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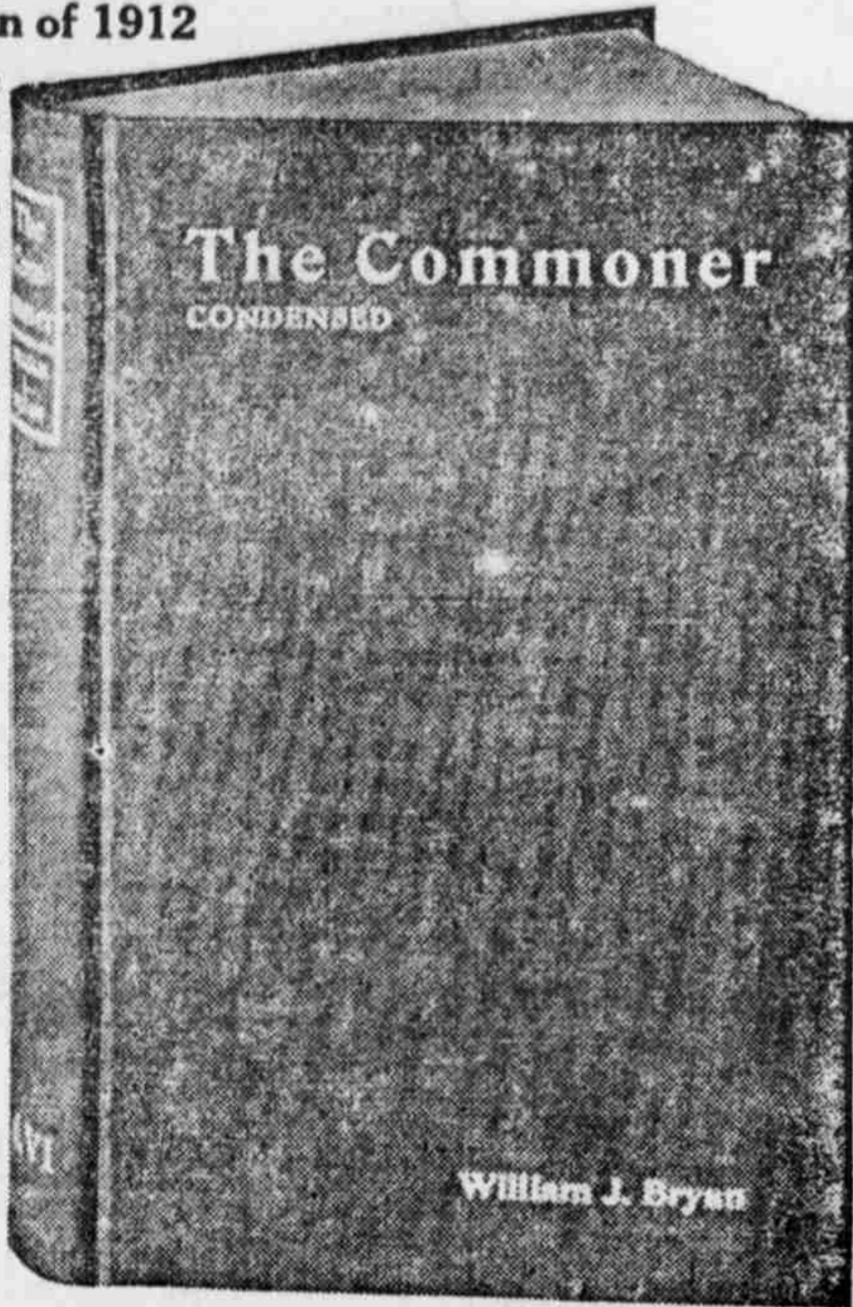
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Now all of Mr. Lorimer's friends are martyrs. This beats anything that has been developed up to date. We can not keep pace with emotionalism in the United States senate.

At first there was only one martyr. He was the meek, pious man who looked with large, innocent eyes at his cruel opponents. He was a martyr and behaved as such. There was something bovine in Mr. Lorimer's martyrdom, but as a shrewd man he knew his best role.

Now we find all his friends trying to tie themselves to the stake and start a fire at their feet. This is too much. They are crowding the stage and cheapening the scene. Too many martyrs spoil the persecution. Mr. Lorimer will not like this.

Mr. Dillingham is a martyr. No one in Vermont understands Mr. Dillingham, and they do not know his sufferings. He and his conscience and the truth will go forth and sit in the hills and look down on a sad and wicked world. Poor, lonely Dillingham, the outcast of Montpelier. The stray dogs bark at him and the children will say, "There goes a bad man." All this because he would not budge an inch or yield ground before a wicked, wicked public outcry against a good man.

Mr. Fletcher is a martyr. He will go and hide himself in the everglades to escape the cruel injustice of his fellow citizens, and Joseph F. Johnston, having cast his vote as justice and truth compel him, will slip away from human ken and hire himself out as a puddler in the Birmingham mills, there to work and live disguised for the remainder of his blighted life.

Another brave and undaunted soul craves the solace of a tear. Drop one gently upon Wesley L. Jones of North Yakima, Wash. A martyr of heroic proportions is Wesley L. He arises now to shame that other Wesley L. Jones of North Yakima, Wash., who voted against the good man Lorimer, to shame him and to face bravely the criticism of an unjust, uninformed and prejudiced nation.

And so they go—a brave and steadfast band. As they picture the calamities which have come upon them, sympathy turns its head and chokes down a sob, and remorse howls like a wild thing in the night.

These bright lives are blurred, but the martyrs will do their duty. The world is topsy turvy and everybody's standing on his head except Dillingham, Fletcher, Johnston, Jones, etc. Everybody else is standing on his head listening to the voice of malice and of perjury, but they stand erect on their feet with their clear eyes looking trustfully at the sweet face of truth, and justice leads them by the hand.

It is a great martyrdom. A prejudiced and bitter nation which knows that William Lorimer's election was bought and which will not countenance the disgrace is saddening the lives of these brave gentlemen.—Chicago Tribune.

CHAMP CLARK'S DEFEAT

The Terre Haute (Ind.) Star prints the following interview of Hon. John E. Lamb: That the national democratic party leaders are worried regarding the third party movement under Colonel Roosevelt's banner is shown in an interview obtained from John E. Lamb, who returned recently from Baltimore where he, both as a delegate and later as chairman pro tem, played an important part in the democratic national convention.

Mr. Lamb reviewed the many tense situations which arose during the fight for temporary chairman and in the presidential nomination contest; told of the action of the Missouri delegation in its affront to the

commoner, and gave his reasons for the defeat of Speaker Champ Clark. In speaking of Clark's defeat, Mr. Lamb declared that the speaker's alignment with the "bosses" in favor of Judge Parker practically cost him the nomination.

"I have attended every democratic national convention since the Tilden convention of 1876, except the one held at Kansas City in 1900, and have five times been a delegate participating in the proceedings," said Mr. Lamb. "I can truthfully say that this convention was the most interesting and notable convention that the democratic party has held during those years. It was a battle royal from the start to the finish. Beginning with the nomination of Parker and Bryan for temporary chairman and winding up with the contest for the vice presidency, there was not a moment when the convention was not full of interest.

"Although beaten for the temporary chairmanship, Mr. Bryan was at all times the dominating factor in the convention. The alignment of Mr. Clark's friends with the bosses in favor of Judge Parker for chairman was fatal to Mr. Clark's candidacy and there never was a time after that when he could secure two-thirds of the convention. The nomination of Governor Wilson was the inevitable result of the splendid fight for progressive principles which Mr. Bryan began in 1896 and which drove the wedge into the republican party that divided it in Chicago. Mr. Bryan himself could not be nominated because of the wonderful battle which he made in behalf of progressive ideas, but he succeeded with the aid of his friends in nominating the man who most thoroughly represented the principles for which he had battled so many years. Governor Wilson stands for everything that is progressive in the democratic party. His high standing as a citizen and his record made as governor of New Jersey has endeared him to the rank and file of the party throughout the country, and from the beginning the convention was deluged with telegrams from every state in the union demanding his nomination.

"After the nomination of Governor Wilson for president, the selection of Governor Marshall as his running mate was inevitable. His nomination was not only a compliment to the record which he has made as governor and his high character, but was a deserved tribute to the Indiana democracy, which did so much in securing the nomination of our candidate for vice president.

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