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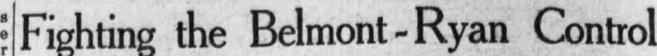
in which not only all good democrats, was manifest every moment. His but all good men, must hereafter disagreement with their opinions, he hold the sardonic figure at Baltimore declared, did not offset his esteem for in his rage and spleen, throwing off them as persons. His opponents and disguise of prudence and showing even some of those who agreed with himself in his true color of ingrate, him, characterized his sway over the traitor and pharisee; the baffled demagogue spitting upon hands that Pierre Bosquet concerning the charge had befriended him; the beaten mountebank, balked of his prey, the rattlesnake revealed, exuding poison that disease and death may follow in the wake of his tortuous course?"

This rumbling diatribe will not hurt Mr. Bryan any more than the schoolmaster label marred the chances of Woodrow Wilson. To those who looked on at the remarkable convention, Mr. Bryan seemed the most smiling and cheerful person on the floor. His rage and spleen were manifested only against measures. His charity and toleration toward his opponents as fellowmen Elks.

convention in the language of Gen. of the light brigade at Balaklava, "It is magnificent, but it is not war."

The final result might have provoked from the reactionaries the historic exclamation of Gen. Chambronne when the imperial guard broke in disorderly panic at Waterloo. Mr. Bryan in spite of the anathemas of the reactionaries may be characterized as one who "can smile at Satan's rage and face frowning world."

Thomas B. Mills of Superior, Wis., has been elected exaulted ruler of the



The New York Times, in its issue | Bryan and Murphy, and he felt him-Bryan's announcement that the country would not submit to such control:

Bryan's intention to make this announcement had been noised about for hours before the convention met, and certain delegates had determined to stop him from getting a hearing. They failed, solely because Bryan is not the sort of man who can be stopped. When he found out what or not, with the idea of getting him the game was, he left his place in the Nebraska delegation, went up on the platform and stood there, and it was so evident that nothing could prevent him from being heard that Murphy sent orders to Congressman Clark to Wilson, as he had a perfect presiding, to give in and let Bryan speak.

He did speak, and he never spoke better in his life, though there were none of the old cross of gold oratorical tricks in what he said. It was a business-like warning that he would not take part in the nomination of any candidate whose nomination was obtained through the brought before the convention. He vote of the state of New York.

That change in his manner of speaking which has been noticeable ever since he came under the instrongly exemplified as in his attacks by name on Ryan, Belmont, Parker, and Murphy. The opposition made the mistake of trying to interrupt him with questions about whether he would bolt or not, and Bryan dominated them and hurled them aside with ease. He did not at any time answer the questions categorically, but he did answer them so definitely that his position was not in doubt, and yet he still preserved his standing as a member of the convention.

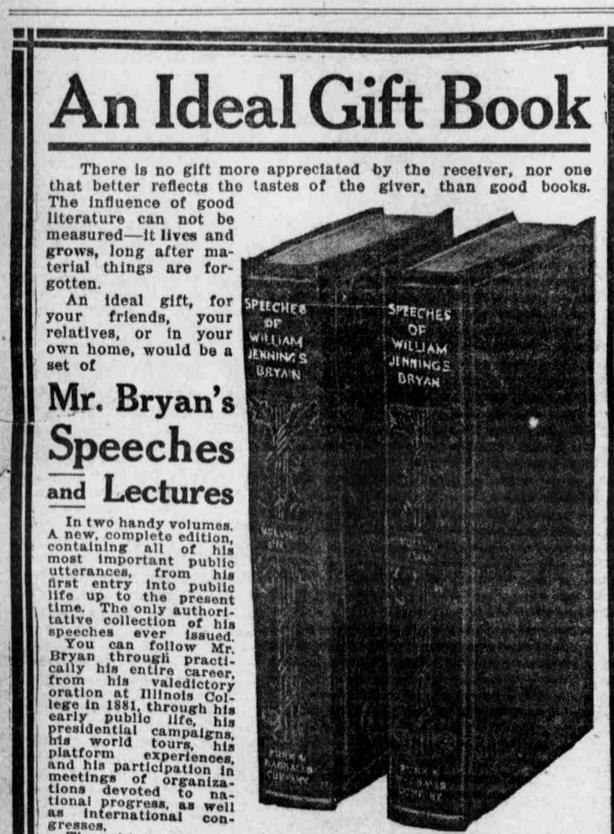
bolt," for if he had the question of Congressman Sulzer was temporarily his right to participate further in the in the chair. Chairman James, exproceedings would have been raised pecting trouble when the announceimmediately. At the same time he ment was made, had asked Sulzer wanted his position made clear. to assist him in presiding, and had Therefore, when the delegates who intended that they should do it were against him arose in their jointly, but he had not expected the places, shouting the question at him, trouble to come so soon, and so he Bryan replied that he would answer no hypothetical questions, and that he did not expect a Ryan-Belmont there he and Sulzer presided tocandidate to be named. Some of his hearers described this as an attempt to dodge the issue, but it was presiding over the start of the most nothing of the kind. It was the astonishing scene ever witnessed in clearest and most definite and decisive intimation that he would not support a Ryan-Belmont nominee, and it was made in that form solely for the reason that to make it in any other form would be to deprive himself of his right to sit in the convention and vote.

of June 30, printed the following self outclassed. He had coped fairly Baltimore dispatch, referring to Mr. well with the situation presented when Bryan moved his Ryan-Belmont resolution, but he could not figure out a way to meet the one which he knew Bryan would present today. Roger Sullivan, Tom Taggart, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont and all his other advisers were unable to suggest any better scheme than to put up to Bryan the question of whether he would bolt to answer affirmatively, and then moving to put him out of the convention. But Bryan foiled them.

Bryan's announcement was made when he switched his vote from William Sulzer, who was temporarily right to do under the decision reached by the convention on the unit rule question. He had voted for Clark under his instructions for thirteen ballots. He had done this in spite of the fact that Clark and Hearst, Clark's manager, had made a deal with Murphy and Belmont whereby the Clark votes were swung against Bryan on every proposal had played fair and had even leaned over backward. Nobody could blame him for switching now to the man who had stood by him on all strongly exemplified as in his attacks those votes whereon Clark had deserted him.

> He made his sensational announcement on the pretext of explaining his change of vote. Nothing more absurd had ever been seen than the attempt of Murphy's men to deny Bryan a hearing, for even their friends wanted to know what Bryan was going to say.

The fuss began on the fourteenth ballot, when Nebraska asked to be passed. Everybody knew what was going to happen, and when the roll was reached and the clerk called that Bryan could not say "Yes, I will state again there was a wild uproar. was out of the hall. Messengers were sent for him, and when he got gether, but his absence gave Sulzer the opportunity at the beginning of a convention. James was perfectly right in getting an assistant. It is the first convention that ever had two chairmen presiding at the same time, but in view of what was likely to start the moment Bryan made his threat of a bolt James's moderation in having only one fellow-chairman was remarkable. James and Sulzer together could hardly control the situation, and it was nothing to their discredit. Bryan his excuse for bolting. But If they could have impressed Jack Murphy, advised by ex-Judge Alton Johnson and Jim Jeffries into service as co-chairmen, they would have "I want to explain my vote," and not against the resolution. This Bryan said, as he arose in his place done, and the resolution carried by in the Nebraska delegation, which is a vote of nine-tenths of the con- just before the platform. Then the vention, Bryan's attempt to create a uproar broke. It started with a temsituation calling for a bolt had failed. pestuous roar of "no," and passed To bring about such a thing again into yells of derision and angry it was necessary to find a new shrieks of protest. Not a cheer broke scheme, and he did. He found one the monotony of this organized which presented a situation never snarl. The Bryan and Wilson men After a while Sulzer could be He had not taken any trouble to heard, and in accordance with the solved itself into a fight between as soon as Sulzer made this decision



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It was expected then that the convention would vote the resolution down, and that this would give B. Parker and Justice Cohalan, had the wisdom to order the Ryan-Bel- been justified in doing it. mont-Hearst delegates to vote for paralleled in any convention of let the other crowd have the floor. either party, state or national.

prevent his intentions from becom- orders Murphy had sent him through ing public, and Murphy was aware of Charlie White, he refused permisthem, and very much disturbed. He sion to Bryan to speak. The scream realized that this convention had re- of rage that the Bryan men let out