

**"IS BRYAN POLITICALLY DEAD?"**

Editor of The Nashville Tennessean:  
I read with interest your editorial under this caption in last Sunday's issue, and must say that, from the democratic viewpoint of those millions of privates in the ranks, who are seldom heard from in the press, but always heard from at the ballot box, your answer to this query is disappointing, to say the least of it. You first quote H. C. McMillan in the New York Evening Post as saying: "Mr. Bryan is not politically dead. New Yorkers will not believe such a statement, largely because they do not want to believe it." In the name of Mike! How could they believe it after having buried him so often? And, since when did Mr. Bryan or his friends seem to care whether they believe it or not?

"The Tennessean is inclined to share, 'technically', in the declaration that Mr. Bryan is not politically dead." Then quotes "the Bryan habit", "peace at any price", and seems to question "the back of the motive" which prompted his resignation as secretary of state.

Do you not know by this time that it was "the Bryan habit" that presented to us through its dark days the very existence of the democratic party and the principles that finally made the "world safe for democracy" through the great Woodrow Wilson?

And do you not also know that "peace at any price" was only the shibboleth of Mr. Bryan's enemies and a gross misrepresentation of his position? And have you not learned by now that there was nothing "back of the motive" which prompted his resignation as secretary of state, save the greatness of the man? A politician would have stultified himself for his "boss", but Mr. Bryan? Never! I have been a close student of politics for forty years and watched public men both "before and after taking", and candidly believe that Mr. Bryan is the one man in public life who would rather be "right than

president". His "cross of gold and crown of thorns" speech will ring through the ages of democracy's defiance to plutocracy. And his "You shall not press down the crown of thorns upon the brow of labor" is bearing fruit today, while the cross of gold is more evenly worn. Of all the men in politics, contemporaneous with Mr. Bryan, who attained to international fame, only the Kaiser Wilhelm and William J. Bryan still live in politics — both very active — one the personification of autocracy, the other the exemplification of democracy.

I once enjoyed the friendship of a Jew. Though we could not agree in politics nor religion, he would always close the argument by saying to me: "If you got anything good in your religion, it comes through Fader Abraham." So I tell all my friends, if we have anything good in politics it comes through Father Bryan, even to our beloved President and his League of Nations. Mr. Bryan, out of pure unselfishness and by sheer force of his personality and the justice of his cause, nominated Mr. Wilson first and elected him last. If, then, our country has been redeemed from the domination of the tariff baron and the plutocrat, and its business freed from the shackles of Wall Street, if we have an income tax law and a new banking system, under which the rich man pays his just proportion of the taxes, and we dread no more the cry of "money panic"; if we have national prohibition and woman suffrage, who championed the cause but Mr. Bryan? If democracy has at last prevailed and the world has been made "safe for democracy" through and by a League of nations, we all know that Mr. Bryan fathered the thought and had commenced the work.

There is no considerable class of people in our country that has any just quarrel with Mr. Bryan or that does not owe him an eternal debt of gratitude, save the plutocrat and the G. O. P. members who want to go back to the feed trough, and, who, like the pigs, have no higher ambitions nor ideals than their own beliefs.

Mr. McMillan has aptly said that "There are voting masses in the western states who identify Bryan with advocacy of woman suffrage and prohibition and the realization of a league of a score or more nations which entered into arbitration treaties with the United States in the more than two years Bryan was secretary of state", and thinks Bryan would not carry with his nomination that so-called "Wall Street taint", which cannot be said of some other democratic aspirants for presidential honors. He might have added that there are voting masses in the southern states who identify Bryan with advocacy of everything without "taint", "who love and respect him", and who recognize their debt of gratitude to him and want to acknowledge it by making him president. Then there is that great mass of independent voters, in the north and east, who feel and recognize by this time Mr. Bryan's friendship and great service to the cause of labor.

If anyone asks again: "Is Mr. Bryan politically dead?" tell him "No", and that if the next national democratic convention fails to hand him the nomination on a silver platter, or is foolhardy enough to nominate another without his indorsement, he will then know for a surety that Mr. Bryan is not only politically alive, but very active.

I see in The Nashville Tennessean also the names of half a dozen men, "possibilities" for the nomination — always in the event Mr. Wilson is not a candidate. If it were possible to place these in the melting pot or cru-

cible and mold all into one man, that man would not equal Bryan. He is the only logical candidate for this nomination, after Wilson. The only fit capstone for the great monument he has builded in national and world statecraft. To fittingly commemorate the victory of democracy over autocracy and round out history, Bryan should be enthroned while we de-throne the Kaiser.

Shall "privates" in the ranks, then, remain silent, knowing his great ambition and our debt of gratitude unpaid? Shall Mr. Bryan continue to live "twenty years ahead of his day and generation", or will the millions of true patriots of America, recognizing his true greatness, catch up with him at the next national convention and discharge their debt by making him president?

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**SHACKLING MARS**

Just as every school child in America is taught the preamble of the constitution of the United States of America and just as all school children of this country submit that preamble to memory now, so will the school children of the world be committing to memory the preamble of the constitution of the League of Nations before another decade.

"We, the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, promote the general welfare, provide for the common defense and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States of America."

Ask your little boy or girl to repeat it for you. It is dollars to doughnuts they can do it and correct us if we are wrong in quoting it.

In a few years they will be able to quote the following just as glibly as they can quote the above, and not only them but also their younger brothers and sisters.

"In order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just and honorable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized peoples with one another, the high contracting parties agree to this covenant of the League of Nations."

What are the central ideas in the stated purpose of the constitution of the United States? Are they not justice and liberty?

What are the central ideas in the stated purpose of the constitution of the League of Nations? Are they not justice and liberty — justice to all and liberty from war by the shackling of Mars, the god of war?

The constitution of the League of Nations will do for the whole world what our constitution did merely for the United States. It will not take our liberty from us but will extend our liberty to the world, making our liberty safer for us than ever before. Thus far we have had to defend our own liberty but from now on the organized world will stand back of us and all nations for justice and liberty.

Isn't this worth fighting for?  
Isn't it worth dying for?  
Americans and others have fought and died on the battlefields of France, for what?

To make the world safe for democracy?  
Yes, but "safe" from what?  
Safe from war!  
Americans fought and died on

Flanders fields to make the world safe from war.

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