

it. They sung the song of enticement that lured it. It was a song that meant for a liberalized condition in society's fabric. The party capitulated and bartered its honor to them for a promise for votes. Last Tuesday, they failed to deliver the votes. And so again the Democrat party has learned the lesson of what the penalty must be in passing over to the reactionary interests of the party, the control of the organization. It will now be incumbent to call upon Mr. Bryan to gather the wreckage together again. It will be his mission to once more breathe the breath of life into its prostrate form. To once more spend many years in the restoration of the confidence of the people in the party that now lies prostrate. In the meantime, will those Democrats who have wrecked the organization, go back into the recess of obscurity and not jeopardize the transformation that must take place? Or are they still longing for a continued repetition of that which took place last Tuesday?—Blue Hill, Neb., Leader.

OBJECTS TO MISREPRESENTATION

The following letter is self-explanatory: "Orlando, Fla., Nov. 6, 1920.—The Tribune, Tampa, Florida. Gentlemen: I have been a constant subscriber of the Tribune for eight years. As a news gatherer the Tribune is unexcelled in Florida.

"However, the unfairness of your editorial columns is unworthy such a newspaper. For instance, your editorial in today's issue headed 'The Ass Brays.' You know, as well as every other intelligent person in Florida, that W. J. Bryan demanded absolutely nothing of Mr. Wilson. He merely suggested that since the country has gone overwhelmingly republican, that an easy way out would be for Mr. Wilson to resign and let the republicans in as soon as possible so they might put their peace plan into operation. I see nothing unfair in that; neither do I see any demand in it. Nor do you; you let your hatred for Mr. Bryan get the upperhand. As soon as Bryan was nominated on the prohibition ticket, you wrote a scathing editorial against him, not waiting to see what Bryan would do, and yet he did just what you knew he would do, declined the nomination.

"If the democrats had not let their hatred for W. J. Bryan run riot at San Francisco, the showing in the last election would have been entirely different.

"Did you publish the fact that W. J. Bryan was dumfounded at the terrible defeat of his party? No. Did you publish the fact that he voted the straight democratic ticket, and that his precinct seems to be the only one in Nebraska that did not go overwhelmingly republican? No. Such news items does not find space in your paper.

"I have voted and supported Mr. Wilson throughout, and will do so again, if I get an opportunity. However, I believe in being fair, don't you?"

"I am not defending Mr. Bryan. He needs no defense. He has been vilified for following what his conscience tells him is right until the people have learned to weigh such editorials as the one referred to, and forget it."—G. S. Gaston, Pres. Southern School of Commerce.

BRYAN ON WORLD PEACE

Is world peace worth ten billion dollars to the United States?

William Jennings Bryan says it is and he would cancel the entire war debt owing the United States by all of the allied nations.

Here is how he figures it: Our nation can use this debt to buy world peace, universal and perpetual. It can well afford to cancel this debt on condition that the terms of the peace treaty are modified so as to bring the nations of Europe together in friendship and co-operation.

"Then universal disarmament will be possible. Then the burden of civilization can be lifted from the backs of the toilers of the world. Then we can expect the ushering in of the glad prophetic day when swords shall be beaten into plowshares and nations learn war no more."

Mr. Bryan made this remarkable utterance in the cause of humanity before the World Brotherhood Federation, in convention at Washington. Nobody but a man with a heart and spirit such as is possessed by Mr. Bryan could have made such a statement.

Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly the greatest humanitarian in the world today.

Mr. Bryan should not be president of the United States; he should be president of the world.—Eagle Pass, Texas, Guide.

The New Member



—New York Evening Post.

THE "LONELY" MR. BRYAN

In commenting on Bryan's refusal to participate in the Democratic national campaign this year because he had practically ostracized himself by refusing to subscribe to the will of the forces which dominated the San Francisco convention, The New York Telegraph declared the other day:

"The loneliest man in the United States today is William Jennings Bryan. He has no party, and no party will have him."

Yes, Bryan is a lonesome man. He is lonesome as Socrates was lonesome, as Savonarola was lonesome, and as William Lloyd Garrison and Abraham Lincoln were lonesome. He is lonesome as all the unknown hosts are lonesome who dare challenge misdirected public opinion and who have the moral bravery to stand out for principle's sake and the dictates of their consciences.

"No party will have him?" What was the Democratic party before William J. Bryan arrived on the scene? It was morally bankrupt and steeped in reaction. And its failure is not because of his presence in it, but because it has not the moral hardihood to go the lengths in democracy and decent government to which he would be more than willing to direct it.

And his traducers in his own party will not have to live much longer to realize that not Bryan, but themselves, are destined to a kind of lonesomeness which is realistic and overwhelming. The crucifixion of Right and the denial of decency may prosper for a while, but they constitute a wobbly platform for a political party to stand on or for the guidance of an individual's personal conduct.

Since the San Francisco convention we have heard Democrats gleefully boast that the party had at last "rejected Bryanism." We do not believe that is true. But if it has it takes no prophet nor the son of a prophet to foretell the outcome of the party itself. Mistaken doubtless Mr. Bryan has been in certain respects, but he has never compromised a moral issue and he has kept his own personal integrity unscathed for a quarter of a century while mingling in the fiercest fires of political controversy.

And any man in American public life who has succeeded in doing that need have no fear of "lonesomeness." For a time party leaders, so-called, may disown him and public opinion may seem to leave him stranded in complete isolation, but it does not take more than a superficial knowledge of history to know that this is the most temporary of conditions and that in the end such a man is assured of complete vindication and that the mob that for the time stops

to revile, will in the end, return to lay its tardy honors at his feet.

More power to William J. in his "loneliness," and may we have a million American voters multiplied by ten who are willing to achieve the same kind of "lonesomeness" in the same way.—Coshocton, Ohio, Tribune and Times-Age.

AN UNNECESSARY INTERIM

My Bryan's formula for putting the will of the people of the United States as to men and manner of the national administration promptly into effect, is not to be taken seriously, but the objective which he has in view deserves to be taken up for discussion with a reasonable purpose and hope of accomplishing it.

This week two-thirds of the electorate, by a plurality which may prove to be 2,000,000, ordered a complete overturn in the government, electing a republican president, creating a republican majority of twenty or more in the senate, and of 150 in the house. Yet next month a congress will meet, with a bare majority of two in the senate, and will continue for three months, subject in all its acts to the approval of a democratic president.

Incidentally, it is to be noted that Senator Harding, virtually the president-elect, although not technically elect until after the balloting of the electoral college, must retain his seat in the senate throughout the coming session of the Sixty-sixth congress, or disturb the slender majority of his party in that body. That is, unless, as ought to be considered within the bounds of civic courtesy and superior partisan considerations, the governor of Ohio, who would have the power of appointing his successor, shall indicate his readiness to name ex-Governor Willis, the senator-elect—chosen last Tuesday by popular vote—for the balance of Senator Harding's term.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

PREMATURE DEATH NOTICE

The loneliest man in the United States today is William Jennings Bryan. He has no party and no party will have him.—New York Telegraph.

This sounds like another funeral oration over the alleged political remains of the great Commoner. The people are used to these expressions of simulated grief. They are fine illustrations of statements where the wish is father to the thought. The fact is, Mr. Bryan was never more popular than he is today. No man in the country is held in higher esteem by the people, and this includes those who do not agree with him; and furthermore, there is not a political party but would be delighted and honored to have Mr. Bryan as a member.—American Issue.