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MR. BRYAN'S POSITION

The Record has just seen Mr. Bryan's explanation of his position against the administration's program for national defense, and for the benefit of those who care to read it, we are reproducing it here:

To the Readers of the Commoner: Another fight is on between the people and the special interests, and the Democratic party is the only party in position to take the people's side.

Ex-President Roosevelt is following for war. He wants this nation to enter the present conflict and his chief adviser, Geo. W. Perkins, is identified with the Steel Trust, which is ready to furnish the preparedness. Ex-President Taft, who has the support of all the trusts that are not supporting Mr. Roosevelt, wants to increase the army and navy appropriations one hundred and fifty million (50 per cent), so that we shall be able to join Europe in future wars—that is the plan of his "League to ENFORCE Peace."

Both Roosevelt and Taft are protectionists—they believe in taxing the many for the benefit of the few, and preparedness gives an excuse for raising the tariff. The Democratic party took the side of the people against the tariff barons; it took the side of the people against the trust magnates, and it took the side of the people against Wall street—the real money power back of both tariff barons and trust magnates.

Now, a new power has arisen in the land and demands the exercise of taxing power. It is the preparers of preparedness—the battleship builders and the manufacturers of munitions. They have been making enormous profits supplying the belligerent nations with fighting material, but the European war must end some time—not as long as these human vultures can keep it going—but SOME TIME; and what will these concerns do for watermelon-like dividends then? There is only one way to insure their continued prosperity—they must lash this country into a state of chronic fear, and then coin the fear into dollars. They already have their subsidized organs setting up a false standard of national honor—the duelist's standard; they are glorifying brute force; they are transplanting upon American soil the European tree of hatred which is bearing its bloody fruit across the Atlantic.

No time is to be lost; immediate action is necessary. Congress will meet, and when it meets this issue will confront it. Write to your congressman—write to both your senators. Tell them that this nation does not need burglars' tools unless it intends to make burglary its business; it should not be a pistol-toting nation unless it is going to adopt pistol-toters' ideas.

Don't let the jingoes confuse the issue. It is not a question of defense—this country will defend itself if it is ever attacked—and that time ever comes the common people will furnish the soldiers—those who fight when the country needs fighters, and work when the country needs workers—the jingoes will be too busy making army contracts and negotiating military war loans to go to the front. The preparedness now demanded will provoke war instead of preventing it. Peace among nations, as among individuals, rests upon friendship and good will, not upon force or fear. Try threats and ultimatums on your neighbors and see how they work, and then you will understand the diplomacy that has reddened the pages of history and delayed the coming of universal brotherhood. Write—and write NOW.

The Record regrets that Mr. Bryan must assign improper motives to persons who differ from him on this great question, but the very fact that he does impugn their motives is a good reason for not giving his position any more attention than it deserves. Does Mr. Bryan think that Mr. Daniels or Mr. Wilson or any of the gentlemen with whom he has been associated are owned by the trusts and money interests? Then, after all, is Mr. Bryan the only true prophet?

LONG A GOOD TOWN

Nothing has happened in recent years, observes the Winston-Salem Journal, to rivet attention on that town than the publication in that paper of figures showing that the Twin City during the last fiscal year was the second city in the south in the amount of freight revenue contributed to the Southern. That is something to be proud of, but hasn't that been the case for a number of years? We seem to recall an unusual scoop in the Journal in the fall of 1908, wasn't it, when Southern Railway officials were in Winston-Salem investigating a similar story—except on that occasion no men higher-up gave it out. Winston-Salem has been a good town for many years, and what is more, it is destined to be still larger.

It is the gate through which the wealth of that whole section must flow in order to reach the outside world, and any city situated as Winston-Salem is must prosper.

MARTIN LUTHER

Protestants everywhere, irrespective of denomination, will take a keen interest in the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation in 1917. Lutherans everywhere observe October 31 as Reformation Day, but two years from now all the churches should feel impelled to unite to do honor to Martin Luther.

Any one who loves liberty and freedom of conscience must regard Martin Luther next in importance to the Christ. Without this brave monk, true Christianity might have been delayed several centuries, while the world was crushed by the cruellest of masters. Luther set the world free of Rome.

We cannot overestimate the services rendered to humanity by Martin Luther, who defied pope, kings and princes and paved the way for human freedom—for if one is not permitted freedom of conscience, he is but a slave.

A community can do what it wants to. Hickory merchants set out to organize a real merchants' association, and they were awarded first honor by the state association. If Hickory people wanted cheaper water, a better jail, a municipal building, an auditorium and a fine library, they could get them.

The Shelby Star and the Shelby Highlander, we infer, are having quite a controversy. The Record feels that any good man could get along well with Lee Weathers, editor of the Star, who is one of the finest young fellows in the world.

We have seen the aeroplane. It certainly is here, and if the aviator expects to get away with any Hickory money, the people who come to the fair will have two chances each day to see him fly.

Gilson Gardner is Washington correspondent of the Durham Sun. We have heard of Gilson before. In fact he figured quite extensively in the Kitchin-Simmons campaign.

If a feeling of unrest is spreading in all parts of China, as reported from Tokio, it must be so. Tokio knows.

There is no climate like this. The piedmont section of North Carolina has the world beaten.

The football fan is as fickle as the baseball fan, or as sport lovers in general.

All aboard for the fair for fair.

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gation of the matter; it will not be intelligently filled by the mass of the voters, because there is no reason why they should bother about it, and there is no way to compel them to bother about it.

These invisible offices each comparatively unimportant itself, become of great importance in the aggregate. They furnish the sinews of war to those organizations called political machines.

The value of the primary, in practical operation, under a system which fills so many minor offices by popular election is problematical.

Chivalry. Greensboro News. A number of folks—including ourselves—have testified to the conviction that if "running water in the home" is not the foremost means of grace and the greatest forward step in ethics, economics and esthetics, it is surely along in the first rank. Elsewhere we quote a recent utterance of this conviction by Governor Craig. Of this the Hickory Record says:

"All of us have talked about southern chivalry from time to time—some of us quite heatedly—but the best evidence of southern chivalry may be found in that rural home provided with running water."

Yes, that is southern chivalry. It is chivalry in essence, chivalry in the refinement and perfection of evolution. It is a development of chivalry worth all the paths, all the sentimentalities which accompanied the birth of the idea of chivalry.

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