

readers upon the pretense that they are publishing the news, they deliberately suppress the account of one of the real important events that have taken place since Bryan's resignation as secretary of state. We are face to face with a problem as serious as ever confronted the nation. And when newspapers suppress facts with reference to a policy that may mean war, when knowledge of the truth might change that policy, they commit an outrage not only against the American people but against all mankind.

And this is apparently what a large portion of the "free" press of this country has determined to do.

ONCE AGAIN

Dead! Yes, it must be so, because through the teeth of every reactionary who has felt the force of the telling blows of the great crusader in the cause of Right are hissing now sweet notes of joy.

Dead! Yes, it must be so, because on the editorial page of every newspaper which is owned or controlled by criminal wealth is now appearing gleeful requiems at the passing of that great luminary whose teachings have caused the American people to chase the predatory tigers to the darkest depths of their Wall street jungle.

Dead! Yes, it must be so, because here in Nebraska, a commonwealth unknown in the galaxy of state stars until a great commoner came to make it the most conspicuous in all the political skies, every pusillanimous puppy who through the years has been lapping cream from the corporation saucer is now making the day a bedlam and the night hideous by his howlings of joy in the belief that Bryan is dead again.

The difference between the latest death of Bryan and his first demise in 1896 is the difference in the cause of death alleged by the reactionaries. In 1896 they said the people had killed Bryan by their votes. Now they say he has killed himself by his cowardice in refusing to send a warlike note to Germany.

Bryan was great in 1896. He was greater afterward.

And now, even though the criminal interests say he is dead, he lives, and his place in the hearts of the common people, who are not longing for war, is more secure than at any time since he began preaching the doctrine of resistance against the aristocracy of corporate wealth, and the doctrine of honorable peace with the nations of the world.—Columbus (Neb.) Telegram.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Harbor. A novel. By Ernest Poole. The Macmillan Co., 64-66 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$1.40, net.

The World Crisis and the Way to Peace. By E. Ellsworth Shumaker, Ph.D., author of "God and Man: Philosophy of the Higher Life." G. P. Putnam's Sons, publishers, 2, 4, & 6 West 45th St., New York. Price 75c.

Out of Work. A study of unemployment. By Frances A. Kellor, author of "Experimental Sociology," etc. G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers, 2, 4, & 6 West 45th St., New York. Price \$1.50, net.

Standard Oil or the People? The Cause of "Hard Times" in America. By Henry H. Klein, author of "The Looting of a Great City," "How to Prevent Economic Disaster in America." Published by the author, Tribune Bldg., New York City. Price, half cloth cover, 50c. By mail, 60c.

Prohibition Poems and Other Verses. By Frank E. Herrick, Wheaton, Ill. Published for the author by Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, Ill.

Two Evil Isms—Pinkertonism and Anarchism. By a cowboy detective

who knows, as he spent twenty-two years in the inner circle of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. By Charles A. Siringo. Price 25c. Charles A. Siringo, Publisher, P. O. Box 396, Chicago, Ill.

The Man Who Forgot. A novel written around the great fight for national prohibition which centers in Washington. By James Hay, Jr. Doubleday, Page & Co., Publishers, The Country Life Press, Garden City, New York. Price \$1.25, net.

The Remedy. Dealing with a world's tragedy. By William H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," and "A Tale of Two Nations." The Mundus Publishing Co., Publishers, Chicago, Ill. Branch office, Monte Ne., Ark.

Six Dramas or American Romance and History. By Franklin P. Norton. The Secretary of State; Financier of New York; Abraham Lincoln, or The Rebellion; Otomis, The Indian of Mexico; The Third Term; King of Wall Street. The Schulte Press, 112 East Twenty-third St., New York.

The Pocket Cyclopedia of Temperance. Clarence True Wilson, D. D., editor. Deets Pickett, managing editor. Harry G. McCain, associate editor. Published by the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Shawnee Building, Topeka, Kansas. Price 25c.

The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861. A History of the Education of the Colored People of the United States from the Beginning of Slavery to the Civil War. By C. G. Woodson, Ph.D., (Harvard). G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. Price \$2.00.

Christianity and International Peace. Six Lectures at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, in February, 1915, on the George A. Gates Memorial Foundation. By Charles Edward Jefferson, Pastor Broadway Tabernacle in New York City. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, Publishers, New York. Price \$1.25, net.

Millard Fillmore. Constructive Statesman, Defender of the Constitution, President of the United States. By William Elliot Griffis, D. D., L. H. D. Andrus & Church, Ithica, N. Y.

NO LAST WORD BETWEEN FRIENDS

It is not to be supposed that men will not have bitter enemies who at this day and age have a prominent part in the life of the government, but our idea is that the enemies of W. J. Bryan have about as little to base such hatred on as any man who is prominent in national life. A story is told of Mr. Bryan in the negotiations with Japan when the matter of alien land laws were being considered a year ago. The Japanese minister was at the office of the secretary of state, when the secretary gave him the papers in the final notice to his government. The minister took the papers from the hand of Mr. Bryan, with the remark: "And is this the last word in the matter, Mr. Secretary?" Mr. Bryan turned to him with a smile, and said: "These are the instructions of my government, but there should never be any such thing between friends as the last word." It was just a commonplace remark from a man who has preached peace all his life, but deserves to go down in history, a saying that marks the new idea of substituting reason and friendship in controversies, in the place of war and destruction.—From "Comments by Connelly," in Mankato (Kas.) Advocate.

Two million dollars in toll earned the first six months is doing pretty well for the Panama canal, seeing that it had to operate on a sliding scale much of the time.—Southern Lumberman.

"THE FIRST CITIZEN"

At the dinner given by the Union League club of Philadelphia Tuesday night in honor of Mr. Root, Senator Oliver, in lauding the guest, said: "I hesitate not to proclaim him the first citizen of the republic."

There are today four men for whom this distinction is claimed. Mr. Wilson is one. His friends so characterize him, and base the case not alone on the office he holds, but also on his gifts and fame as a writer, and his assertion of leadership in politics. They liken him to Jackson in action.

Mr. Bryan is seldom introduced to an audience without receiving the compliment. It is said of him that he is not only great himself, but the cause of greatness in others; that men have come to distinction by simply studying his views and adopting his methods. Who else has occupied so prominent a place in politics for so long a time against such opposition and despite so many defeats?

And there, of course, is Mr. Roosevelt, who manages to keep in the picture. He appears, and disappears. Just now he is out of office, but not inactive. He still finds something for his busy hands to do. His personal popularity, notwithstanding his recent political shifts and twists, continues. On the streets his appearance explains the gathering of a crowd. At the picture shows when his face is thrown on the screen it gets a hearty round of applause.

Mr. Root is unlike any one of those men. While Mr. Wilson is inexperienced in politics, he is a veteran with bays on his brow. While Mr. Bryan is oratorical, he is a master of unornamented statement; and while Mr. Roosevelt is emotional, to the point sometimes of eccentricity, Mr. Root is all calculation and consistency, looking at all sides of a question, and resolute after taking a side.

Necessarily, the question must remain undecided. All these men are stars, but, as in the case of stars of the other order, one star differs from another star in glory. If either one, besides his own qualities, could absorb the most shining qualities of the other three, he would not only be "the first citizen of the republic," but a world wonder.

In our public life the guest of honor at a banquet is a temptation to the toastmaster, and at a political meeting the chairman in introducing a distinguished speaker is forbidden by custom to keep his head. In both cases extravagance is a sort of law and duty.—Washington Star.

HOPE FOR HER

Thomas A. Edison said to a reporter, apropos of deafness: "Deafness has its advantages. My own deafness enables me to concentrate my thoughts as I'd never be able to do if distracted by noise and conversation. It helps me to sleep, too."

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