

BRYAN APPEALS FOR SENATE TO ACT ON TREATY

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Written exclusively for Universal Service. Copyright, 1920, by William J. Bryan. San Francisco, June 29.—The division among delegates on the treaty plank is not fundamental; it is merely a difference of opinion as to the best means of reaching an end which all desire. No Democrat in the convention would rise in his place and admit opposition to world peace, universal and everlasting.

But how can world peace be secured? The president brought back from Paris a League of Nations plan with a covenant that embodied the best that he could secure—and when we consider the newness of the plan, the number of nations agreeing to it and the diversified interests at the conference, the wonder is that it was as nearly perfect as it was.

The Republicans immediately attacked it and magnified what they regarded as its dangers. If the matter could have been considered merely as an international question without partisanship being injected into it, the president and the senate would have had little difficulty in reaching an agreement as to reservations. Partisanship is so paralyzing to calm thinking as alcohol and the person affected is as unconscious of being affected.

LIKE BLIND PARTISANS
It is one of the curious characteristics of partial intoxication that the man under its influence is quite sure he is at his best. If he is shooting at targets he congratulates himself on his accuracy even if his bullets endanger bystanders.

So with partisanship—the more partisan a man is the more sure he feels that he is actuated by a patriotic purpose, almost holy in his disinterestedness. Both Democrats and Republicans were convinced that their opponents would agree with them but for their partisanship and the president was most unconscious of any partisan interest in the result.

Now we are entering upon a campaign and the leaders of each party feel sure that they can win a partisan advantage by dragging the issue down into a partisan struggle and they congratulate themselves that they are doing it for a great, unselfish and patriotic purpose. It is a great national good that they are bent on achieving and it is merely a coincidence that in the opinion of both sides this can only be secured through a party victory.

SHAM BATTLE STAGED

Thus deluded they are staging a sham battle over a sham issue, knowing while they do so that neither side can positively secure two thirds of the senate at the coming election and knowing therefore that there must be a compromise at the end of the campaign if any agreement is to be reached. Just as the exhilarated toper deceives nobody but himself so these unconsciously partisan leaders are fooling themselves only.

A large majority of the American people are more interested in getting this

treaty ratified and the League of Nations established and out of the way than they are in the phraseology of reservations, and it is to this mass that our party ought to appeal.

The partisans in both parties will vote in ticket anyhow, no matter what the party says or does not say, but we never have had as many voters in the doubtful column as we have today. They do not care what party relief comes if it only comes quickly.

Just as the allies would rather have us come into the league with any reservations whatever than stay out, so the average voter will regard time as the material factor and support the party that gives promise of immediate relief.

It is to this large element that our party ought to appeal and it is this element that I had in mind in urging a course different from any that has thus far been proposed. I venture to put on paper for the first time an outline of a plan which, in my judgment, will make the Democratic party victorious in this campaign because, and only because, it puts the country above the party and includes the civilized world in its calculations.

BRYAN OUTLINES PLAN

The Democratic party demands an amendment to the federal constitution providing for ratification of treaties by a majority vote so that it will be as easy to enter into a treaty as it is to declare war. Placing ourselves upon the most fundamental principle of popular government, namely, the right of the people to rule—a doctrine in support of which we have recently spent over \$25,000,000,000 and for which we have sacrificed 100,000 precious lives—we favor an immediate reconvening of the senate that this principle may be applied to the treaty controversy and ratification secured with such reservations as a majority of the senators may agree upon, reserving for the future the making of

such changes as we may deem necessary.

We favor appointments by the president, with the consent of the senate, of delegates to represent this nation in the league until regularly chosen delegates are elected and qualified.

We favor the selection of the nation's delegates in the League of Nations by popular vote in the districts in order that the people may speak through representatives of their own choice in the august tribunal which will consider the welfare of the world. These delegates should be instructed not to vote for war without specific instructions from congress or from the people, given by referendum vote.

Our nation's delegates should also be instructed to insist upon the disarmament of the world in order that the burden of militarism may be lifted from the shoulders of those who toil and the foundation of an enduring peace laid in friendship and cooperation.

BENEFITS SUMMARIZED

The benefits of this plan may be summarized as follows:
The Democratic party plants itself upon an easily understood and easily defended principle of government. It has the votes to compel ratification immediately upon ascertaining the wishes of the majority of the senate; it can convert a majority into the two thirds majority required by the constitution. It cannot only end the deadlock, but it offers a plan that will make future treaty deadlocks impossible and thus save the nation from the disgrace that this two thirds provision has brought upon it.

We alone of all the great nations have found it impossible to get out of war—a fact that impairs the value of our example in the countries that are striving to establish republics.
The plan presents a method of elect-

ing delegates that will insure to the people the right to choose their representatives in this great tribunal which offers to the world its only hope of peace.

By compelling the delegates to await the consideration of pressing domestic problems, quicken the world's progress toward peace and win the undying gratitude of those who cry out against the cruel program of the militarists who would build a peace on terrorism.

If the Republicans rejected the plan they would forfeit the support of a large part of their party—the part that follows conscience and is not untrue to the vision of better things.
Such a plan cannot be considered a rejection of anything the president stands for; on the contrary, it is a vindication of the greatest purpose he has proclaimed, namely, to make the "world safe for democracy," and it opens a way by which he may during the remainder of his term become a moral leader of the world.

Speculators Corner Convention Seats

San Francisco, June 29.—Tickets to the visitors' galleries at the convention are being eagerly sought and as high as \$200 has been offered for some. Nevertheless, the galleries Monday were only about two-thirds filled. It looks as though speculators had secured considerable numbers and were holding out for more money.

Such a plan would compel the Republicans to accept or reject the proposition offered. If they accepted it would remove the issue from politics, permit the consideration of pressing domestic problems, quicken the world's progress toward peace and win the undying gratitude of those who cry out against the cruel program of the militarists who would build a peace on terrorism.

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TEN NAMES FOR VICE PRESIDENT ARE CONSIDERED

San Francisco, June 29.—(U. P.)—Although completely overshadowed by the campaigning of presidential aspirants, vice presidential booms were being inflated today by backers of ten potential candidates. Far from being disheartened by being beyond the glow of the central spotlight under which presidential candidates are busily lining up votes.

Both Governor Cox of Ohio and Secretary of Agriculture Meredith of Iowa today continued to be mentioned as possibilities for the vice presidency, although both will be placed in nomination to head the ticket. Meredith's friends are striving for a coalition with Cox supporters, while Cox is doped by

some for second place on a McAdoo slate.

Meredith's formal statement of withdrawal from the presidential race is believed to have greatly strengthened his chances for the second place.

Others whose names are being put forward and who are expected to be placed in nomination before the convention are:
Governor S. V. Stewart of Montana.
Ex-Governor James H. Hawley of Idaho.
Former United States Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois.
Brigadier General L. D. Tyson of Tennessee.
Edward L. Doherty of California.
Ex-Governor David R. Francis of Missouri.
Governor G. H. Hodges of Kansas.
Vice President Thomas R. Marshall.

Ticket Scalpers Cleanup at S. F., Making Thousands

San Francisco, June 29.—(U. P.)—Police announced Monday that three arrests have been made in connection with the alleged sale of 4000 bogus convention tickets. The three men were arrested near the Exposition auditorium and were held on charges of ticket scalping. It is alleged that those who engineered the bogus ticket game

cleaned up thousands of dollars. The imitation tickets vary closely from the official ones, police say. Only the name of the printer of the official tickets is missing on the fake ones. It was said.

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