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## MINNESOTA GIVES BRYAN BLACK EYE

Democratic Committee for Johnson.

## BRYAN MEN TO CONTINUE WAR

Governor's Adherents Win by Three-to-One Vote.

## INDORSE FOR PRESIDENT

Johnson's Secretary as Chairman Leads in Launching Boom—Furness Bryanites Organize to Fight for Control of State.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 6.—The Democratic state committee of Minnesota today after a bitter fight adopted a resolution endorsing Governor Johnson of Minnesota for the Presidential nomination and recommending that he be nominated at the National convention at Denver next July. As the meeting was presided over by Frank A. Day, private secretary of the Governor, who voted for the Johnson resolution on every test and on the final ballot, the action of the committee this afternoon is held by political leaders as placing the Governor firmly in the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

### Bryan Men Continue Fight.

The Johnson resolution was carried by a vote of 68 to 23, after the Bryan adherents had forced two test votes, on both of which they were defeated. The Bryan men insisted on a rollcall on every vote and gave notice in their speeches on the original resolution that they would not be bound by the action of the state committee, but would make a fight throughout the state for a delegation from Minnesota to the National convention instructed to support the nomination of Mr. Bryan. Moreover, a meeting of Bryan adherents held at the Ryan hotel immediately after the adjournment of the state committee formed a Bryan organization which purposes to carry the contest against Johnson into every precinct of the state. The state convention will meet at St. Paul May 15.

### Bryan Proxy Thrown Out.

The first act of the committee which might be considered anti-Bryan was the throwing out of the proxy held by James Manahan, who has been an ardent Bryan supporter and who had been prominent in his activity in pushing prosecutions against the railroads and the Pullman Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The proxy was from Itasca County and was originally held by National Committeeman Budson. Mr. Manahan was much chagrined at the action of the committee. He said that the Johnson adherents controlled the committee, but that, if the Johnson men set out to capture the state, the Bryan supporters would make a fight in every precinct.

### Wild Applause for Johnson.

Marion O'Brien, a delegate from Crookston, offered a resolution endorsing the administration of Mr. Johnson and urging his candidacy for the Presidency. The resolution was greeted with wild applause. A motion to lay the resolution on the table was defeated by a vote of 25 to 6.

C. E. Vassaly offered a substitute resolution endorsing the administration of Mr. Johnson, but adding that in the present emergency Minnesota should be for Mr. Bryan first, last and all the time, "and that we view with suspicion offers of support for Johnson coming from the East." This resolution was defeated, 13 to 66.

The O'Brien resolution at once started a debate which was spirited. The Bryan men said that it was without the province of the committee to adopt such a resolution. C. E. Vassaly, a Bryan supporter who was opposed to the resolution, was asked by S. B. Lynch, a Johnson adherent, if he would support Mr. Johnson in case the Governor got the nomination at the National convention.

### Not If Interests Support Him.

"Of course I would support Johnson," he replied, "but if Johnson is a candidate of the vested interests, I will not support him."

X. Austin, an opponent of the resolution, said he was an admirer of both, but insisted that some keen mind had succeeded in pitting Mr. Johnson against Mr. Bryan for the purpose of killing off both. He said the New York World evidently believed that Mr. Johnson was not a man of the Bryan type or it would not support him.

Mr. O'Brien, who introduced the resolution, was chairman of the state Populist party in 1886, and he said in support of his resolution that if Mr. Johnson were nominated he would not carry Minnesota alone, but Wisconsin and parts of North Dakota and Iowa.

The O'Brien resolution was then carried.

### Bryan Men Organize.

Two hundred Bryan men assembled at the Ryan Hotel after the committee adjourned and organized the "Bryan Volunteers of Minnesota." The meeting was called to order by T. T. Hudson, of Duluth, Democratic National committeeman from Minneapolis, who thus lined up with the Bryan men for the fight for the con-

trol of the state. Herbert Sessler, of Duluth, was elected president, and an executive committee composed of one member from each Congressional district in the state was appointed.

### BALLOT BOXES TO BE OPENED

Hearst Scores Point in Fight Against Mayor McClellan.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6.—The Court of Appeals this afternoon handed down a decision reversing the order of the appellate division of the first department and sustaining that of Justice Vernon M. David, who decided that Attorney-General Jackson had filed a sufficient bill of plies in his supplemental complaint that illegal votes were cast for McClellan in the Mayoralty campaign in New York City in 1905.

Under the decision the ballot boxes may be opened and the ballots exam-



Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, Indorsed for President by State Committee Against Opposition of Bryanites.

ined in the quo warranto proceedings brought to test McClellan's title to the office of Mayor in the interest of Hearst.

### FAVOR BEVERAGE BILL.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Approval of the non-partisan tariff commission bill, introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Beverage, of Indiana, was registered yesterday in resolution passed by the Merchants' Association at a special meeting. The association also adopted resolutions approving the movement for a special school for Government appointees to the diplomatic and consular service.

### BOSTON DISAPPROVES ALDRICH BILL.

BOSTON, March 6.—Resolutions disapproving the Aldrich banking bill were unanimously adopted at a largely attended meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce today.

### STATE SENATOR MILLER VISITS BRYAN.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 6.—State Senator Miller, of Lebanon, Or., spent the day yesterday with W. J. Bryan at Fairview.

### LYNCHED FOUR NEGROES

### MOB WREAKS VENGEANCE FOR DOUBLE MURDER.

Colored Men Are Leaving Hawkinsville—Other Negroes Implicated.

More Lynchings May Follow.

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga., March 6.—The report reached here that four negroes in all have been lynched in connection with the double murder of Warren Hart and his wife. Two were shot for interfering with the mob. Other negroes are implicated, and it is feared more lynchings will follow. Many of the negroes are leaving and the others are in hiding.

### PEOPLE WANT REGULATION

Hughes Thinks They Want to Be Just, However.

NEW YORK, March 6.—That the people are determined that there shall be adequate regulation of the railroads but that they are slow in their action, so slow that such regulation must be just, was the belief expressed by Governor Charles E. Hughes in an address before the Traffic Club tonight. The Governor was a guest at the dinner of the Club, which also entertained the heads and other officials of many railroads.

### RESCUES 11 CASTAWAYS

Survivors of Wrecked Satsuma Are Picked Up by the Thetis.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A telegram was received at the Treasury Department from the commanding officer of the revenue cutter Thetis, now on the Alaskan coast, stating that on March 3 he rescued 11 of the starving survivors of the Japanese schooner Satsuma, which was wrecked on that coast. The men were picked up in Yakutat Bay.

### DIRECTORS ASK FOR MONEY

Illinois Central Will Devise Plan to Raise \$30,000,000.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Eight directors of the Illinois Central Railroad met in Chicago today and decided to ask the stockholders to approve a new financing plan which will place between \$20,000,000 and \$40,000,000 at the company's disposal. The plan previously decided upon of issuing equipment bonds was abandoned.

## KAISER MEDDLES AND LION ROARS

### Furious at Letter on Naval Affairs.

### PUBLIC DEMANDS TO SEE IT

### Not Satisfied With Statement It's Personal.

### GERMAN BUGBEAR AGAIN

Missive to Tweedmouth Taken as Attempt to Influence Naval Programme Causes Fury as Great as the Kruger Telegram.

LONDON, March 6.—An outburst of anger against Emperor William on the part of the British public equaling that caused by the German Emperor's famous letter to President Kruger at the beginning of the Boer War has followed the announcement made this morning by the Times that Emperor William had attempted to influence the British naval policy by a secret correspondence with Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty. The Germanophile party, which was never stronger than now, immediately jumped to the conclusion that Emperor William was trying to meddle in the most vital matter of Great Britain's interests by underhand methods, and the public at first shared that view, while Parliament, the newspapers and the diplomats had the greatest sensation they had enjoyed for many a day.

### SAYS LETTER PURELY PERSONAL.

The matter was considered so serious that Lord Tweedmouth broke his customary reticence, hastening to say:

"The letter from the German Emperor is purely a personal communication and there is no reference in it to the British naval estimates."

Herbert Henry Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, appeared in the House of Commons at the close of its sitting and made a brief statement to a crowded house, elaborating, amid profound silence, Lord Tweedmouth's explanation that the correspondence was purely personal.

These explanations only stimulate curiosity and criticism instead of appeasing them, and a strong demand is heard everywhere for the publication of both letters. Nothing else will satisfy the public.

### PUBLIC MIND INFLAMED.

If the relations between Great Britain and Germany were not so strained, the action in writing the letter would be considered merely a technical mistake or an informality, but Germany is a bugbear to a large proportion of the British people, who firmly believe she is deliberately planning war and is trying to soothe British suspicions until she is ready. Nothing could be more inflammatory than to charge the Emperor with trying to undermine the British strength by seducing her naval minister from the policy of adding to the navy.

### REDUCE ARMAMENTS BY INDIRECTNESS.

It has been suggested that a possible explanation of the incident is that the British government attempted to secure mutual limitations in the matter of warship building by direct negotiation with Emperor William; in other words, to achieve by indirect diplomacy what The Hague Peace Conference failed to bring about. The critics of Lord Tweedmouth, however, point out that any such negotiations ought to have been carried on through the Foreign Office, and there is considerable anxiety to know how far the alleged irregular proceedings have gone.

### ARTHUR HAMILTON LEE, A CONSERVATIVE

The alarm was sounded by the Times in

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an editorial this morning, in which it said:

Emperor William holds the honorific rank of admiral in the British navy, and if that is held to warrant interference in our domestic affairs by secret appeals to the head of the department on which naval matters depend, all that can be said of the abolition of dynastic compliances of this kind is an urgent necessity. Had King Edward taken such a step, there would have been no difficulty in getting the Emperor out of Germany and an overwhelming demand for a double shipbuilding programme as a fitting reply.

Is the Emperor having anything to suggest concerning arms he has the regular official channels of communication and no private channels can be used? I do not think the regular methods Lord Tweedmouth, a public servant and therefore it cannot be contended that the letter is a private matter, will suffice to sustain his claim.

The lesson for Great Britain is plain after an attempt of this kind to make it easier for German preparations to overtake our own.

### NO INFLUENCE ON PROGRAMME.

Mr. Asquith's statement in the House of Commons was as follows:

"It is a fact that on February 18 Lord

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### ACCUSER IN SUBMARINE BOAT SCANDAL

Says Electric Boat Company

Does More Than Any Other

To Corrupt Legislation.

House Appoints Committee to Hold Inquiry.

UNLIMITED POWER GIVEN

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