

U. S. War Aims Told in Berlin

A Philadelphia dispatch to the Boston Post, dated Dec. 2, says—Since the return to Germany of so many German residents of America, a general understanding of America and America's war intentions has begun to percolate through the German press. Nevertheless, it is remarkable to find in the conservative Kreuz-Zeitung, pet organ of the East Prussian junkers, the following unvarnished statements in regard to American affairs:

U. S. War Spirit Grows

"From time to time American newspaper accounts refer to increasing peace inclinations in the United States. It is to be justly assumed that in a nation of 109,000,000 there are many who are peaceably inclined, but we warn against a too roseate view in this connection. Such optimistic expectations are just as disappointing as those prevailing in America in the first year of the war in connection with the expected turn of public opinion in favor of Germany, which in reality existed only in the imagination of German newspaper correspondents.

"Anybody following the trend of affairs in the United States is no longer in doubt but what the number of war enthusiasts in America is constantly growing. This was also recently demonstrated by the labor organizations, which are to a greater extent determined for the war than their English brethren assembled at the recent British Trades Union congress at Blackwood.

"There the delegate of the American Federation of Labor, B. Lord, declared that he would not think of sitting at a table with representatives of the central powers as long as 'that German beast' remains in Belgium and France.

"Another delegate of this federation, Golden, accused the German labor leaders as either sympathizing with the cruelties perpetrated or being moral cowards.

Bryan as a Belligerent

"Just as belligerent is now Bryan, Wilson's former secretary of state, who says in his Commoner, 'America is now bound to win, for she could

not permit a foreign power, Germany least of all, to interfere with America's destinies.'

"The United States,' says Bryan, 'can not permit the defeat of the contents, since such would be tantamount to America's defeat, unless the United States contemplates to continue the war itself.' For these reasons Bryan demands the strongest possible support of the government in all matters regarded by it as advisable. He says further, 'it does not matter how long the war may last, and what the cost may be; differences of opinion can only prolong it, while at the same time the sacrifices in money and human lives grow greater.'

"Who would have ever thought to hear that out of the mouth of Mr. Bryan? This is the same Bryan who threw his job at the President's feet for fear that Wilson's energetic attitude toward Germany might lead to war. At that time Roosevelt was also against Wilson, regarding him as acting in a cowardly way toward Bryan and toward Germany alike. Now, however, Roosevelt and Bryan blow one and the same horn. Wilson combats, in words, German militarism; virtually he imitates it. He would have the American army large enough, if need be, to attain victories on the battlefields of Europe all by itself, or at least prove to be the decisive element.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, "THE MAN OF HOURS"

[From The Detroit Times.]

"The Man of Hours."

Why shouldn't William Jennings Bryan be called that?

Or should this country be called "A Country of Hours," with that great son of Nebraska; that great leader of men and of a country, there ahead of time, waiting for the hour that he foresees, always?

The hour found him in the vanguard, when with his "Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns" he electrified a people—a minority, so it proved—but a great representation of people waiting for the very solution of their predicament which he urged as their delegate and spokesman.

Those great principles of liberty and freedom and democracy which he expounded, even as the advocate of a reform promulgated by him most unhappily, from the standpoint of "good politics," could he have "sold the truth to serve the hour," are the very principles for which the country today offers its blood and its lives.

A country always divided over Bryan, stand united today for those things to which he has consecrated his great talents, his energy and his life.

It is the hour for which Bryan has fought with all of his God-given powers to fight—another of the country's hours that makes it, once again, Bryan hour.

There was Baltimore, to which a party, battered and torn and hopelessly divided between its faction which would serve God and that which would serve Mammon, dragged itself desparingly until it heard the great champion who told the party it could not serve both.

Our country was in one of its hours when the democratic party met in Baltimore in national convention in 1912.

Its call was for a party to lead it

out of bondage, but the party had not heard until William Jennings Bryan's voice was raised in that convention, in another of his hours, and the party told that it must become the country's leader; that in order to keep faith with the country, it must first keep faith with itself and the principles of Jefferson upon which it was founded.

The Bryan hand outstretched from the speaker's platform, and which hushed the party's delegates at that hour, that his voice might carry far over the crowd and outside and beyond the convention hall into the four corners of the states, was the hand of Fate, and it gave to the country a man of the hour for this very critical and very solemn time in the nation's history.

We can not thank God for Wilson without first thanking God for Bryan.

That is undeniably so because it is political history.

And now comes still another hour—still another Bryan hour.

Authority has been voted for the expression of the whole people in an hour that finds the country's sentiment overwhelmingly for a dry nation and consistency with war, which embodies consistency with so many other things.

It was voted in the lower house of congress Monday in ratification of previous action by the senate, and in the gallery they heard the vigorous clapping of a man's hands.

The hands were those of "The Man of Hours."

He was there to see the completion of that for which he had battled again in the forefront.

He was there at another hour which he foresaw.

Once again William Jennings Bryan has done his part.

Country-wide prohibition is now the fight of the states and the people of the states.

It is now the fight of Michigan, "Our Michigan," and we must and we will do our part.

It is Michigan's hour!

MR. BRYAN AT LEWISTON

[Lewiston, Me., Journal, Dec. 7, 1917.]

Hon. William J. Bryan, who in the minds of many is America's most gifted orator, last night held a Lewiston-Auburn audience of 800 in fascinated attention. He spoke two hours and ten minutes, but practically nobody left the hall.

Just as each of Dickens' novels is in reality several novels in one, so this address by the great commoner was in reality several addresses in one. It was in part a plea for woman suffrage, in part an economic treatise, in part a straight sermon, and so on; he dealt with many subjects, and each was pretty nearly a whole address in itself. But it was all beautifully blended into a central theme, just as the Dickens' novels are, and the result was as satisfying. It was an exceptional and memorable intellectual treat.

MR. BRYAN AT AUGUSTA

[From Kennebec Journal, Augusta, Me., Dec. 5.]

Touching upon the problems of the day in politics and pointing out the duties which Americans owe to the government in war, William Jennings Bryan lectured Tuesday evening at City hall under the auspices of the Augusta Entertainment Course, and for more than two hours held an audience that packed the hall to standing room only. Mr. Bryan's discourse was filled with philosophy, but had as well a great deal of wit and humor which brought forth laughter and applause from all parts of the auditorium.

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