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MR. BRYAN ANSWERS PRESS

CRITICISMS.
Says That One Does Not Have to
Agree With President—Strong
Argument.

Washington, Nov. 6.—William Jennings Bryan came out today in another statement this time in reply to the criticisms of his conduct by the press of the country. In some of the papers he was openly charged with being a traitor to his party and disloyal to the president.

"The president's appeal was hot to the members of his party, but to people of all shades of opinion," declared Mr. Bryan. "When," he asked, "did it become unpatriotic for a citizen to differ from a president? When did it become disloyal for a democrat to differ from a Democratic president on an issue which the president declares to be non-partisan?"

This will be the position of the Bryan following in Congress, according to the judgment of administration men, who have followed the view of Mr. Bryan since his retirement from the cabinet. In congress it was claimed today the element that prefers large appropriations for river and harbor improvements and post-offices to appropriations for the national defense will stand solidly behind Mr. Bryan. This "pork barrel" vote will form the nucleus of the Bryan forces in opposition to the administration of program.

CLOSE AND RED HOT FIGHT IS

OUTLOOK IN 1916. CAMPAIGN.
That is What Rapid Reunion of Republican Factions Indicates—Wilson Vs. Hughes is Growing Belief.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Like the haruspexes of ancient Rome, whose ability to look each other in the face without laughing caused Cicero to marvel, the political experts on either side of the national question are always ready to explain the omens favorable to them if there is anything short of a decisive result.

The overwhelming defeat of the new New York constitution, on which instrument former Senator Root had stalked so much, is generally taken here as putting the quietus on his boom for the Republican presidential nomination next year; but the other phases of the by-election in so far as they affect the national problem, are being industriously interpreted pro and con, as the case may be, to suit the interests of the prognosticators.

Democrats had as well look one important fact straight in the eye. The Republicans are showing speed in getting together and lots of it; and unless they have another split at the national convention or put up a candidate offensive to one of their two distinct factions, they will confront the Democracy in 1916 with a practically united front. When the Republicans do this, the strongest Democrat is bound to have a very hard fight to win. President Wilson's friends say that he is stronger than the Democratic party. In some ways he undoubtedly is, but his ability to carry the country against an undivided opposition has yet to be demonstrated. The wise leaders in both of the great political camps are discounting all of the "walkover" talk that is heard and are looking forward to a red hot and close contest.

If Mr. Wilson will accept a renomination it is his without the asking. All of the practical politicians believe he will accept it, though rumors to the contrary persist because of the one-term plank in the Baltimore platform. On the Republican side, while the Burton boom is being pushed in the center and the Weeks and Borah booms on the respective wings, there is a significant increase in the current in favor of the nomination of Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court as the strongest all-round figure in the party. It may be remembered that the practical politicians are just as cynical in taking it for granted that Hughes would accept the nomination with a chance to win as they are in taking it for granted that Wilson would accept renomination. There are men who have made wagers that if both live it will be Wilson vs. Hughes in 1916.

FOUR AMERICANS ARRIVE AT

NACO
Were Three Times Condemned to Death by General Villa But Finally Released.

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 6.—Four Americans, released at Villaverde yesterday by General Villa, after three times having been condemned to death, arrived here today and narrated their experiences as Red Cross workers among Villa's wounded on the battlefield of Agua Prieta. The party consisted of Dr. R. H. Thigpen, Dr. Charles H. Miller and two chauffeurs, Al Wilson and J. D. Pylant. The two physicians took to their beds upon their arrival, as a result of their experiences and an all-night tramp through the mountain.

General Villa flew into a rage, Doctor Thigpen said, when he learned that the Americans could not guaran-

tee the passage of his wounded over American territory to Juarez.

Intercession by Gen. Rafael Naive coupled with fear of retaliation upon the families of Villa and his subordinates in the United States, was responsible for the safety of the Americans, Doctor Thigpen said.

When a subordinate reported to Villa that Carranza troops had been permitted to cross American territory to aid General Calles in defending Agua Prieta, Villa again sought vengeance upon the Americans. In a rage he heaped excoiations upon their heads and finally ordered them killed, they said. Intercession once more by General Naive saved them, said Doctor Thigpen.

The four were marched to Villaverde, where for the third time they were condemned to be shot. General Naive again interceded. Shortly afterward they were released, to make their way as best they could.

Thigpen's home is in Sanderville, Ga., and Miller lives at Herford, Tex. They left Naco Tuesday to render what aid they could to Villa wounded.

INVITATION TO ATTEND.

Committee Meeting in Raleigh on November 17th.

A meeting of the Republican Executive Committee is called at Raleigh on Wednesday, November 17th at 2 P. M.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the calling of a State Convention and such other matters as are rendered necessary by the new Legalized Primary Law.

All Anti-Democratic voters and all who expect to oppose Democracy in the State in the coming election are most cordially invited to attend this meeting and participate in its deliberations.

An object of the meeting is to discuss the political situation in the State generally and to form a more perfect union of the various political elements that are Anti-Democratic.

The Committee most earnestly seeks the aid and advice of every one who will labor for a return of the nation to the principles of protection that have so greatly blessed our people in the past and is their best hope for the future.

With National victory practically assured we wish to put this State into the progressive column and return to efficient and economical government.

Without reference to how you voted in the last election, we desire your presence and the benefit of your counsel and ask you to join us in a common cause against a common enemy.

Come and bring your friends with you. Respectfully,
FRANK A. LINNEY, Ch'm.

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AUSTRIANS; LOSS OF LIFE HEAVY.
Italian Steamer Sent to Bottom by Submarine—Carried 422 Passengers—News of Sinking of Ship Caused Sensation in Washington Last Night.

Many Demand Disavowal—Should it Develop, However, That the Boat Was Warned and Ignored the Warning, Rules of Warfare Justified Force.

Rome, via Paris, Nov. 9, 11 p. m.—The Italian liner Ancona has been sunk by a large submarine flying the Austrian colors. She carried 422 passengers and 60 in the crew. Two hundred and seventy survivors, some of them wounded, have been landed at Bizerta.

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This the 1st day of November, 1916.
ALAMANCE LOAN & TRUST CO.,
Administrator of J. H. Huffines.

GERMANS REGRET REPORT, FRIENDS GROOM WHITLOCK

Washington, Nov. 8.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the German military authorities in Belgium had expressed to American Minister Brand Whitlock their regrets that published reports should have it appear evident he was leaving Belgium as the result of objections from the German government.

Politicians here today connected return of Brand Whitlock from Belgium with gossip that he is to be groomed for second place on the next national Democratic ticket.

Leading Ohio Democrats have been urging Whitlock for the vice presidential nomination for some weeks and the movement is attracting the support of many progressive Democratic leaders throughout the country.



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