

BRYAN CONDEMNS PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Former Secretary Says Defense Scheme is Reversal of National Policy and Menace to Peace.

OPENING GUN OF BIG FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Former Secretary Bryan came out squarely against President Wilson's national defense plan today in a formal statement, in which he took issue with the president's views as expressed last night before the Manhattan club in New York.

"A departure from our traditions; a reversal of our national policy; a menace to our peace and safety and a challenge to the spirit of Christianity, which teaches us to influence others by example, rather than by exciting fear," is Mr. Bryan's view of the national defense plans.

Opening Gun of Big Fight.
The former secretary's statement, which reiterates views he has previously expressed on the subject of preparedness for war, was regarded as the opening gun in the fight which administration leaders expect in congress against adoption of the plan. Mr. Bryan's statement says:

"I have read the president's speech at New York with sorrow and concern. He is doing what he believes to be his duty and so long as a man follows his conscience and judgment, we cannot criticize his motives, but we may be compelled to dissent from his conclusions. I feel it my duty to dissent, and as he has given his views with clearness and emphasis, those who differ from him are under a like obligation to express themselves with equal clearness.

"He says that his position is different from that of the private individual, in that the individual is free to speak his own thoughts and risk his own opinion. This sentence is a little obscure. Insofar as he expresses his own opinion, he does not differ from the private citizen except that he speaks under a sense of official responsibility, but where a nation's fate is involved in a policy every private citizen who loves his country and tries to serve it is conscious of responsibility. The president will not assume that he is more deeply interested in the welfare of his country than the millions who elected him to be for the time being their spokesman. And if, as he evidently believes, he is giving voice to the opinions of his countrymen, he is, of course, anxious to have them as frank with him as he has been with them, how otherwise can he know whether he represents or misrepresents their views.

New and Strange Policy.
"He has announced a policy which has never before been adopted in the country and never endorsed by any party in the country, and he has no way of knowing, until he hears from the people, whether he has correctly interpreted the will of the public. His appeal is not to any party, but, as he says, to men of 'all shades of opinion.' He asks for the hearty support of the country, meaning, of course, that he wants the support, provided the people favor the policy which he has outlined. He could not, of course, ask them to support a policy which they did not endorse, especially if they considered the policy dangerous to the country.

"From my view of the subject the plan which he proposes is not only a departure from our traditions, but a reversal of our national policy. It is not only a menace to our peace and safety, but a challenge to the spirit of Christianity, which teaches us to influence others by example, rather than by exciting fear.

"The president says that we should be prepared 'not for aggression, but for defense.' That is the ground upon which all preparation for war is made. What nation has ever prepared for war on the theory that it was preparing for aggression? It is only fair to assume that the European rulers who are involved in the present war thought that they were making elaborate preparations for defense. It is a false philosophy, and, being false, it inevitably leads into difficulties. The spirit that makes the individual carry a revolver—and whoever carries a revolver

except for defense?—leads him not only to use it on slight provocation, but to use language which provokes trouble. 'Speak softly, but carry a big stick,' is one of the delusive maxims employed by those who put their faith in force. There are two answers to it—first, the man who speaks softly has not the disposition to carry a club, and if a man with a soft voice is persuaded to carry a club his voice changes as soon as he begins to rely upon the club.

"If there is any truth in our religion, a nation must win respect as an individual does, not by carrying arms, but by an upright, honorable course, that inspires confidence and inspires good will. This nation has won its position in the world without resorting to the habit of toting a pistol or carrying a club. By reverse our policy at this time? The president himself admits that there is no reason for a change. He says:

"The country is not threatened from any quarter. It stands in friendly relations with all the world. Its resources and its respect and capabilities are known to its own citizens and rights are well known. And, to make the statement more emphatic, he adds: 'There is no fear among us.'

Bad Example to Latin Americans.

"If we were not threatened by any nation, if our relations with all nations are friendly, if everybody knows that we're able to defend ourselves if necessary, and if there is no fear among us, why in this time shown to revolutionize our national theories and to exchange our policy for the policy of Europe? Why abandon the hope that we have so long entertained of setting an example to Europe? Why encourage the nations of Europe in their fatal folly by imitating them? Why impose upon the western hemisphere a policy so disastrous? May we not expect all Latin-America to be stimulated to preparation if we enter upon a new era of preparation? And will not such a policy make conflicts between these neighboring republics more probable? We shall do infinite harm to the neighboring nations as well as to ourselves if we are drawn into this policy, which provokes war by a preparation which is impossible without a large increase in taxation and the arousing of a military system which sets up false standards of honor."

"We are now spending more than \$250,000,000 a year on preparedness—ten times as much as we are spending on agriculture—and I feel sure that the taxpayers are not in favor of increasing this sum at this time when a change is not only unnecessary, but a menace to our national ideals.

Time for Self-Restraint.
"There has not been a time in fifty years when there was less reason to add to the expenses of the army and navy, for we are not only without an enemy, but our preparedness is increasing relatively as other nations exhaust themselves. And there never was a time, and there never has been a time in our whole history when our duty to the world more imperatively demanded self-restraint and the counsels of peace.

"I hope the president will not be deceived by the atmosphere of the Manhattan club. That is the one place in the United States where the Manmon-worshipping portion of the democratic party meets to exchange compliments—there is no group farther removed from the sentiment of the masses, whether you measure that sentiment by economical, social or religious standard."

Earl Kitchener Has Not Resigned, Says the Premier

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Official denial was made today of a report that Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, had resigned. The announcement follows: "During Lord Kitchener's temporary absence on public duty the prime minister is carrying on the work at the war office. There is no truth in the statement that Lord Kitchener has resigned."

Earl Kitchener was in London last week at the time of General Joffre's visit to England. Since then no report has been received concerning his absence from the war office until today. There has been no intimation that he might resign. In fact the war secretary, according to the general understanding in London, is to be made a member of the small cabinet committee which is to be charged with direction of the war.

29TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

THOMPSON-BELDEN & CO.

This sale has improved steadily every day. That to our minds is the true test of the success of such an event. We are glad to say, without exaggeration, that more people have been impressed by the values offered, to the extent of buying liberally, than in any other similar event.

We feel gratified to learn how much Omaha women and their neighbors appreciate this store and the business ideals it has always stood for—So we start our thirtieth year with enthusiasm, and a determination to do better than ever before in serving you, our loyal friends.

Saturday, the Last Day of the 29th Anniversary Sale Will be the BEST of All

A Great Last Day Sale of Silk and Dress Goods

Finishing a most successful week with sales of unusual interest. We can't begin to tell half about all of the special values for Saturday, but these five will give you some idea of the savings.

\$1.50 36-inch Black Chiffon Taffeta, Will Sell Saturday at 98c a Yard

Nor an imaginary \$1.50 quality, but the identical one we always have in regular stock for \$1.50; deep rich black, soft mellow finish.

\$2.50 and \$3 Imported Satin Meteors, Less Than Half Price, \$1.25 a Yard

All dainty evening shades represented.

\$1.50 Silk Poplins, 40-inch, 98c a Yard

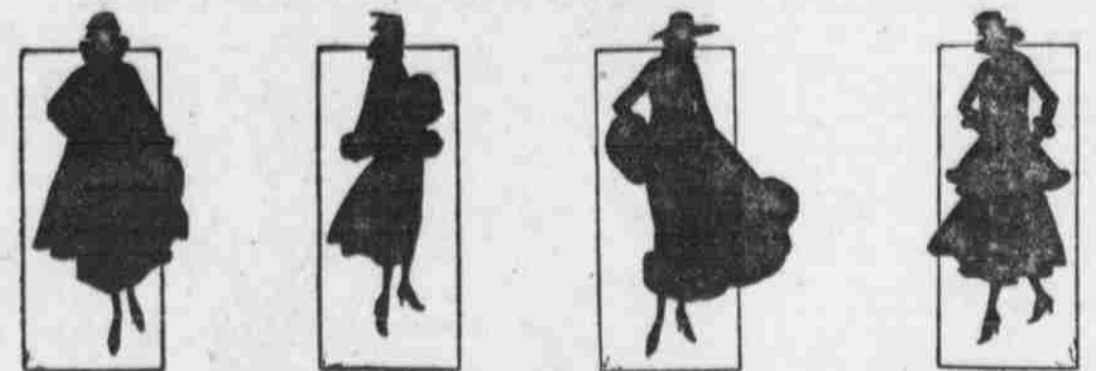
Every piece spotlessly fresh and fairly sparkling with newness.

\$1.75 Fashionable 52-inch Crepe Novelty; a Fine Wool Fabric, 89c a Yard

Good for every day in the year; a choice line of shades—Russ green, Cope, African brown, visteria, black.

\$1.25 and \$2.00 All-wool Black Goods, 54 Inches Wide, Saturday, 98c a Yard

Novelties, Suitings, Corded effects, etc.—a whole table full, for 98c a yard.



The Women's Apparel Sections are Proud of the Record They Have Established This Week

Saturday presents values that can only increase the success of the entire sale

Suits at Special Prices

\$17.50, \$24.75, \$29.50

Values of surprising goodness and lowness in price, new models purchased in New York City from our regular manufacturers, but at special price concessions.

Styles you will be proud to wear. Every size well represented, but not every size in each style.

Fashionable New Coats

\$14.75, \$19.50, \$23.95

The usefulness of an outer coat is not impaired by becomingness, yet how many are the coats—of service—that are warm and comfortable but unsightly—just a covering of no particular distinction. There are different coats, though. They are here. They cost but little now. They are individual in character.

Coats in mixtures, broadcloth and duvetine in fancy and plain tailored styles.

Popular Separate Skirts

\$6.75, \$9.75, \$12.50

Their return to fashionable favor has been marked. The newest models express style notes as unusual as they are practical and handsome.

Dresses, Gowns, Frocks

From \$9.75 to \$25.00

A section complete with fashions for every occasion. Greatly under-priced Saturday.

The Store for Shirtwaists

Omaha's Popular Store Within a Store, Where

Blouses
Negligees
Petticoats

Are displayed in a different way, because they are different and distinctive themselves.

Prices Are Moderate

Whenever it's convenient a few moments or longer will be well invested here in the Store for Shirtwaists. Second Floor.

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Always ready with new styles of reliable wearability. Priced right.

For Saturday—

SPLendid LISLE HOSE in black, white and gray, durable because of double soles, heels and toes; comfortable and slightly because they are made of high grade yarns; a pair **25c**

BLACK COTTON HOSE, with Waco split soles, an excellent value. **25c**

BLACK COTTON HOSE, made of indestructible yarn, double tops and soles, a pair **35c**

THE FAMILY HOSE, with tops of different colors so that every one of the family has a distinctive color, avoiding a lot of confusion, a pair **35c**

at 3 pairs for \$1.00
DOLLAR SILK HOSE—The best value we have been able to discover; good looking, but better still—good wearing; a quality you'll like; a pair **\$1.00**



The Anniversary Sale of Millinery

Every Beautiful Trimmed Hat at \$10, \$12.50, \$13.75, \$15, \$18

Greatly Reduced Saturday

Included are three hundred new hats which have been added to our stock within the past two days.

Evening Hats Dancing Hats
Dress Hats Tailored Models

All Reduced For Saturday

One Hundred Trimmed Hats

Regularly \$5, \$6.75, \$8.75 and \$10

Anniversary Sale Price **\$3.50**

All From the Regular Stock—No Two Alike
Millinery Section—Second Floor.

THE STORE OF THE TOWN.

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The Hat to Wear With the Winter Overcoat



Knox Derbies

EXTRA QUALITY \$5.00. BEACON HATS \$3.00.
John B. Stetson Derbies
EXTRA QUALITY SELECT QUALITY R. & E. QUALITY
\$5.00. \$4.00. \$3.50.
BROWNING, KING SPECIAL, \$3.00.

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Last Day Specials in Linens

\$1.50 54-inch Japanese Lunch Cloths, each \$1.00
\$1.00 45-inch Japanese Lunch Cloths, each 75c
75c 24-inch Huck Toweling, fancy, a yard 50c
\$1.75 Bleached Damask, \$5.00 Bleached Table Cloths,
at \$3.75 a yard \$1.00
20c Fancy Turkish Guest Towels 12½c

A One Day Sale of White Linen Center Pieces and Scarfs

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One of the best bargains ever offered. Stamped white linen centerpieces and scarfs, simple designs; guaranteed every thread pure linen, and perfect:

22-inch 50c
27-inch 55c
34-inch \$1.00
45-inch \$2.75
54-inch \$3.50
18x48 \$1.00
18x54 \$1.38

Free lessons given with each piece purchased.
These Art Department—Third Floor.

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Plisse Crepe Apron Breakfast Sets, regular price \$1.75, Saturday **\$1.49**
House Dresses \$1.00
Middy Blouses 98c
Mercerized Petticoats 98c

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