

**MR. BRYAN AT BIRMINGHAM**

William Jennings Bryan is in Birmingham as a lecturer. Last week he was in Washington as the guest of democrats in the nation and was entertained by the President. Mr. Bryan's work in the campaign called forth the thanks of the administration. His work for the American people has been recognized for years, and many of his ideas have been enacted into laws of the highest importance, like the election of senators by

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the people instead of by legislatures.

Mr. Bryan has visited Birmingham often, and has spoken here on public questions many times. He has devoted friends here and followers who have been his friends for twenty years and more. His visit coincides with the meeting of the Anti-Saloon league, but Alabama is safely prohibition and needs no visits on that mission, except for higher prohibition. It welcomes the "Great Commoner" as one of the leaders of thought in America, always on the moral side of great questions.

Mr. Bryan finds a welcome in Birmingham as warm as the welcome he finds in Nebraska, for he has long been a citizen of the nation too great to be claimed by any one state.—Birmingham (Ala.) News, Dec. 12.

**BRYAN'S TRIUMPHANT VISIT TO ALABAMA'S CAPITAL CITY**

Montgomery paid William Jennings Bryan a tribute yesterday that has seldom if ever been paid to any man in the private walks of life of the nation.

He was greeted by one of the most magnificent audiences that ever filled the Grand theatre from the orchestra to the balcony.

It was not only large but composed of the best elements of the community of all classes and in all walks of life.

The banker and his wife were there.

The man who wears overalls while around and about his duties, was there with his wife.

All listened attentively, intently, catching each and every word as it fell from the speaker's lips, and were thrilled as they were deeply touched and impressed by his many homely illustrations of the evils of the liquor traffic.

It was an address for the masses. It was an address for the classes.

It was an address for the cultured, the educated man and woman.

It was an address for the plain, uneducated man, and uneducated woman.

All could understand — all alike could appreciate it, and all alike are impressed by it.

As an advocate of any cause, Mr. Bryan is without a peer in this country.

He is a born orator.

Every word and tone and gesture bear the impress of sincerity.

He captivates not only the intellect but the heart, and when one once hears him he wants to hear him again and again.

The features of his face are full, somewhat massive, and express the honesty, the sincerity, the calm determination for which he is famed.

His manner is grave and deliberate, but pleasing and attracts his audience by not only his rare gifts of oratory, but his arguments.

He is a polished speaker, logical and forceful, and enchains attention by a lofty, sustained and unbroken strain of rhetoric.

His voice is clear, can be heard distinctly throughout the largest auditorium in this country, his sentences well rounded, and his gesticulations neither frequent nor violent, but always graceful.

He enrapt the audience, and in his occasional flights of oratory he never fails to arouse the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Yesterday he seemed to be never so much himself.

His splendid, his magnificent, his unquestioned appreciative audience, seem to arouse in him all the enthusiasm of his nature, and he held for over an hour that audience spell-

bound, and the only regrets were that his engagement in another city necessitated his cutting his address short to catch an outgoing train.

Mr. Bryan's strength and popularity as a great figure in our national life was made undeniably apparent in the community on his visit here yesterday.

Mr. Bryan will always find a cordial welcome to Montgomery.—Montgomery (Ala.) Journal, Jan. 3.

**AWFUL COST OF WAR RISES IN YEAR 1916**

[From Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal.]

By a careful comparison of statistics from different sources the following are estimated to be the total military casualties of the belligerents to Jan. 1, 1917:

Great Britain	1,400,000
Russia	8,700,000
France	3,800,000
Italy	850,000
Servia	500,000
Belgium	225,000
Roumania	350,000
Other entente	20,000

Total entente	15,845,000
Germany	4,500,000
Austria-Hungary	4,250,000
Bulgaria	200,000
Turkey	400,000

Total central powers .. 9,350,000

Grand total .. 25,195,000

Of these a fourth, or 6,300,000 are dead.

This is a rough approximation, Only Great Britain and Germany give out lists of losses, and the German lists are always many months in arrears. The figures for British losses are most reliable. The Russian and Austro-Hungarian casualties are known only in a vague way, but they are certainly enormous.

Berlin recently estimated that the losses since June 1, last, for all belligerents had been at the rate of a million men a month, or 7,000,000.

The casualty rate is certainly rising as the war goes on, because of the larger masses of men and the better weapons involved.

The number of men killed in other wars is as follows: American Civil war, 1,000,000; Crimean, 485,000; Franco-Prussian, 290,000; Spanish-American, 2,910; Boer, 12,000; Russo-Japanese, 555,900.

**What War Has Cost**

While the indirect money cost of the war in ruined towns and fields, diminished productivity and maimed and slain human beings can never be known, the following is an approximation of the direct money loss to the different belligerent governments of the conflict to Jan. 1, 1917:

Great Britain	\$15,000,000,000
Russia	9,500,000,000
France	11,000,000,000
Italy	3,000,000,000
Minor entente nations	2,500,000,000

Total entente	\$41,000,000,000
Germany	\$15,000,000,000
Austria-Hungary	7,700,000,000
Turkey	1,000,000,000
Bulgaria	300,000,000

Total central powers \$24,000,000,000  
Military cost to neutrals due to war .. 700,000,000

Grand total direct military cost of war .. \$65,700,000,000

The indirect cost is probably twice as great as the direct cost, giving \$196,000,000,000 as a rough approximation of the loss to humanity by two years and five months of standing at Armageddon. Nearly two hundred thousand million dollars!

The war is now costing \$110,000,000 a day.

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The total income of the company for the year was \$289,342. The total assets of the company now reach \$857,105. Without doubt, at the end of this year they will equal \$1,000,000. The death claims paid during the year amounted to \$29,581 as against \$25,632 paid out in the year 1915.

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