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## RETIREMENT OF BRYAN CAUSES A GRAVE TURN **OPPOSING WILSON'S POLICY** NOTE GOES TO BRYAN'S LETTER: WILSON'S REPLY. BERLIN TODAY

AS PROVOCATIVE OF WAR **BRYAN RESIGNS HIS OFFICE** 

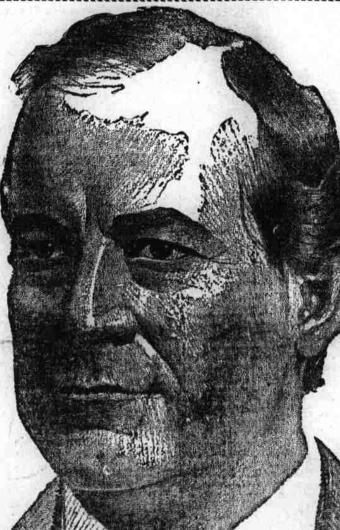
Is Firmly Set Against Any Note to Germany That Might Bring War.

## COULDN'T APPROVE PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Intimated That Bryan's Peace Program Influenced Berlin In Defiant Attitude Toward U.S.

Washington, June 9 .- Rob-|ered that the announced viewert Lansing, counsellor of the point of the United States state department, today re- could not be taken seriously beceived his formal appointment cause Mr. Bryan was commitfrom President Wilson as sec- ted against drastic measures. retary of state.

In one of his speeches, Mr. Washington, June 9 .- After Bryan had said that while he two years and three months as was secretary of state there secretary of state, William would never be any war. His Jennings Bryan today returned withdrawal at this critical moto private life. His retirement ment is regarded here as likely



Washington, June 9-Secretary # ryan's letter of resignation was as follows: "My dear Mr. President:

"It is with sincere regret that I ave reached the conclusion that R should return to you the com- " mission of secretary of state with which you honored me at the be- 💐 ginning of your administration. & "Obedient to your sense of duty # and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German gov-

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R ernment a note in which I cannot si join without vielating what I ? R deem to be an obligation to my R s country, and the issue involved Sis of such moment that to remain R a member of th ecabinet would R 🕏 be as unfair to you as it would be 🕅 a to the cause which is nearest my

R heart, namely, the prevention of R K war.

"I, therefore, respectfully tender my resignation to take effect R R when the note is sent, unless you R prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of reaching a peaceful so- R R lution of the problems arising out R R of th euse of submarines against R R merchantmen, we find ourselves R R differing irreconcilably as to the R a methods which should be em-R ployed.

e officially for the nation; I con-🕏 sider it to be none the less my 🗮 duty to endeavor as a private citi- 💐 s zen to promote the end which s 🕷 you have in view by means which 🍀 you do not feel at liberty to use.

"In severing the intimate and R pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past R 🗮 two years, permit me to acknowl- 💐 Redge the profound satisfaction R W which it has given me to be as- M R sociated with you in the import- R ant work which has come before R. R the state department, and to R

🕏 thank you for the courtesies ex- 🛤 R tended. "With the heartiest good wishes 🕷

The president's letter

"My dear Mr. Bryan:

Bryan was as follows:

Constantinople, June 8, vla Londoa, 🕏 for your administration, I am, my 💐 June 9 .- The following official statedear Mr. President, ment was issued by the Turkish war "Very truly yours office: (Signed) "W. J. BRYAN." 2 "On the Dardanelles there was ar-

President's Reply.

"Sincerely yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

BATTLE NEAR After Conference With President Mr. Lansing Prepares BETWEEN ITALIANS to Dispatch Reply to

Ambassador Gerard.

TO BE MADE PUBLIC ON REACHING BERLIN

American Rejoinder to Germany's Lusitania Note Had All Cabinet's Approval Except Bryan's.

Washington, June 9.-After "It falls to your lot to speak a have been of preliminary a conference with President character but now that the Ital- Wilson today Counsellor Lanians are not only commanding sing, acting secretary of state, the river crossing from the announced that the note to Gerwest bank but at several points many would go forward to Berhave troops on the eastern lin this afternoon and would be bank of the Isonzo a conflict made public in the morning paof first rate tactical import- pers Friday. Ambassador Gerance, British observers believe and in Berlin is expected to be in receipt of the note before it 9.-The British is given out.

Secretary Bryan's resignation had been written and accepted when the meeting convened and he took little part in the discussion. The note way read over for the last time to the cabl-, net by President Wilson. Suggestions o fsome minor changes were noted by

the president. The resignation of Mr. Bryan

from the cabinet because he to produce a profound in could not join in approving the sion in Germany.

president's note to Germany or The American note which reconcile it with the principles had the approval of all the cabwhich he declared to be nearest inet except Mr. Bryan should his heart-"the prevention of reach Berlin tomorrow and war"-developed not only an probably will be made public unusual situation in domestic then.

politics but a grave turn in the Mr. Bryan has received many country's foreign policy. Staunch in his advocacy of that he has retired as secretary

eace and firmly set against of state and commending his any communication to Germa. manner of resignation. He will which might bring the Unit- remain in Washington for a ed States to war, Mr. Bryan short time and then leave for a ound himself opposed not rest.

only to the president but to the The resignation of Mr. Bryan majority of the cabinet as to was wholly unexpected generhe methods of dealing with ally in official and diplomatic weeks, but as the president Washington. Only a small cir- heretofore had been able the situation.

President Wilson in a letter cle of friends knew that he had to secure the acquiescence of Expressed regret at Mr. Bryan offered to eliminate himself. It the secretary in his point of resignation and said he was not became known that he had view, talk of resignation was When the principles on which to pursue them together. I yield a discounted generally. It came the note to Germany should be must, and wish to bid you Godhe objects sought in this crisis ingness to resign but that the to light that the position of ut only in the methods by president had succeeded in Mr. Bryan in the cabinet rewhich these objects were to be bringing him to his point of cently has become very embarccomplished. view.

President Wilson and his advisers declare they are equally morning to begin closing up his members of the cabinet who Work on the note went foranxious to prevent war but affairs in the state department. felt that the United States ward, however, Mr. Bryan they hold it is absolutely neces-Before breakfast he went for a should assert its policy, irre-spective of the consequences, officials, awaiting the hour ADMIRAL AUBERT OF position as to leave no doubt of breakfasted. He had only one were understood to have on one when the communication would as protection of American cit- secretary of labor.

ns on the high seas. Through friends it was learn- resignation in a letter of regret, adopted. ed today that Mr. Bryan in- tinged with deep personal aded to continue his political feeling of affection. The letport of the president.

The outstanding feature of the situation was the effect Mr. Bryan's resignation would ave on the relations between the United States and Germa-W. Heretofore many in offi-Heretofore many in officircles have intimated that e Berlin government consid-1

telegrams expressing regret

(Courtesy of The Citizen.)

between the president and 'Mr. and cautious action.

Bryan has been the undercurrent of comment for several

rassing-his advocacy of peace Mr. Bryan was up early this being so pronounced that other that of the administration.

te firm intention to enforce caller. Louis F. Post, assistant occasion declared their inten- be ready to be cabled. tion of resigning if a policy of Robert Lansing, successor to John

The real disagreement dates Secretary Bryan's resignation takes ters, constituting the official announcement of Mr. Bryan's May 13th, following the sink- ocrat. and has been an international lawyer for many years.

🕷 much more than deep regret, 💐 with a feeling of personal sorrow. 🕏 Our two years of close association 💐 🕷 have been very delightful to me. 💐 R Our judgments have accorded in R R practically every matter of official R & duty and of public policy until # now; your support of the work # R and purpose of the administration has been generous and loyal s beyond praise; your devotion to R the duties of your great office and 🐱 your cagerness to take advantage 1 of every great opportunity for R service it offered has been an ex-R ample to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admira-Just when the subject was a tion and friendship. Even now

first broached between the we are not separated in the ob- Sentence Will Be Imposed Topresident and Mr. Bryan is not a method by which we seek it. known definitely, but the fact "It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement that Mr. Bryan would resign & from the secretaryship of state # was known to a small circle of officials as early as last Sunday. based were discussed at the cabinet meeting of Friday Mr. Bryan found that he could not in the same way. "With affectionate regard,

reconcile his own position with

The president accepted the firmness and vigor were not Bassett Moore as counsellor of the

of the state ad interim today when

Paris, June 8 .- Admiral Aubert, chief of the general staff of the French back to the famous session of Foster, secretary of state under hospital after several weeks illness the cabinet when the note of President Harrison, a life long dem-French fleet at Toulon.

STEALS BABY BIBS;

Mr port which was struck by our shells. She listed heavily and soon sank. An-"I accept your resignation only 💐

known

tillery fighting Tuesday.

is inepitable.

London, June

other transport hastily left her anchorage. s because you insist upon its ac-Basel, Switzerland, June 8, via decided firmly that the rights of the ceptance; and I accept it with Paris, June 9 .- German troops have United States must be upheld in any encountered Italian first line troops eventuality that may arise. While no

to information received here. The

steamer Lady Salisbury has been tor-

pedoed by a German submariae and sent to the bottom.

AND THE TEUTONS

London, June 9.-From Cap-

ortetta to the head of the gulf

of Triest forces of Italians are

consolidating their positions

along the River Isonzo and

within a week perhaps or soon-

er the first serious battle on

this frontier should be fought.

Clashes of Italians and Aus-

trians up to the present time

BLAGK MI. PEUPLE morrow on Mrs. Burke and Lester Scott.

At the trial of Mrs. Fleeta Watkins Burke and Lester Scott of Black Mountain, in Police court here this decision until tomorrow morning. The defendants offered no testimony and only one witness for the state, ar-

resting officer John Bradley, was sub jected to cross-examination.

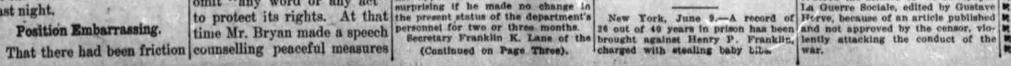
conduct the Richmond house on Spruce street testified that the defendants came to their house several weeks ago, stating that they were Mr. and Mrs. Scott and had a room for two days. With them was a little girl Night Clerk Long of a local hotel swore that the defendants registered there, Scott as Ed Summer and the

police state they later found them in a room Arguments for the state were made by J. Scroop Styles while Thomas Settle, R. G. Fortune and T. A. Jones ap-

NEWSPAPER SEIZE BY GOV'T. IN PARIS

peared for the defendants.

**CONVICT 26 YEARS** Paris, June 9 .- The government has ordered the seizure of the newspaper R La Guerre Sociale, edited by Gustave R



advocacy of a course that under circumstances would involve the United States in war, spread the impression that the president his cabinet had

in fighting at La Varonne, according inkling as to the contents of the note was given out, it is understood that an result of the engagement is not unfavorable reply will mean the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and that attacks on Americans thereafter might lead to even graver mplications.

The effect of the general situation of ecretary Bryan's withdrawal from the abinet was a subject of comment everywhere. Foreign diplomatists in terpreted it as significant of a forceful urse on the part of the United States. They were busy with their codebooks and cablegrams advising their respective governments of the cabinet change and its significance. In Austro-German quarters there has been some onfidence that Secretary Bryan's influence for peace would make impos sible a rupture between the United States and Germany, the resignation of the secretary caused much uneasiness, Wilson's Intention.

In other official and diplomatic quarters the view was held that by accepting the resignation of Mr. Bryan, the president had demonstrated to morning, on charges of an immoral Germany his earnest intention of senature, they were found guilty but curing reparation for the loss of Amer-Judge J. Frazier Glenn reserved his ican lives on the Lusitania and a guarantee against other violations of Amer-

ican rights. Mrs. Costello and Mrs. Hope, who BY WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

> The St. Johns branch of the Wo man's auxiliary of Trinity church met yesterday and named delegates for the approaching annual con

tion of the Woman's auxiliary of the Asheville district which begins its sessions at Trinity church June 22.

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The delegates and the alternates are: Miss M. E. Wynne; alternate, Mrs. Anna Chisholm; Miss Annis West; alternate, Mrs. Posey; Mrs. F. L. Shuford; alternate, Mrs. McCan less: Mrs. H. O. McFarland; alter nate, Mrs. Neal Loe.

WEATHER FORECAST

FAIR AND COOLER.