

PULITZER'S FIGHT

Joseph Pulitzer's shadow may be lengthening in the westering sun, his eyes may no longer serve him in the details of his strategy, but in the fight he has been making on William J. Bryan during the last year or more there is no more suggestion of impairment of his journalistic generalship. In fact there is in it the old flash of fire that characterized his early career. Mr. Pulitzer has been fulminating against Mr. Bryan with uncommon persistency for nearly two years. He has watched the Nebraskan with a sort of owl's vision. At his every appearance he has pressed the button and there have been simultaneous detonations in the east and central west. It cannot be denied that the reports have been somewhat deafening.

Mr. Pulitzer's batteries were put in condition last spring, just prior to the democratic national convention. He foresaw that Mr. Bryan would have to be reckoned with in the convention. He returned from abroad in order to be nearer the scene of action and to be able to communicate more readily with the firing line. He discovered Judge Parker, a man who was the personification of his own opposition to the Nebraskan. It was Mr. Pulitzer's influence, more than

any other's, that brought about Judge Parker's nomination. It was a triumph for Bryan's antithesis. The erstwhile demigod of his party bowed to his party's choice. He assented to his own repudiation for the sake of his party. He didn't sulk or skulk, but he told the convention he would give up his principles if his party demanded. And he did.

Apparently Mr. Pulitzer is not satisfied. He now attacks the Nebraskan upon his Iroquois dinner utterances in espousing municipal ownership and national control of railroads and of other interstate utilities. It is quite evident that Mr. Pulitzer believes Bryan has struck a popular chord, one that is liable to again reach the ears of the multitudes to whom he has been eclipsed. It can be reasonably inferred that the New York publisher hears afar off the thunder of a campaign which may find Bryan again in the saddle. The resumption of the attack at this time would indicate it. But it hardly requires a journalistic seer to divine popular magic in the program Mr. Bryan is now enunciating.

Mr. Pulitzer may crucify Bryan upon a cross of silver, but he can not run him down beneath the wheels of an unregulated common carrier.—St. Louis Chronicle.

majesty would like to confer the appointment the kaiser replied, curtly: Oh, confer it on Satan himself if you like!"

"Very well," replied the old minister, with a twinkle in his eye, and

then continued in his most suave and courtly manner. "And shall I allow the patent signed by your majesty in that case to go out in the usual form. To my trusted and well beloved cousin and counselor?"—Tid Bits.

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A CALL BACK TO BOYHOOD

Maybe you think now you will not go to the circus, but the chances are you will.

There's no getting around the fact that it will be hot and stuffy in the "big top." It is true that a strip of carpet doesn't make a very effective cushion for hard board. Two hours is a long time to sit, even in a "reserved seat," with an alleged back, and rub elbows with other sweltering mortals. And the performance is likely to be very similar to the one you saw last year. It's all right for mother and the children to go if they enjoy that sort of things. They can go with the neighbors and you devoutly hope they'll have a good time.

That's about the way you feel this morning isn't it, staid man of business? But you haven't yet got a whiff of the circus day atmosphere.

Wait till you get down town and see what an early start our friends from the country have made on what is to be a solid day of enjoyment. Wait till you bump into the man with the red and blue balloons, the man with the lemo and the man with the wienies. Wait till the sound of the bands draws you to the window and holds you there while the glittering gorgeousness of the parade goes by. That's the time that many sensible resolutions on the circus proposition go to pave the hot place. The whole business is a call back to boyhood. It is a call that always thrills. Wow! Just listen to the callope.

One can almost see you hastening home to lunch and telling the folks that the crowd is going to be so big that you guess you'll have to go along and look after the children yourself. And it will not hurt you either.—Sioux City Journal.

A JOKE WITH THE KAISER

Although somewhat short tempered, the German emperor is more easily diverted from anger to good humor by means of his fellow sovereigns.

Some years ago, when old Baron Boetticher, who was secretary of state for the interior, was discussing with his majesty the most suitable nominations to be made in the case of a number of vacant offices, the latter became greatly irritated by the statesman's unanswerable objections to the candidate whom he himself desired to obtain a certain post. His anger, in fact, grew quite violent, and when the baron inquired if there were no other person upon whom his

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