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THE BRYAN ATTITUDE

Ever since William J. Bryan stepped down from President Wilson's cabinet, the country has been agog as to what his attitude towards the administration will be. The politicians, especially those on the republican side, cannot conceive that Mr. Bryan, the citizen, will not antagonize the administration. Evidently their wishes are father to the thought. They would be glad to see a split in the democratic party, similar to that of the republican party in 1912.

The Tribune believes they will be disappointed. While there appears to be an honest difference between Mr. Bryan and the president, it believes that Mr. Bryan is of too noble a nature to attempt the defeat of an administration which he was mainly instrumental in placing in power. Mr. Bryan is not a politician of the peanut variety. He might oppose certain elements of the democratic party, or rather the ideas they advocate, because he thought the success of such ideas would be detrimental to the best interests of the country, but never to advance a selfish, personal ambition.

Mr. Bryan could have had himself nominated for president at Baltimore instead of Mr. Wilson, with an almost certainty of election, much easier than the achievement of the nomination of Mr. Bryan. But he remained through the long session of that convention, true to what he believed to be for the best for his party and the country, and returned to his home with the satisfaction of knowing that he had held all selfish impulses, if he had any, in subjection and had given to the country, probably the best material available for a candidate.

It was but natural, under the circumstances, that President Wilson should invite Mr. Bryan to take the first seat in his cabinet. Not simply because Mr. Wilson owed his elevation to the presidency to Mr. Bryan, but because he deemed Mr. Bryan well qualified for the place.

Mr. Bryan is, probably, the world's greatest advocate for peace. He made his arbitration of disputes between powers, the central purpose of his conduct of the Department of State and was making rapid progress along that line, when the great war suddenly was thrust upon the European horizon. Perhaps the German Kaiser thought that war must be forced on Europe at once, else Secretary Bryan would have the hands of every European nation tied up by his arbitration treaties and, perhaps, he thought the American people a nation of Quakers and would not fight any way. At all events the Kaiser has treated American ships and American lives as if the American people was a factor not worthy considering.

President Wilson concluded it was quite time to call a halt. While he

was unwilling to make the sword the arbiter, forbearance had ceased to be a virtue and he wished to inform the German government of this fact. Secretary Bryan would go further and apply his policy of international arbitration to settle the dispute. The president, considering that he was responsible for the conduct of the American government and responsible for the safety of American lives and vessels from attack at sea, felt that an emergency had arisen which demanded immediate action and would not await the slow movement of arbitration court.

The two opinions, while not antagonistic, were of such difference that Secretary Bryan, not wishing to hamper or clog the administration and, deeming the fullest cooperation in spirit as well as act, due the president from the Department of State and, also, being so wedded to his arbitration propaganda that he felt he could not take the necessary backward step, resigned. What else could he do without committing an act of stultification?

But, in retiring, he did so with the kindest of feeling and sympathy for the president. A mere difference of opinion by honest men, who were working for what each deemed the best interests of the American people. Mr. Bryan retired voluntarily. He was not driven from office. Why should he feel peeved for doing an act from his own initiative.

The Tribune has lost faith in neither President Wilson nor Mr. Bryan. It believes that Woodrow Wilson ranks with the greatest of American presidents and that Wm. J. Bryan is the greatest private American citizen of today and that both are too big and noble to hold a personal animosity because of a mere difference of opinion.

No. Mr. Bryan will not sulk nor will he preach a doctrine which will belittle or injure the administration. And, should the war continue until the next democratic national convention and President Wilson continues to steer the Ship of State in smooth waters, Mr. Bryan will be one of the strongest advocates for President Wilson's renomination. The rantings of aggressive republican newspapers will fail in persuading Mr. Bryan to make war on the president. Mr. Bryan is too astute and knows the political game too well to allow himself to be made a cat's paw of.

THE UNITED STATES GOES AHEAD

If any class of men is aware of the general business situation, it is the bankers. They see many sides of our economic affairs and have to keep the future constantly and carefully in mind. In the long run they succeed or fail according to the accuracy or inaccuracy of their mental picture of the country's continuing business life. They must look for the main factors and see the major tendencies. It is significant, therefore, that James M. Manning, president of the Savings Bank Association of the state of New York, devoted most of his annual address before that body to discussing the "unmistakable signs of rapidly approaching prosperity." Our enormous crops and other natural resources are the real basis of this prosperity, because we are the only great nation that has foods and metals to sell and money to loan. The coming harvests promise great yields to the farmers, and this will mean good times for manufacturers and merchants also in the long run. Copper, iron and steel are also moving on the uptide with great strength and volume. Better conditions are reflected in the reports of the United Steel Corporation and in the earnings of

the railroads. There is every reason for believing that this will be an increasingly good business year as the months go by.—Colliers.

As time advances it becomes the more evident that active interference by the United States in Mexican affairs becomes the more apparent. Even the threat of President Wilson is not sufficient to cause the factions to attempt reaching an agreement to quit fighting and endeavor to arrange an amicable understanding. Huerta, who has been under the shelter of the American flag for some weeks, was arrested at El Paso, Texas when attempting to reach Mexican soil. He was accompanied by General Orozco and their purpose evidently was to start another revolution. President Wilson if he intends to make the words of his threat good, may as well get busy. Mexico within herself will never become pacified. American troops in Mexico would be a most welcome sight to a large share of the Mexican people and, perhaps, to these beligerent generals as well. They want somebody to help them quit.

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