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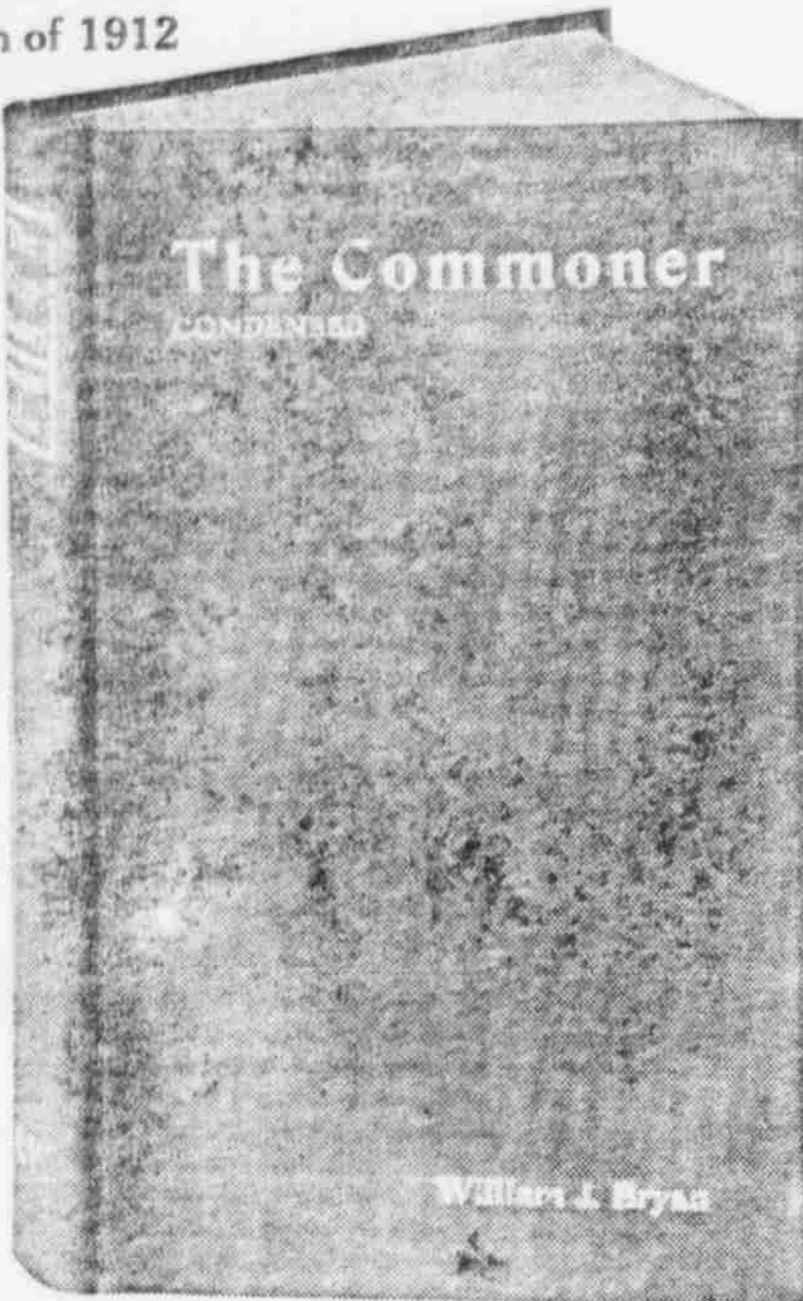
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FOLK SURRENDERS DELEGATION TO CLARK

The following Associated Press dispatch tells the story of the surrender of the Missouri delegation by Joseph W. Folk to Speaker Champ Clark:

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Former Governor Joseph W. Folk withdrew as an active candidate for the democratic nomination for president today. His managers announced tonight that they would close the local headquarters and would not prosecute a further campaign. Mr. Folk withdrew after he had received a telegram from Speaker Champ Clark, which agreed to divide the Missouri delegation to the democratic national convention, as recently suggested by William J. Bryan. Mr. Folk not only agreed to divide the delegation, but asked his friends to make no further effort in his behalf. He released all claims that he may have had on the delegation and promised to support Mr. Clark.

Friends of the governor said the statement means that Mr. Folk will have half of the state delegation which is to be selected at Joplin on February 20, but that the Folk men on the delegation will support Mr. Clark. If it is seen that Speaker Clark can not get the nomination on a reasonable number of ballots in the Baltimore convention the former governor will consider that he has the right to enter the race for the nomination.

As soon as the statement was given out by Mr. Folk his managers sent telegrams to each county seat in the state asking the Folk workers to spread the news and not to contest in the primaries which were being held in the different counties. Despite the telegrams the primaries were held in many counties and the Folk workers sought to obtain delegates to the state convention.

William J. Bryan was advised recently of the fight in Missouri between the two candidates for the presidential nomination and he came here in an effort to have a split delegation. The Folk side was willing to accept the proposition of Mr. Bryan, but the local managers of the speaker refused to consider it. The matter was put before Mr. Clark in Washington and he agreed to it, and today telegraphed his acceptance. It was then that Mr. Folk gave out his statement and requested his friends to work for Mr. Clark.

Mr. Folk authorized the following statement:

"I have read Mr. Clark's statement with pleasure, and sincerely appreciate the spirit manifested therein. I heartily concur in the statement that personal ambition should be subordinated to the interest of our party in Missouri, and now that Mr. Clark has expressed a willingness to have this delegation divided between him and myself, as suggested recently by Mr. Bryan, I shall now request my friends to make no further effort in my behalf.

"I believe, from reports received from other states, that Mr. Clark, owing to his prominent position in Washington at this time and his long and honorable service there has perhaps better chances for the nomination than any other Missourian, and I shall therefore release all claims I may have on the delegation and request my friends to join in with me in giving Mr. Clark the united support in this state."

Mr. Clark's statement as received by Governor Folk follows:

"Especially desirous of bringing the democracy of Missouri together, and to avoid, as far as possible, any acrimony in the state, I have, after consultation with numerous friends, and on due deliberation, determined to agree to and accept the suggestion made by Mr. Bryan to divide the Missouri delegation to the national

convention between Governor Folk and myself; provided always, of course, that the democrats of this state are in the main for one or the other of us. I am especially anxious that there should be harmony and co-operation among the democrats of Missouri. Whether the Joplin convention would be for me or Governor Folk is a question which it is unnecessary and which would be bootless for me to discuss now. It is sufficient to say that in the interest of party harmony in this state I have determined to say that I am willing to accept the suggestion made for a division of the state delegation, and I hope my friends throughout the state will heartily agree to this suggestion and co-operate with me in carrying it out."

The agreement reached today by Speaker Clark and Former Governor Folk was first proposed by W. J. Bryan while he was here recently. Mr. Folk was willing to agree to a divided delegation at the state convention, but Speaker Clark's local managers refused Mr. Bryan's suggestion.

The matter was recently put up to Mr. Clark in Washington and he telegraphed Mr. Folk today. A conversation by telephone shortly before noon between the two followed. Mr. Folk then made public his announcement.

Lon Sanders, campaign manager for Mr. Folk, after the statements were given out said: "This practically means Mr. Folk's withdrawal from the presidential race."

Former Governor Folk issued a supplementary statement tonight in which he said he had contemplated today's action for some time.

"The acceptance of the Bryan plan is what I would have liked to have said long ago," said Governor Folk. "When the Bryan plan was first proposed it was my intention, if accepted, to have refused the instruction for half of the delegates.

"Such instructions would not have been impressive and would have imposed the burden of an active campaign of the states, which I have neither the money nor the organization to make.

"The delegation under the accepted plan will be comprised of half my friends and half Mr. Clark's as nearly as practicable. This announcement would have been made some time ago if plans could have been agreed upon earlier, but I had no control over that."

FRIGHTFUL

A young Boston woman, extremely athletic, rides very well, and, seated astride her horse, she resembles a beautiful boy. Riding one day in her masculine habit, she had the misfortune to be thrown. An old sea-captain hastened to her aid. Raising her gently, he touched a corset, and shouted in wild alarm to a bystander: "Get a doctor, quick! Here's a young chap's ribs runnin' north and south instead of east and west."—Mariners' Advocate.

NOT IN THE DICTIONARY

A teacher was reading to her class and came across the word "unaware." She asked if any one knew its meaning.

One small girl timidly raised her hand and gave the following information:

"'Unaware' is what you take off the last thing before you put your nightie on."—Harper's Weekly.

THE FIRST REQUISITE

"Are you interested in the recall?"

"Not yet," replied the habitual candidate. "What I am interested in is a means of getting somewhere in the first place."—Washington Star.