

DEMOCRAT SAYS
TAFT WILL WIN

Has Traveled Over Country,
Finds Bryan Vote Will
Not Be Enlarged.

HUGHES WILL ALSO WIN.

SENTIMENT FAVORS PRESENT
NEW YORK GOVERNOR—GENERAL
CONDITIONS POINT TO RE-
PUBLICAN VICTORY.

St. Louis, Oct. 10.—A personal friend of William J. Bryan, a representative of the Democratic national committee, a Democrat who has always been loyal to Bryan since 1896 and who has traversed the New England, eastern, middle western, northwestern and far western states, turned up here today and met a number of friends.

Later on in the day this friend of Bryan, whose loyalty to the Nebraskan, cannot be questioned, said:

"I sincerely hope that Bryan will be elected, but how he is going to be elected is not quite clear."

Continuing, this friend of Bryan said: "For the last three weeks I have given careful consideration to the political situation free from prejudice.

"The Vermont and Maine elections, of course, meant nothing, the latter even less than the former.

"What has impressed me more than anything else has been the results in the local party primaries in several states. Whenever the people have been keenly interested in the success of either candidate a large party primary vote is polled. Under other conditions this is rarely true.

Party Vote Falls Off.

"Local party primaries for the last few weeks have shown a decided falling off from the full party vote, and this tends to confirm my view that from a political standpoint the ordinary voter—the man who is not actively interested in any political organization and, of course, is vastly in the majority—is in the condition of an overworked athlete.

He has gone stale. He wants now a complete rest from the political tumult and resultant business upheavals that have been going on for several years.

"He has said: 'Plague on both your houses; one seems to be no better than the other' and as he has to take one or the other, he will vote the ticket he has in the past acquired the habit of voting.

"One thing that would particularly tend to upset this theory is the labor. I know from personal knowledge that within the last few weeks several of the large book publishing houses—those that sell on the weekly and monthly basis—have been instructing their collection agents to particularly inquire, in an offhand way, among the laboring men, how this vote stands at present. The report sent in shows an increase for Bryan, so small as to mean nothing important to him in November.

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Thinks Hughes Sure Winner.

"In New York state Mr. Bryan will receive a much larger vote than he got in 1900, but at that he will fall at least 75,000 behind Taft. Chanler will run ahead of Bryan, but I think that Hughes' chances are about five to three over Chanler.

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ENGLAND DREADS
GERMAN ATTACK

Germany Has Already Ar-
ranged Diplomatic Let-
ter to Powers.

A WARNING IS SOUNDED.

DECLARED VICTORY OVER EN-
GLISH IN NORTH SEA IS OB-
JECTIVE OF GERMAN NAVAL
POLICY AT PRESENT.

Richard Abercorn.

London, Oct. 10.—War scares are seldom at their most dangerous stage when they are most talked about. Real and imminent peril in England, at any rate, produces silence. At present the writer is very far from saying that England and Germany are on the verge of conflict. He merely desires to record the facts that naval and military circles in this country are in a state of nervous dread of a sudden attack in the near future by German arms.

It is this fact that gives peculiar significance to one of the most alarming warnings ever addressed to a nation, which appears in the National Review just published. His sentence alone is sufficiently appealing:

"It is known to those who have their hands on national secrets that a German diplomatic circular to the powers is already drafted, announcing that Germany has delivered her attack upon England unexpectedly and in time of peace, because a responsible officer at the British Admiralty had intimated to all on innumerable occasions that England would deliver such an attack upon the German navy and supporting the statement by the evidence of diplomats and parties whose word cannot be hastily rejected."

Condemns British Policy.

This statement, whether true or false, is the most striking demonstration ever made of the ease with which casuistry may, at any moment furnish a plausible casus belli.

To justify the article, which bears the signature "ignotus" and which is strongly indorsed editorially, is a strong condemnation of the present British naval policy and an appeal for instant action to avert, if possible the supposed danger. Following is the concluding portion of the article:

"Just as victory over the British fleet in the North sea is the objective of German naval policy, so is the destruction of the understanding between England and France the objective of German diplomacy. Germany is determined to break down the entente cordiale and estrange England and France as she estranged France and Austria in the critical years between 1865 and 1870.

"By keeping them apart she was able to defeat them in detail and to obtain the hegemony of Europe.

"If any disloyalty were shown by either power of the present understanding, peace would not be worth a day's purchase. War would be instant and inevitable. Nor can it be denied that some moral weakening of the entente has already followed the reduction in the British army and the failure of the British nation to reform its military system.

"The problem is not to injure Germany, but to prevent her from using her enormous strength to the ruin of her weaker neighbors.

"Had the British government, in 1907, replied to the German navy bill of 1906 increasing the German fleet, by corresponding augmentations of the British naval forces, a deathblow might have been dealt to Germany's naval projects for the present.

"Had England replied in the present year to the act of 1908 by voting inexorably two keels to Germany's one, it is at least possible that the German nation would have abandoned its efforts. But the two opportunities have been lost, and now there lies before England a desperate, prolonged and undeniably costly struggle to hold her own at sea.

"Only the overwhelming preponderance of a British force can now maintain peace. The very moment of attack cannot be predicted. It will come when this nation least expects it.

"Maryland is a doubtful state, with political leanings to Taft. Bryan has increased in popularity outside of Baltimore, but not within that city.

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His Desserts.

They wanted an original closing episode for the great melodrama. Ordinarily the baffled villain walks away with a sly smile, and the sheriff meets him at the left upper exit, but this was old and crude. So the playwright set his wits to work with the following result:

Just as the villain uttered his farewell curse the low comedy servant rushed forward and after smiting him over the head with a snet pudding violently pushed a custard pie in his face.

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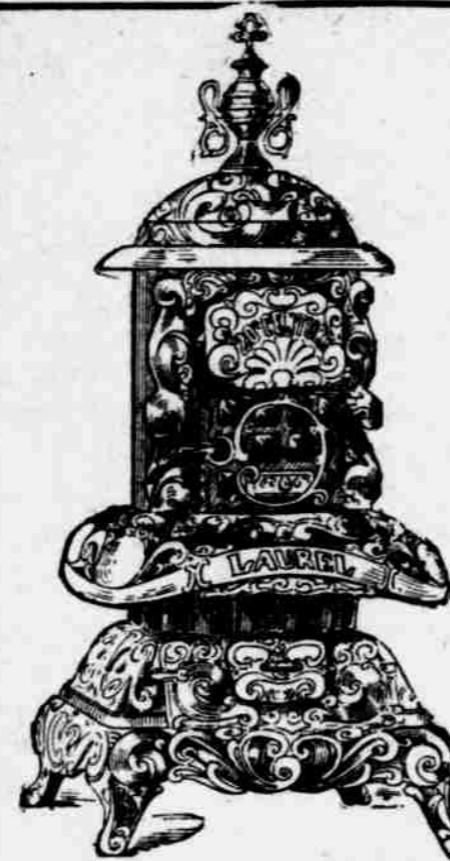
Quick curtain—Kansas City Independent.

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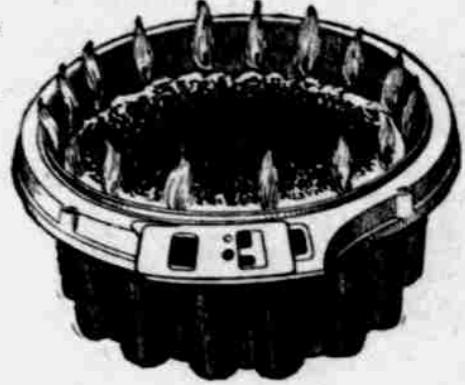
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Tales of Tenth Infantry

Told By the Wayside

Half an hour after the Tenth regiment reached Liberty, after its wearisome tramp from Richmond, an automobile driven by J. Will Mount sped swiftly up to the encampment in the Liberty fair grounds and deposited a private who had disobeyed orders and remained behind in this city. The private marched up to his company commander, saluted and said, "Lieutenant, I report for duty."

"How did you get here so quickly?" replied the lieutenant.

"Why?" answered the soldier, "I came in an automobile."

"The — you did!" responded the lieutenant and continued, "Well, you may report yourself to the guard as under arrest."

Then the lieutenant turned to a brother officer and said, "Well, wouldn't that beat the band! Here I have hiked all the way from Richmond and this blooming private comes sailing down in an automobile!"

They tell a good story on the chaplain of the Tenth regiment, the account of an accident that happened while he was with the command at its Alaska post. The chaplain, who is a Roman Catholic priest, was agreeably surprised one day by a visit from the bishop of that territory. The chaplain took the bishop through the post and while going through one particular portion, they came across about 300 empty beer bottles.

"Horrors," said the bishop, "where did all these dead 'soldiers' come from?"

"Well, bishop," quickly responded the chaplain, "thanks be, none of them died without the priest being near!"

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"What am I going to do with it?" he said. "Why, I'm going to eat it. I'd almost as soon eat octopus as scallops. I am a traveler, and I learned in Italy and France the octopus' excellence. You can't give an Italian or Frenchman a scallop, a more welcome dish. What does it taste like? It tastes like scallops or like tripe and oysters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"George, I was terribly shocked to day to hear our little Jimmie tell Babie Augusta to go to blazes. Where do you suppose he could possibly have learned to use such a dreadful expression?"

"How the blazes should I know?" Cleveland

MISSION BOARD

IN CONVENTION

First Sessions of American
Board of Commission-
ers, Tuesday.

OLDEST MISSIONARY BODY.

FORMED NEARLY A CENTURY
AGO AND ITS FOREIGN MISSION
OPERATIONS COVER PRACTI-
CALLY WHOLE WORLD.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 10.—The first great convention to be held in the Academy of Music will be a religious gathering. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which is the oldest missionary organization in America and which covers all the countries of the world, with possibly one or two exceptions, will convene there for its ninety-ninth meeting on the afternoon of October 13, at 3 o'clock and continue up to and including October 16. This is one of the most important meetings in the religious world.

The first session will be held in the large hall of the Academy of Music. Addresses on "The Year at Home" and "The Year Abroad" will be made by the Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Patton, home secretary and the Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, foreign secretary on Tuesday evening in the Clinton Avenue Congregational church, the annual sermon will be preached by the Dr. Charles S. Miller, of St. Louis, Mo.

On Wednesday morning in the concert hall of the Academy of Music, six addresses on "China" will be made by the following missionaries: The Rev. William B. Stelle and the Rev. Howard S. Galt of North China, the Rev. Edward E. Smith, the Rev. George W. Hinman, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Bliss and the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Walker of Foochow.

Addresses on Japan will be made by two missionaries: Dr. Otis Cary of Kyoto and Dr. D. C. Greene of Tokio. An address will also be made by the Rev. Danjo Ebina, who is regarded

as one of the most wonderful men in the missionary field. He is often referred to as the Henry Ward Beecher of Japan.

In the afternoon of Wednesday, in the concert hall, an address on Africa will be made by the Rev. James D. Taylor of South Africa, Rev. Frank Dyer of Chicago will speak on the new Congregational Brotherhood. Four missionaries will speak on Turkey, the Rev. John W. Baird of European Turkey, the Rev. Charles T. Riggs of Western Turkey,