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THAT "BREACH" AGAIN

There seems to be a disposition among thinking and unbiased newspapers to penetrate the sensation thrown about the now-famous Harvey-Wilson conference, and the more the light is turned out, the more creditably Governor Wilson shows up.

Very few newspapers, outside of a few already committed to only one view of the situation, take the flimsy statement of Col. Henry Watterson seriously. His condemnation of a man for doing exactly what he had previously advised, and his other inconsistencies rather take the strength from his position.

There are few fairer-minded newspapers in the United States than the Philadelphia Record, and we find this excellent editorial in today's issue: "First impressions are often wrong, and the worst of it is that they often stick. All the more important is it, therefore, that one's first impressions should not be even partly the result of prejudice, and that they should not be produced by evidence even unconsciously tinted by personal animus."

Regarding the Wilson-Harvey episode we have no word from the two persons most intimately concerned that is discreditable to either. Henry Watterson's testimony of what took place at the memorable interview hardly justifies his uncompromising remarks on the "character and temperament" of Governor Wilson.

The latter is reported to have admitted, in answer to Colonel Harvey's direct question, that the support of the publication conducted by the latter was injurious to his presidential aspirations. It is not alleged that he volunteered the assertion.

It is stated by Henry Watterson that he himself "as far back as October last had suggested to Governor Wilson that, in view of his supposed (Morgan) environment, it might be well for Colonel Harvey to moderate somewhat the rather aggressive character of Harper's Weekly in the Wilson leadership; and the Kentucky colonel intimates that he had said as much to the New Jersey colonel.

Why should Henry Watterson, therefore, have been shocked at Governor Wilson's candor? Was it a greater offense for Governor Wilson to admit that the Harper's Weekly advocacy of his candidacy was having an injurious effect than it was for Colonel Watterson to first suggest it to the governor and afterwards say it to Colonel Harvey?

"Governor Wilson might have temporized and thus saved himself from Colonel Watterson's disparaging criticism of his statesmanship. But it would seem fairer to give the governor credit for his uncompromising honesty. Had the governor been a coarse-grained demagogue he might have tried to make political capital by denouncing the damaging friendship of Harper's Weekly from the house-tops. That he preferred to make the undersubtlety of the support of that journal known in a private interview indicates kindly and gentlemanly, rather than ungenerous, impulses. The interview, as Colonel Watterson asserts, was constrained; and this was quite natural. The situation was a painful one, and not conducive to the development of feelings of good fellowship; and we infer that Governor Wilson was as deeply hurt by the necessity of being absolutely truthful with Colonel Harvey as the latter was by the governor's frankness. But we don't see how an unpleasant fact could have been communicated in a manner more considerate than this was—although Colonel Watterson mistook the governor's embarrassment for austerity and an "autocratic, if not tyrannous, manner."

WHAT OF THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN.

Does Charlotte want the Norfolk Southern? Can the business interests of the city afford to let this opportunity pass by?

What is needed just now, as Mr. Kuester aptly puts it, is men and money?

A conference has been called for next Monday. Fifty men are asked to give the day over to the work of paying the way for the coming of this great railway.

Let us not take a step back by playing indifferent to this great opportunity. Pull for the Norfolk Southern.

THE SUN'S PLOT.

The Columbia State makes out a plain case of conspiracy against Woodrow Wilson, planned and plotted and executed chiefly by the New York Sun. Those who really desire the facts with regard to the "breach" should read what the State has to say. Very pertinently it asks since when Col. Harvey, who supported Taft as against Bryan, has come to be clothed in the habiliments of Mother Democracy. As for one we hardly think two or three newspapers will be able to discredit one of the most brilliant statesmen of the day, especially two or three whose democracy has never been on straight.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

But the People Are Awake. There is a fear in some quarters that the will of the people will be thwarted in the coming national democratic convention.

Mark Sullivan, the able member of the staff of Collier's who is detailed to keep up with the political situation as he sees it at Washington says in the last Collier that if the voice of the people prevails two-thirds of the states will cast their vote for Woodrow Wilson. If the newspapers of North Carolina correctly express the sentiment in this state Woodrow Wilson has nine-tenths of the people.

The Waxhaw Enterprise says: "Woodrow Wilson is now the leading prospective candidate for the next democratic nominee. If it should be left for the people to decide Wilson would get the nomination at a walk; but as it is mostly at the disposal of political sharks, he will have a hard time, no doubt, to land it."

But, Brother McNeely, the people are awake and alert, and when they are aroused as the systematic "Big Business" unfair war on Wilson has aroused them, no political bosses of moneyed interests can prevail against them. They have decided to make Woodrow Wilson the next president, and they will do it in spite of the reactionists, the time-servers, the money power, and the trusts.—News and Observer.

The Harvey-Wilson Split.

Amazing disregard of the public's ability to comprehend and a desperate desire to break Woodrow Wilson's hold upon public confidence, are the only logical explanations of the grotesque effort to robe one George Harvey in the habiliments of the democratic party and decree that his flouting of Woodrow Wilson is equivalent to the political demise of the governor of New Jersey.

We should laugh mirthfully were there not evidences of a conspiracy as wide, at least, as from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Omaha, Nebraska, to undermine progressive democracy and give the party over to those who have knifed it from within for many years.

Knowing Colonel Watterson we hold him guiltless. He has had no part in a conspiracy, but we fear he has, in his open-hearted confidence, been hoodwinked.

George Harvey, editor of Harper periodicals, both owned at last accounts by a gentleman of some figure in the business world, named J. Pierpont Morgan, lives in New Jersey. A long time ago he took a liking to Woodrow Wilson and praised him.

Wilson was a big man when Harvey first knew him, and his growth continued. He became governor of New Jersey after a campaign that attracted attention from Maine to California. And the deeds of the man while governor have made him the most conspicuous figure among those democrats with presidential aspirations.

Meantime George Harvey hoisted Wilson's name to the masthead in Harper's Weekly and named him for president. The fact that Harvey advocated Wilson's nomination was a surprising thing to many of the New Jersey governor's friends, because they knew that for Wilson to be politically agreeable to Harvey, the editor must have undergone radical change of views since the last democratic campaign, when he supported Taft against Bryan. The only explanation was that Harvey, discovering he was, so to speak, the original Wilson man and seeing Wilson developing into a powerful national figure, experienced a tickling of his vanity that overcame other considerations; his pride of opinion held him firm.

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have censured Governor Wilson for supporting James Smith, Jr., boss, against the declared policy of his party, because Smith supported him. He has been charged with ingratitude to a benefactor. Now he is charged with being an ingrate for coming to plain understanding at this early date with the man who appears to imagine he has the democratic party in his control.

On the day Watterson gives out a statement, Mayor Dahlman, away off in Omaha, Nebraska, holds a conference with democrats called in by himself to repudiate Wilson because of his break with Harvey. That break, says Dahlman, "is the collapse of the democratic party."

Hemphill has left him, says Dahlman; that is the place to laugh. Wilson is in the remarkably able spot on Editor Harvey has punctured Bryan's boom? Since when has Harvey's politics dominated Western democracy? And simultaneously a "former Wilson man" drops out of ranks in distant Milwaukee because of the alleged break with Harvey.

We freely concede that the game was well planned. It had real business organization, and when the button was pressed the anti-Wilson demonstrations occurred simultaneously all along the line. The only large miscalculation was in expecting the people of this country to imagine that George Harvey, who has never supported other than a New York candidate for the presidency, is the high priest of democracy whose crown is withering.—Columbia State.

Wilson's Tariff Doctrine.

The big question in American politics is the tariff. Cleveland won the presidency upon that issue in 1892, after the McKinley tariff act had produced almost as much revulsion of feeling as the Payne-Aldrich tariff created last year. It is not the only question, but it not only imposes heavy burdens upon the people, but is likewise "the mother of trusts."

Under the arm of the throne, this! they succinctly reported, holding up a wad of gum. Solomon's face fell. "Human!" he sighed.

Somehow or other—it doesn't seem to require so much agility to pat yourself on the back as to kick yourself.

A woman can always see something to admire in a man, and though it may only be the fact that he admires her.

A woman is just as apt to wonder why a man swears when he gets mad as a man is to wonder why a woman weeps.

greater advantages for diversified and profitable industry, and for trade in the surplus products of all countries, than the United States of America.—News and Observer.

A New One on Venus. Mary, an older sister, had spent the morning shopping in town. Among her purchases was a square of dark red velvet which she intended to use as a background for a beautiful little statuette of Venus De Milo, which had recently been presented to her.

Just as she had temporarily fastened the velvet on the wall back of the Venus, her small brother Bobby, aged 5, walked into her room.

"Well, Bobby," said Mary, "how do you like my Venus De Milo? Would you leave the velvet there?" Bobby looked thoughtful for a moment or so and then replied, "No, Mary, I wouldn't. I'd take it down and wap it around her!"

Divinity and Humanity. The first sight of Sheba's queen threw King Solomon into raptures. "Divine!" he murmured, says Puck. But before he committed himself definitely he caused his secret service men to do some investigating.

"Look," directed his majesty, "at the queen's throne—not her best throne, but the throne she uses every day. Especially the nooks and crannies—let no nook nor cranny escape you."

The secret service men did even as they were bidden, and came back to the king.

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