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FOREIGN COMMENT

German Editor Exalts Bryan

Following is a Berlin cablegram to the New York Times: The Deutsche Tageszeitung pays a high tribute to Secretary of State Bryan in a long editorial commenting on the so-called paradox of "the notoriously most materialistic nation in the world under the guidance of the two most notable idealists of the time--Wilson and Bryan." It believes that the appointment of Mr. Bryan to his present position promises closer German-American relations.

"Mr. Bryan," says the paper, "is a man of the highest nobility of mind and a democrat in the finest sense of the word. He is filled with the spirit of Washington, Bancroft and Lincoln, but lives in a time of moral and economic slavery under feudal lords and trust magnates. It will be one of the most interesting studies of modern times to watch the contest of materialism and idealism in the new world."

A Gracious Bouquet for Mr. Bryan

The London Daily Mail, in its editorial comment on the announcement of Walter H. Page, the American ambassador to the court of St. James at the centenary peace meeting, in which the ambassador said that a new treaty between the United States and Great Britain was being concluded, paid a very high compliment to Secretary Bryan. As the secretary has been getting so many knocks lately, the Banner takes great pleasure in reproducing in its columns the splendid tribute the Mail pays to Mr. Bryan:

"This feat, which has crowned Secretary of State Bryan's life long labor for peace is the realization of a dream with which Sir Edward Grey roused the house of commons to an astonishing display of enthusiasm three years ago, but which the amiable weakness of President Taft was not strong enough to translate into action.

"Mr. Bryan's proposals," the Mail concludes, "are strictly practical, the object of referring disputes to a commission being to secure time for reflection and cooling off when public opinion is dangerously excited."—Ocala (Fla.) Banner.

French President Admires Peace Doctrines

Following is a special Paris cablegram from Paul Villiers to the New York Times: Bryan's plan for world peace appeals to President Poincare, who has long cherished the ambition of leading Europe out of the bondage of "military enslavement." It is to be doubted, however, that even the interest of a popular president and the Frenchman's ever-present desire to second any American project will secure for the Nebraskan's proposals anything more than academic approval. War scares may be made in France, but the conviction still prevails that France is constantly menaced by her "Teutonic neighbor," and with the spectre of war casting his shadow through the Rhine window there is no serious notion of turning swords into ploughshares or dedicating international diplomacy to the service of the dove of peace.

"Bryan is a very good man and a very great man," said M. Poincare recently to an American woman guest of the executive mansion. "I admire him very much. He is one of the most notable Americans since Thomas Jefferson, whose doctrines he has made more logical and comprehensible."

"Mr. Bryan," he declares, "is one of the world's immortal few. Ranking with Jefferson and Jackson and the immortal names enriching the achievements of democracy. Mr. Bryan's name will be emblazoned

in the permanent annals of history as the people's idol and courageous friend. More than that, his character will stand forth in history typifying him as the people's redeemer in the century's struggle for political freedom and individual rights."

A PROTEST AGAINST CRITICISM OF THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION

A Tennessee hardware merchant has sent the following letter for publication in Hardware Age. It is a copy of a communication addressed by him to a manufacturer's agent located in New York City. The latter had stated in his market report that the prevailing business conditions were largely due to the unrest created by the policies of the Wilson administration. The first paragraph in the letter is from the market report.

"It seems so unfortunate that our president should believe that our business men are trying artificially to create business depression, or that he should resent their expressing any opinions they might see fit. We are firmly convinced that continued legislation against business is unwise and unnecessary."

"There's the truth in a nutshell. You are satisfied it is unwise and unnecessary." You people in New York that the whole country ought to think as you think. We say it is necessary. The party in power has been promising to regulate the trusts for years, and that is exactly what the trusts want you business men to do, write letters, send telegrams, and print long editorials, 'adjourn Congress, let's go home and digest the laws already made,' and if it were done, as you want it, the 'Great Man on Horseback, Teddy the First, the Great Explorer,' would come along and say, 'You cowards, you promised to regulate the trusts, you were afraid, and every mother's son of you who wants legislation stopped at this time would join with his crying, 'Cowards, the fact is as we see it.' Mr. Wilson has the courage of his convictions, and wants to carry out his party's long time promised pledges, and in order to do so from the agitation the business men have made, has called the 'Robber Barons,' and 'Great Financial Free Booters Hands,' and told them to their teeth, that they had tried and are trying to make depression and scuttle his administration. The country is in an unrest, we admit. We believe and absolutely know it as the president has said, 'Psychological entirely, if every factory and every business interest had said and stuck to it.' Now, Mr. Wilson, you have the congress, go ahead and legislate as your party has promised to do for so long. You have given us a tariff bill, a currency bill, they are both good, we are going to give them a fair trial. Now let's see you go after trust legislation. We say, if the business interests so-called had done this, there would have been no depression at this time. You also 'keep harping' on what the interstate commerce commission ought to do and ought to have done long ago for the eastern railroads. Suppose they don't do it. Do you think the country is going to the 'bow wows'? After the disclosure of the New Haven investigation, it would be hard to make the common people all over this country believe that all they really need is to squeeze the water out of their stock. Now, we advise you to let up on the president and his advisors. Practise the 'Golden Rule' and see if the country won't feel better by it. You must remember that the business people so-called are not all the people in this great country, and no one knows this better than Mr. Wilson and his great secretary of state, Mr. Bryan."—Hardware Age.