance for serious consideration.

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

A Washington dispatch says that with the ratification of the income tax amendment by the Louislana legislature favorable action by two other states is all that is necessary to complete the good work. It is expected that New Jersey and Pennsylvania whose legislature: meet in 1913 will ratify the proposed amendment. This is good news and it will cheer the hearts of men who have for so many years been fighting for this great reform.

Real Leadership

If Governor Dix of New York has any real concern for the triumph of democracy he would better devote some of his attention to the separation of the party in New York from the powers that prey rather than to "the elimination of Bryan." It is strange that Governor Dix can be so wrought up at the mention of Mr. Bryan's name while the names of the bosses who have grown fat upon the taxpayers of New York, through the medium of the democratic party, draw from the New York executive exclamations of affection.

The New York World gives a valua le hint to the democracy of the empire state when it says that men like Senator O'Gorman should exert their power and influence. It must be remembered, however, that men like Senator O'Gorman can not do it all. This New York senator has done much during his brief service to bring the New York democracy into good repute. Within a few months he has, by his patriotic efforts, won the respect and confidence of men of all parties in every section of the country. It remains for the rank and file of the New York democracy to go to the support of O'Gorman and to make it known that the O'Gorman type is the kind of democrat they most delight to honor.

Mr. Bryan cares nothing for the ill-natured remarks of the gentleman occupying the office of the chief executive of New York; but he would like to see the occupant of that office using his efforts to the upbuilding of the party instead of counseling and aiding and abetting in the surrender of party machinery to elements that are essentially antagonistic to democratic principles.

Democrats everywhere having the interest of their party and their country at heart will heartily indorse the appeal made by the New York World, when it says: "There is a new democracy in the nation, and under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson it ought to be a more inspiring democracy than the country has known since the days of Jackson. It is time the democratic party in New York put itself in touch with the militant progressive democracy of the United States. The first step is the obliteration of Murphy and Murphyism. The work should not be delayed until the blundering boss from Fourteenth street has finished his plans for the nomination of a state ticket through his control of the state machine."

A GREAT VICTORY

The Eugene (Oregon) Guard says: William J. Bryan wen a great personal victory at Baltimore by forcing the nomination of a clean, progressive candidate for president without the assistance of Boss Murphy, of New York, and his cohorts.

THE MORGAN-RYAN-BELMONT RESOLUTION

Columbus (O.) Dispatch: Never was there a resolution offered to a national convention that was more specific in its disapproval of individuals. It dealt in no glittering generalities, but said outright what sincere men say when they speak their minds. It declared that the convention was "opposed to the nomination of any candidate for president who is the representative or under any obligation to J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont or any other member of the privilege-hunting and favor-seeking class."

It was a bold and forceful attack and has excited the admiration of a vast multitude, many of whom have not hitherto been numbered among the political friends of Mr. Bryan.