

who has done so much to bring about this sentiment in the west as you have. At last we have elected a President without New York and Tammany, and you, at last have been vindicated. I am very glad that Nebraska gave such a large majority of the President, and it pleases me, furthermore, to know that, after all the assaults that were made on you, the people of Nebraska voted the saloon into oblivion.—Geo. E. Duis.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—When you stood up in the Baltimore convention with power—and perhaps in the most courageous, open way anyone ever stood in a national convention—and made it possible for us to have Mr. Wilson for President, we were grateful to you. Now that your speaking and influence in Nebraska and neighboring states have made Mr. Wilson President again, we are again and still grateful to you. Most people on the Atlantic coast see clearly the decisive work done by you in this presidential election.—Daniel E. Motley.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 14.—Your dream of a democratic west has at last been realized. Permit me to congratulate you on the splendid victory. While I regret the loss of our old friend Kerr, who deserved so much to win, there is consolation in the victory for democracy in the west.—Isaac R. Strouse.

Warrenton, Va., Nov. 12.—I want to congratulate you for your wonderful missionary work in the west for the re-election of President Wilson, and I am sure the American people appreciate your efforts. To me it was the closing of the greatest climax in the history of the country.—Chas. S. Weaver.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, and the forces of progress are assured of victory, I am taking the liberty of writing a word of thanks in my own behalf and in behalf of many of my friends from New Jersey, to you who once again routed the forces of corruption and political dishonor, and as a result of your incomparable steadfastness now witness the powers of greed against which you have almost single-handedly contended in shameful retreat. The President has made a wonderful record, it is true, but you prepared the way for everything he has accomplished. The victory is yours no less than his. You are the inspiration of young America, and your place in the affections of your countrymen who place integrity above double-dealing is assured. Your wisdom, your eloquence, your nobility and your courage are among America's most priceless possessions, and while the stars continue in their course, the history of your deeds and the story of your life will be read with admiration and wonder. All hail to America's greatest man! May God preserve you long, and with you your health and happiness.—Edward J. Hart.

Guntersville, Ala., Nov. 13.—The enclosed clipping prompts me, as an unfaltering admirer of your life and character, to express to you in this letter my deep feeling that the lovers of human rights, and beneficent government are indebted to you more than any other one man for the recent victory at the polls. This great victory is the result, not of your speeches in this campaign, but of your continued preaching and teaching of true principles of democracy.—J. A. Lusk.

Sidon, Miss., — While others are rushing to congratulate President

Wilson, I wish to congratulate you, the real victor, as the returns show. I thank God that the peace-loving masses that you have always led can elect a President without "throwing sop" to Wall street, and without the assistance of "Tammany" and "Taggart."—Douglass Robinson.

McCook, Neb. Nov. 16.—Bryan's work in our county (Red Willow) helped mightily. Juniata opera house, which seats 1,500 and which contained no less than 2,000 that day, reported 150 Hughes buttons picked up after Bryan's speech. Democrats carried county. Dry vote, 1456; wet vote, 669. Majority 787 for amendment.—J. S. Beem, Chairman Red Willow County Dry Federation.

Boonsboro, Md., Nov. 14.—I am writing you a few words, as an American citizen and a democrat, to thank you for your continued zeal for our country; for traveling from state to state for the last twenty years telling the people what to do. At last you have partly received your reward by having Wilson nominated four years ago; and this time, if it had not been for your influence, it would have been different.—C. C. Ford.

Holdrege, Neb.—May I express the loyal appreciation of one Nebraska woman for the splendid effort you have put forth in behalf of a "Dry Nebraska."—Mrs. A. P. Cadwallader.

Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 11.—While everyone is celebrating the great victory for democracy in the re-election of President Wilson, there are many of us in the east who believe that much of the credit for the victory should go to you. It was where you spoke in behalf of the President that we got our best results and I am sure that your efforts turned the tide. And so I want to congratulate you on your splendid work and assure you that you have friends by the legion here in New York who appreciate what you have done for the common people in helping to re-elect the President.—Frank E. Gannett.

Staunton, Va., Nov. 10.—You are to be heartily congratulated on the wonderful work done by you in the campaign just ended. In the east newspapers heretofore hostile are giving you the credit of turning the west in favor of Wilson. I am sure you deserve it.—R. S. Turk.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 11.—In the hour of our rejoicing Wm. J. Bryan is not forgotten. The peace-loving states, the anti-booze states, the woman-voting states (Illinois excepted in part) know the labors of Colonel Bryan for peace and the purity of the home.—Albert Tozier.

MR. BRYAN'S CAMPAIGNING

It is really sad to contemplate the things Mr. Bryan lost in the late election, to hear his enemies tell it. Mr. Bryan spoke for Wilson in Ohio and the west and Ohio and the west went for Wilson. It should be noticed that Mr. Bryan did not speak in New York or New Jersey, strongly for Hughes. In Nebraska, Mr. Bryan gave one week for Wilson and the dry amendment and Wilson and the dry amendment went in with a whoop, Wilson with such a huge majority that it carried in several of Mr. Bryan's choicest democratic enemies with it. Another victory for Mr. Bryan is the election of Edgar Howard, his personal friend and loyal supporter through thick and thin, as lieutenant-governor. As usual, Mr. Bryan will get along, away ahead in the procession of uplifting mankind and bettering the human race.—Fairbury (Neb.) Journal.

"THE MOST UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL"



THE 1920 MODEL —Washington Star.

BRYAN AND 1920

The Bryan shadow looms portentously on the horizon of 1920.

Political observers of all trends of mind note in the elections of Tuesday a significance which may have escaped the casual eye. The Bryan influence was perhaps one of the most powerful factors in bringing about results which have wrested political domination of the country from the east and transferred it to the west.

And along with the other results the advances of prohibition can not be overlooked. Three or four western states which have voted for Wilson have also voted to destroy the liquor power. And in doing so they have followed a course whose most conspicuous advocate is the great Nebraskan who thrice led the democratic hosts in unsuccessful contests.

Mr. Bryan has repeatedly stated that he never again expects to be a candidate for office. He prefers the freedom of private life. But he has also stated that he expects to devote his remaining years to the service of the people in all ways open to him and without reserve. As the foremost champion of prohibition he may find himself in 1920 in a position where he can not escape the call of those who believe with him that the power of liquor in politics must be overthrown.

He has made it plain that he considers the great issue of the future to be that dealing with liquor. He was opposed to bringing this issue into national politics in 1916. But he also made it plain that he regards its appearance in the national field eventually as inevitable if not indeed desirable. Many thoughtful men of all parties are now persuaded that by 1920 the question will have to be fought out on the larger scale.

Can any one doubt that Mr. Bryan would be the logical leader should this issue in fact force itself to the

front four years hence? No other man has a personal following equal to that which he has drawn about him. No other man has higher qualities of leadership than he has revealed. And no other man could make so wide and so effective an appeal in behalf of this great moral issue as the Commoner. His strength in his own state has again been so strikingly demonstrated in the great majority for President Wilson and for the prohibition amendment that even his severest critics will be compelled to dig him up from the tomb to which they had gratuitously consigned him.

With rare exceptions the south is already dry territory. The west, where Mr. Bryan is perhaps more popular than ever, is rapidly growing dry. Only in the east is there still a serious liquor sentiment to be reckoned with. And Tuesday's elections conclusively prove that the scepter has passed from the hands of the east. It can no longer rule the country. The west is in the saddle.

Can any one overlook the significance of this? Can any one seriously doubt that prohibition sentiment will more and more turn toward the greatest living champion of the movement directed against the legalized rum traffic? Mr. Bryan is still a comparatively young man. He is still in full vigor. He was perhaps never in finer spirits or freer from those personal anxieties which might limit his powers. During all the years of his public life he has been drawing about him men and women who love him and who hold him in deepest esteem. And were he to take the field in behalf of the cause of prohibition his leadership would undoubtedly work a profound change in the world of American politics.

This is why we say that the Bryan shadow looms portentously on the horizon of 1920.—Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.