

IF CONSCRIPTED, BRYAN READY FOR SACRIFICE

He Would Answer the Call Like a Soldier Gives Life On the Battlefield

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—Should William J. Bryan's nomination for the Presidency be "demanded under certain conditions, he would feel it his duty to consider it," he said in a statement issued here tonight. He does not desire the nomination, but feels that he owes it to progressive Democracy to go to the party's national convention, "help in opposing the reactionaries and friends of the saloon," he said in the statement.

Mr. Bryan's statement took the form of a personal answer to requests that he enter the Presidential race. He said he "recognized it to be the duty of the citizen to respond to calls of his country in peace or war."

"If the situation becomes such that my nomination was actually demanded, as in time of war a soldier's life is demanded on the battlefield—I would feel I should consider it," he said.

"I hope that no such situation will arise, and I do not now see any probability that such a situation will arise."

Mr. Bryan said the demands of public life for 30 years had deprived him of the companionship of his family and now that he desired "to look forward to a few years of uninterrupted happiness at home" where he could devote his time to literary work. He added that he had not lost interest in public questions, but preferred to aid young men to "carry on the people's cause."

"We have great issues before us," he said, "and mighty work for those who are willing to put the welfare of the public above their own ease and comfort and risk all in the protection of the common people from the assaults of privilege."

"Besides not desiring the nomination, I think it is my duty to the progressive Democrats of the nation to go as a delegate to the national convention, if Nebraska demands it, and aid them in opposing the reactionaries and friends of the saloons."

"This is my position and I conclude with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the loyalty and confidence which my friends have manifested."

Flu Plays Havoc With Superstition in China

Hangtung, China, Jan. 26.—The influenza epidemic in this district has caused so many deaths that there is a shortage of caskets and their price has risen 400 per cent. in recent weeks.

Because of this many bodies have been buried in shrouds only, a practice uncommon even among the poorest Chinese. Another departure that has been forced upon the people by the existing situation is that Feng Shui, or the practice of geomancy in connection with funerals by which grave sites and times of burial and other details are determined, is being ignored for the first time, for no longer can notice be taken of lucky or unlucky days for holding funerals. Whole households are being wiped out by the epidemic.

Rear Admiral Peary Left Trophies To Son

Washington, D. C.—The will of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, N. S. N., retired, filed yesterday for probate, directs that all medals, trophies and books, and Eagle Island, near South Harpawell, Maine, be given to his son, Robert E. Peary Jr. The island which the will asserts was purchased by the discoverer of the North Pole with money earned while a high school student, is to remain permanently in the Peary family. Mrs. Peary receives for herself and division among the children the residue of the estate, including securities valued at \$90,000 and a group of islands in Casco Bay.

How To Preserve A Husband

First, be careful in your selection. Do not choose one who is too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in a good moral atmosphere. When once the selection has been made let the past remain forever settled and give the entire thought to the future. Some insist on keeping the husband in a pickle, while others prefer hot water. It does not seem to be generally known that even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, smiles and affection. They should then be wrapped in a mantle of charity and kept warm with steady fire of devotion. Thus treated, they will keep for years as when first selected. Some these they improve with age.

RAILROADS RUSH PRINT SHIPMENTS

Pennsylvania and Big Four Give Paper Right of Way and Urge Special Attention of Employees

Philadelphia.—To relieve as far as possible the critical newsprint situation throughout the country, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has created a special bureau for expedition to publishers of all newsprint shipments, it was announced here.

The bureau, said the announcement, will "watch the movement of newsprint consignment on its lines, expedite the movement whenever possible, and when necessary follow a shipment back to the source of original supply, even though on another railroad system."

The bureau will be headed by J. F. Deany, assistant chief of transportation.

Cincinnati.—The Big Four railroad will give newsprint shipments to publishers preference. The following order was issued by General Manager Costis on the first day of the return of the railroads to private operation.

"Instruct immediately that all newsprint paper be given special attention. The emergency on newsprint makes it paramount that newsprint be given immediate preference along with live stock, perishables and coal. Expedite newsprint all possible. Instruct agents that less than carload packages must be given the closest attention the same as the carlots. The present emergency demands immediate personal attention on the part of all concerned on this railroad to eliminate any possible chance of delay to newsprint."

Big Canadian Paper Quits For Want Of Paper

Montreal.—The Montreal Herald, one of the most widely known evening papers in the Dominion, has been forced to suspend publication owing to the shortage of print paper. The Herald, in its temporary valedictory, bitterly assails the government policy in regard to pulp wood manufacture and export.

Patrick County Officer Arrested for Violating War Statute

Danville, Va., March 16th.—J. W. Staples, formerly sheriff of Patrick county was indicted by the federal grand jury here yesterday for violating one of the acts born of the war. The violation transgresses that law passed to protect wives or other dependents of soldiers from being mulct out of their allotments. Staples today was a dominant figure in the Republican district convention at Rocky Mount and is not in custody. His case will be removed to Roanoke where his cousin, Judge Waller Staples will represent him.

The story as told in the lengthy indictment is this: When Abe Nunn, a Patrick county youth, was called to the colors he made over a monthly allotment to his wife Lela Nunn. Through some error or oversight, he failed to put the proper address of the woman with the result that the funds accumulated in Washington until \$440 were to her credit.

Staples, it is alleged, learned of this, approached the woman and told her that by virtue of his office he and he alone could secure the money, and would do so provided always, she would give him half. Mrs. Nunn anxious for the fund, agreed and within a few weeks she received check for \$440. She lived up to her word and gave the sheriff, it is alleged, \$220. The affair leaked out and Staples began making rest.

Mon. He has repaid all except \$220. The act featured the campaign in Patrick county and it was largely on the issue that Frank Mays defeated him and is now sheriff.

Captured German Cannon Is On View at Asheville

Asheville, March 16.—Without ceremony of any kind, a number of the boys who participated in the capture of the 77 m. m. German cannon, by the men of C. I. 321st infantry, 81st division, this afternoon pulled the cannon from its resting place in the basement of a store, and placed it on the platform which had been erected on Park square, near the Vance monument, facing Park avenue.

This is believed to be the only cannon brought to the United States from France, without the permission of the government, as it was smuggled through by the members of the company which captured it.

CHARGE MANSLAUGHTER

Ed Goff and George Jones Held For Death of Mrs. James Barrow

Kinston, March 14.—Warrants charging Ed Goff and George Jones with reckless driving will be changed to manslaughter as a result of the death of Mrs. James Barrow, one of seven persons injured in a collision of cars driven by Jones and Goff at Lenoir avenue and College street last Sunday evening, it is announced at police headquarters. Both the state and local authorities are interested in the prosecution. Eugene Wood, coroner, is preparing to hold an inquest tonight. J. L. Hamme, city prosecutor, is stated by the police to be preparing to proceed against Goff and Jones, and James A. Powers, solicitor of the sixth judicial district, has declared that the matter should be "fully investigated" and the defendants vigorously prosecuted if the evidence warrants it.

Miss Bettie Barrow, a daughter of Mrs. Barrow, is in a critical condition. At the hospital where Miss Barrow has lingered since the accident the physicians are uncertain whether she will succumb or recover. The young woman is delirious, and may be permanently if not fatally injured. The police will try to prove that Ed Goff was under the influence of whisky. They assert that both Goff and Jones were driving at a speed far beyond the legal limit.

German Ex-Kaiser Worth A Billion Marks—A Problem

Berlin, Feb. 10.—The value of the estates which belonged to the former German emperor and his family may reach 1,000,000,000 marks. In attempting to fix the compensation to Count Hohenzollern for that part of his private property taken over by the state, the authorities have experienced difficulty in deciding what part belonged to the crown and how much was strictly private.

The difficulty arose in part from the fact that the appraisers have had to inventory properties which have been accumulating for five centuries.

The settlement will be dictated, it is stated, by a desire to offer to the Hohenzollerns a generous adjustment. Their acquiescence is said to have been obtained to the bill in the Prussian diet to pay the former emperor 1,000,000,000 marks for property taken and permit him to retain a number of castles, real estate and personal property.

Money For Free Seeds Cut Off

Washington, D. C.—Acting on the recommendation of the new Secretary of Agriculture, the Senate Agricultural Committee has voted to eliminate from the annual agricultural bill the \$240,000 voted by the House to continue the custom of distributing free seeds to their constituents by members of Congress.

DIDN'T HAVE WELL DAY FOR 25 YEARS

San Francisco Woman Has Gained Thirty Pounds By Taking Tanlac

"I had not seen a well day in twenty-five years until I started taking Tanlac," said Mrs. Virginia Stapp, of 185 Valencia St., San Francisco, Cal. "I was beginning to think," she continued, "that I would have to bear my wretched health as long as I lived. I had no appetite, and when I managed to eat a few bites I could not digest it and as I could get no strength or nourishment I fell off twenty five pounds in weight. I hardly knew what it was to be without a headache. All my life I have been so constipated that every day for years I had to take a laxative. My tongue was always coated and I had a bad taste in my mouth all the time. My condition was so bad that I could get little sleep, but would roll and toss about all night long."

"But all that is changed now, for since taking Tanlac I am able to eat anything I please without any bad after effects and I have actually gained thirty pounds. I haven't had a headache in so long I have almost forgotten about them. My constipated condition has been relieved and I never have that bad taste or coated tongue any more. I sleep nine to ten hours every night, can do my own housework with ease and have so much new life and energy that I just feel fine all the time."

Tanlac is sold in Mount Airy by I. W. West Drug Co., in Pilot Mountain by Pilot Drug Co., in Elkin by Elkin Drug Co.

Scarlet Fever

The people of today should be more cautious concerning scarlet fever and its spread. If you would only stop and investigate as to the number of deaths from this disease during the course of twelve months, and the number of cripples that this disease causes among children, then there is no doubt but what you would be more cautious.

Scarlet fever is a disease associated, principally, with children, in fact, ninety per cent. of the cases are among children under ten years of age, then it falls to the parents to be on their guard, for children depend on their parents for protection. It is hard to know of every case of scarlet fever that may exist in your county, for at times this disease is so mild in form that parents do not call in a physician, but you should use all precautions in a suspicious case.

Scarlet fever is spread by contact. The living germs are found in the discharges from the nose, mouth, throat, ears and abscesses. The germs disappear when the nose and throat becomes normal and the discharges from the ears and abscesses cease, but they are present as long as the discharges from the nose, throat, ears or abscesses continue.

Then for a person to have scarlet fever they must come in contact with a person suffering with the disease, or something that they have come in contact with, so stay away from the sick, and do not handle anything that they have come in contact with, such as the drinking glass or cup, dishes, toilet articles, clothing ect. You are not safe in coming in contact with a person who has had the disease for 49 days from the beginning of the disease.

It is true that scarlet fever is a mild disease at times, and does not cause alarm, but the after effects, the condition it may leave a child in, you know of or have heard about crippled people, the cause being due to the after effects of scarlet fever. Some serious diseases of his handled d. k. fits serious kidney trouble, abscesses of liver or diseased spinal cord causing a cripple, paralysis or some other condition. So after thinking and investigating we find that scarlet fever is not such a mild disease after all, but, on the other hand, it is a disease to be dreaded. Beware of the suspicious cases.

L. L. Williams, County Health Officer.

Weaver Announces His Candidacy for House

Washington, Mar 15.—Congressman Zebulon Weaver, in making his formal announcement for the Democratic nomination again, says: "I now have served as the representative from this district three years. The duties that I have been called upon have been manifold. I have attempted in all instances and at all times to meet these duties as I have felt the people whom I represent would wish them to be met. I feel that I can say with absolute consciousness of its truth that I have in no case considered other than the public welfare and the public honor. I come to ask for renomination at the hands of my party, and if renominated I shall ask the people of this district to re-elect me to Congress hoping that I have, at least in some measure, discharged those duties and met those questions to their satisfaction."

Bryan Says Democrats Should Ratify Treaty

Asheville, March 16.—"It ought to be as easy to end a war as to begin a war," according to a statement by William J. Bryan made here today advocating a change in the constitution permitting a majority of the senate to ratify a treaty.

His statement follows: "The vote yesterday on article 10 would seem to insure ratification without further delay. I assume that the Democrats in the senate will join in ratification now that the majority has clearly expressed itself."

"Our campaign will be a farce as well as a failure if, after the senate has so emphatically expressed itself in favor of ratification with reservations, our party joins the irresolute in opposing ratification in order to make the treaty a partisan issue."

"The senate's action in dealing with this treaty has shown the need of an amendment to the constitution permitting a majority to ratify a treaty. It ought to be as easy to end a war as to begin a war."

A Timely Suggestion
The best time you have a cough or cold try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is pleasant to take and you are sure to be pleased with the relief which it affords. This remedy has a wide reputation for its cure of coughs and colds.

ABERDEEN YOUNG MAN DIES FROM HIS HURTS

W. Brooks Sharpe In Trying To Stop Runaway Team Is Fatally Injured

Aberdeen, March 14.—W. Brooks Sharpe, of this town, died Saturday morning in the Hamlet hospital as a result of injuries sustained in Aberdeen last Tuesday, when he attempted to stop a runaway team of mules. After boarding the swiftly moving wagon as the team dashed up main street of town, he had climbed out on the tongue between the mules in an attempt to secure the reins, when the mules ran each on opposite sides of a tree catching him between the wagon and the tree and almost severing one leg at the knee.

After efforts of local physicians to save the limb had failed, he was removed to the hospital in Hamlet for operation. The leg was amputated Friday, but, being so weakened from the shock of the two operations following the great loss of blood at the time of the accident, the young man failed to rally from the operation and succumbed at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Aged Man Forces Return Of Young Son

Lexington, Ky., March 9.—John Shell, oldest living human being at 132 years and 6 months, is able to take care of his own. According to word from Shell's home in Leslie county today, Shell returned home from a visit a few miles away to find his thirty-five-year-old wife lying dead in the front yard. He carried her into the house and notified her relatives.

George Chappell, seventy years old, father-in-law of Shell, without Shell's consent, took charge of Shell's youngest son, aged six years, after the funeral, and started to the Chappell home with him. Shell objected strenuously to this virtual kidnapping, but Chappell rode away with the child.

Shell, who is the champion rifle shot of the mountains notwithstanding his vast age, procured his flintlock rifle, which he made over 100 years ago, and pursued Chappell and the Shell child, and, overtaking him, forced Chappell at the gun's point to yield up his boy. Shell then rode back home, where he and the child are apparently happy together. Shell has gone through the winter in excellent health.

Canadian Sugar Prices

Ottawa, Ontario.—The Board of Commerce of Canada has rescinded its orders affecting the retail price of sugar, for the purpose, it is said, of providing the Canadian public with a demonstration of "whether or not the orders of the board have been effective, and especially as to whether or not profit control is beneficial." The board claims that it has saved the general public \$100,000 a day during the seven months it has been regulating the price of sugar. The price fixed by the board was 16 cents a pound, plus the freight and refiners, and wholesalers were ordered to sell the sugar at such prices as would enable retailers to derive a profit of from 1 cent to 1 1/2 cents a pound. Retail grocers here declare that the rescinding of the order will not result in the rise of prices.

Colored School Parents Hold Interesting Meeting

A parents meeting for the colored people was held at Mallalieu Temple M. E. church March 16, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The purpose of the meeting was to have a face to face talk with the parents in regard to the necessity of keeping their children in school every day in order that they may be able to make their grade and get promoted. So much time has been lost on account of the influenza epidemic, every parent is earnestly requested to see to it that their children make every day in school.

Prof. L. M. Epps, Supt. was present at the meeting and made a very interesting talk to the parents concerning the school, and their duty towards their children. He emphasized the importance of parents cooperating with the teachers in order to make the work successful, and get the best results out of this year's work. He also organized a parent and teacher club. Mrs. Sarah Headen was elected president. Mrs. Ora Williams vice-president. On the account of the inclemency of the weather several parents were not present and the election of the other officers was deferred until a later date.

J. J. Jones.

REWARD OF \$50 FOR A STILLER AND A STILL

Virginia Will Pay \$25 If Only the Kettle-Head Is Made Captive

Danville, March 14.—The Virginia legislature has put a price on whisky distilleries and a law has been enacted providing a bounty of \$50 for the discovery and destruction of an illicit plant and the conviction of its operator.

If only the still is found and no arrests are made, the bounty is \$25. A fee of \$2.50 will be paid to any one who discovers and pours out as much as two gallons of liquor and \$5 for more than that amount. The law is designed to encourage citizens to break up the illicit distillery nuisance.

American Fleet Preparing For Big Sham Battle

Washington, March 16.—The Pacific and Atlantic fleets will meet off the Pacific coast of Panama next January in their first joint maneuvers, designed to keep the navy "on its toes" during peace time.

This was decided today at a conference between Secretary Daniels and Admirals Rodman and Wilson, the fleet commanders, who will work out details. It is practically certain, however, that a battle between the fleets, approaching as nearly as possible actual warfare, will be arranged. It may also serve as an actual test of the Panama canal as an element of naval strategy.

After the practice is at an end, the combined fleet will visit the principal Pacific coast ports of the United States so as to give the people there an opportunity to see the nation's full naval fighting force.

It will be the first time that the entire battleship strength has visited the Pacific coast since the Atlantic fleet made its memorable cruise around the world in 1907-08. The fleet, which will steam out of the Panama bay for San Francisco next year will be many times as large and powerful as that which the late Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans took through the Golden Gate in 1906 after a voyage around Cape Horn.

There will be 16 battleships of the dreadnaught class—the same number that circled the globe—perhaps a dozen second line battleships, 11 cruisers, and all the supporting units of destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries.

Caught on Train With Two Gallons of Whisky

Asheville, March 16.—Caught on a train with two gallons of liquor by Prohibition Agent J. A. Galloway, and Deputy Sheriff Harris of Brevard, Frank S. Fisher is now in jail at Brevard, awaiting a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Hampton of that place. The trial is set for March 26th. The "icers working on a tip boarded the train and found the man with the liquor and was taken back to Brevard, where a date was set for the trial.

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