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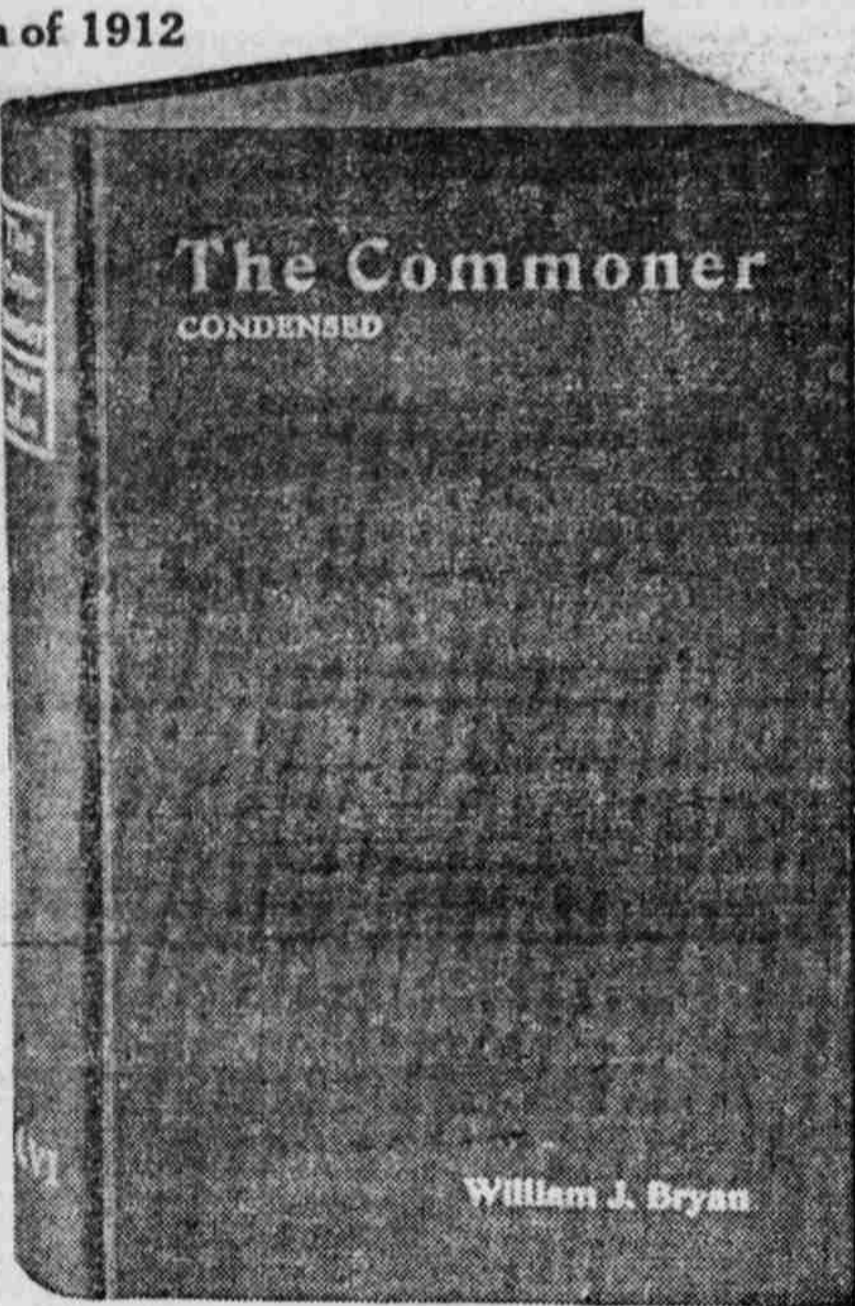
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INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGES AND GLITTER OF MODERN AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

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Elena, Countess of Donoughmore, daughter of M. P. Grace, of New York; Margaret, Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, daughter of Levi Z. Leiter, of Chicago—

These names are hard to pronounce by one who has not been a special envoy to a coronation trade carnival (laughter and applause)—

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Permit me here to indulge the hope that the good day is coming when the position of the plain American citizen will be so lofty that puny princes of other countries will fade in deserved insignificance by just comparison. (Applause.) Then may we see this reign of international nuptial alliance, based upon a mongrel mixture of wealth and titles of nobility, run its course before an enlightened, world-wide sentiment. My duty would be unperformed if I did not pause to here shed a tear of sympathy with our scorned and discredited duchesses, countesses, and princesses. Behold this item of news from the public press, which meets our gaze:

"Representative Sabath learns that despite the millions which we send along with our maidens and which enrich the thin-blooded nobility of Europe the compensation is not adequate. About the time they are crowning a king we discover that some of our heiresses who have bought little coronets can not wear them in the procession. Some obsolete rule or regulation is revived, and with gravity and solemnity they are relegated to the stands erected for the common people. A resolution introduced by Mr. Sabath directs the secretary of state to inquire into the 'humiliation' that title-bearing American women are forced to undergo; how many of these international alliances are being negotiated, and at what figures; whether any of the coronets are made of pewter or tin; and whether there is danger of 'titleitis' becoming chronic."

(Laughter.)

Our hearts and tears should go out to these heiresses in their hour of trial, as their last hopes fade into the realm of cruel mockeries. But the designs of our overambitious plutocrats to not end there. They now demand the great diplomatic posts in the chief European capitals. There they have placed the scale of living so high that in some instances our envoys have installed themselves in viceregal magnificence. Sumptuous palaces and country estates have been taken, the rentals of which are so vast as to make the salaries paid by this government appear utterly contemptible and exceeding 20 times the amount received from our treasury as their official emoluments. Should not the blush of shame and anger come to the face of every true American when he realizes the dignity of this great republic thus com-

promised and abased in foreign courts by envoys who maintain from their private purses a style of living characterizing the government sending them as a mere mendicant? The time has come when this humiliating spectacle should be brought to a close by a decree coming from the hearts and minds of the true American citizens. Perhaps the trouble began by the failure of this government to make proper provision for its representatives abroad.

All other governments have pursued such course by thus establishing homes for their envoys in foreign courts. That is the universal rule of all the more important governments. Europeans regard not so much the splendor of a diplomatic residence as the fact that it is the official home of the government maintaining it. An adequate home in any European capital provided by this government for our envoy becomes, by reason of that fact alone, a place of the highest importance and dignity. After such house has been provided and equipped by our government, the envoy, whether rich or poor, must reside in the style thus approved by his country. In this manner the new envoy immediately enters, upon his arrival, into a well-equipped home, the interior and exterior of which appear about the same, no matter whether its occupant is an historian or writer, like Bancroft, Motley, or Taylor, or a multimillionaire, able and eager to establish himself with his own accidental riches in Waterloo palace or Devonshire house.

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