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There is little need of further comment. Small indeed is the man who in the face of the life of William Jennings Bryan, in the face of his repeated statements, descends to sarcasm and sneers, in the present crisis.

MR. BRYAN IN PEACE, IN WAR AND IN THE TEXAS SENATE

William Jennings Bryan, as soon as a state of war was declared by the American congress, telegraphed his services as a private soldier, or in any other military capacity that President Wilson might designate. Although he had pleaded earnestly and eloquently for the maintenance of peace, when his country had decided, through its constituted authorities, to enter the lurid and tragic world conflict, he took the stand of a true patriot, with the De-catur motto: "My Country, Right or Wrong!" for his own.

This act of Col. Bryan was in lucid harmony with his attitude in 1898: Opposing war till the last minute, when the conflict with Spain came, he was among the first to offer his services. He became a soldier and did his duty, according to the orders of his superior officers.

Thirty days ago, Col. Bryan, then advocating, with all the brilliant force of his intellectual and mental endowments, for the preservation of peace, was invited by a majority of both houses to address a joint session of the Texas legislature. A minority of the Texas senate denounced, in most bitter terms, Mr. Bryan. He was characterized as a traitor and as being guilty of treason. I, standing in my place in the senate, protested against these bitter and unjust words. I called the attention of his traducers to Col. Bryan's course immediately preceding and during the war with Spain, and made this prediction: "Although Col. Bryan is today the Apostle of Peace and is pleading that his country be spared from the horrors of war, if war shall come and this country shall ask her sons to join the strife that is reddening the seas and soaking the soils with the blood of the men of more than half the nations of the earth, I predict, here and now, he will be among the first to offer his services to his President, to carry a musket or wield a sword in defense of his country's cause and honor. He will pursue, I predict, a course in harmony with what he did in the war with Spain and prove himself a true patriot, worthy of the confidence and respect of his countrymen."

This prediction of mine has come true. Col. Bryan has offered his services to his country, ahead of any of those members of the Texas legislature, who, in the heat of momentary passion, violently denounced him as a traitor and stigmatized him as being guilty of treason. I hope that during the coming special session of

the legislature, a spirit of regret and apology may prompt these bitter critics to do to this grand American citizen and world humanitarian a measure of justice equal to the injustice that their prejudice and passion led them to utter at a time when Reason was not quite herself in the senate chamber of Texas.—J. C. McNealus, Editor Dallas (Texas) Democrat.

MR. BRYAN IN NEW MEXICO

In an announcement of Mr. Bryan's address at Carlsbad, N. M., May 28, The Evening Current said:

"William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, Illinois, March 19, 1860 and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm doing chores. His favorite pastime was rabbit hunting. At the age of ten he entered the public school at Salem, although never a brilliant pupil, he never failed in an examination. He united with the Presbyterian church at Salem, Illinois in 1874. His oration on "Justice" won for him the second prize of fifty dollars. On July 4, 1883, he began to practice law in Jacksonville, Illinois. His first year was so trying that he was on the point of removing to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Henry Trumbull, his former classmate, resided. Ultimately he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and after practicing law in Lincoln for three years, entered into public life, and from that time until today, it is reasonable to say he addressed more people than any two men that ever lived and today it matters not where he speaks, standing room is always at a premium.

"His speech at Baltimore five years ago was what made President Wilson the choice of the democratic party. Forceful, persuasive reasoning power in following in the wake of Roosevelt; submitting all manner of perplexing questions to his hearers, none of which Teddy had time to answer, clinched the election of Wilson.

"The editor of The Current when Bryan first appeared on the scene

was editor of the Keith County News in Nebraska, and on April 1, 1892, declared for William Jennings Bryan for president in 1896 when Bryan would arrive at the age fixed by law for all presidential candidates—namely, 35. Papers of the above named date are on file in the Current office today. Bryan's inflexible fidelity in championing the cause of the great common people against the mighty, has endeared him to the hearts of his countrymen to such an extent that his praises will be sung by countless millions in the ages to come."

NEW ARMY BILL CLOSES BAR AT EL PASO CLUB

An El Paso, Texas, dispatch, dated May 25, says: The bar at the El Paso Country club, favorite meeting place of hundreds of army officers stationed in this vicinity, is to go out of business today, because of its proximity to an army camp.

All regimental club bars likewise were closed in accordance with the new "army prohibition law." A score of saloons near the various army camps went out of business today.

HATS OFF TO BRYAN, SAY WAR OFFICIALS

A Washington dispatch says: "We take off our hats to Bryan," was the attitude today of war department officials in reference to the former secretary of state's action in offering his services as "a private in the ranks wherever needed." Then they went on to explain the reason. "Bryan is the first prominent man who has wanted to be a private," they said.

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But a fire only causes a property loss to the living man. While it may be a severe one, he can accumulate again, even if the property burned was wholly uninsured or only partly insured. If there is need for the breadwinner of the family to protect by fire insurance his property interest which can be replaced, how much more needful is it for him to protect by life insurance the earning value of his own life, which can not be replaced.

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