

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Republicans Keeping Up Slander of Bryan.

SILLY LIES CIRCULATED.

Change In the Tenor of Roosevelt's Speeches.

VAIN BULLY BECOMES A PLEADER.

Dwindling Prospects of Success Have Softened His Ferociousness. Bryan a Mental and Physical Marvel—Stevenson's Good Campaign Work—No Doubt that the German Vote Is For Bryan—General Harrison Refuses to Speak—New York Safe.

[Special Washington Letter.]

Voltaire once said, "Keep on lying, and some of it will stick," which appears to be the motto of certain Republicans with reference to Bryan. No man of higher or more spotless character was ever nominated for office since the world began, yet some Republicans appear to deem it their duty—at any rate, it is their pleasure—to stagger human credulity with the most monstrous and astounding lies about him. Ananias and Sapphira are not markers to these latter day prevaricators. Not long since a fellow over in Illinois whose name I am happy to say I have forgotten declared that he could prove that Bryan was paid \$150,000 by the silver barons to force silver into the Kansas City platform. Bryan promptly denied the slander and demanded the proof, since which time nothing has been heard from that particularly stupid lie and that extraordinarily malicious liar. Not a single human being believed it, for even if Bryan were knave enough to do such a thing he is not fool enough.

That rascally liar having been squelched, another arises in the person of Chairman Hernly of Indiana, who says that he can prove that Bryan received pay for the speeches recently delivered in Indiana. Of course the tale is a silly lie. Nobody believes it because nobody believes if Bryan were greedy enough to do it that he is idiot enough. The charge that he accepted money to force a plank into the Kansas City platform, if true, would be proof positive that he is a scoundrel. The charge that he, the presidential candidate of a great party with every prospect of success, would accept pay for making a speech to secure his own election would be evidence enough, if established, to consign him to a strait waistcoat and padded cell in proceedings under a "writ de lunatico inquirendo."

Pertinent Questions.

Republican editors, instead of exploiting these incredible lies, ought to remember the old adage that "they who live in glass houses should not throw stones." Why do they exploit and investigate the solemn charge of General Charles Henry Grosvenor of Ohio, the dry nurse to William McKinley, that some palpitating Republican patriot stole, took and carried away three planks of the Philadelphia platform and that no man has laid eyes on them since the thief grabbed them? General Grosvenor stands high in the councils of his party. He solemnly asseverated the truth of the charge both by word of mouth and in the public prints. I have no doubt he stands ready to prove his assertions. And they made what the late lamented Horace Greeley was wont to denominate "mighty rich reading."

Why do not these sapient Republican tripod sitters look vigilantly and with Argus eyes into the charge bandied about last summer that Lemuel Eli Quigg received \$5,000 spot cash for changing the word "Necraguan" into "Isthmian" in the fragments of that platform which actually saw the light of day? If Quigg did get that fee, he is the best paid literary man of all time.

Why is it that Republicans who arrogate to themselves all virtue can't let an election pass without lying about Democratic candidates? In 1896 Senator Thurston of Nebraska declared that Bryan had been in the pay of the silver barons for years, and Thurston had to swallow his own words in a few days.

The reputation of our public men should be the pride of all our people, and to the credit of Democrats be it said that in this campaign not one charge has been made by any responsible man calculated to injure the good name of Mr. McKinley. We fight his policies, as we have a right to, but we do not slander the man, and while I am no more authorized to speak for Bryan than is any other good Democrat I am sure that he would be the first to rebuke any of his followers who would slander Mr. McKinley.

Roosevelt Getting Tame.

As the campaign progresses and as Republican chances of success dwindle, Colonel Roosevelt's speeches lose somewhat of their ferociousness and increase in their pleading qualities. Whether the redoubtable colonel has been disciplined by Mark and the other leaders this deponent saith not, but at any rate a change has come over Teddy's style of oratory if not over his dream. At St. Paul not many months ago he "dealt damnation round the land" in great gobs and denounced all Democrats as rascals, fools, cowards and traitors, whereas at Covington, Ky., recently he piteously begged all

brave and patriotic Democrats to save the country and the human race from going to the bowwows by voting for him. I congratulate the colonel on his change of tone, if not his change of heart. Time is a great teacher as well as a great physician.

When the campaign is ended, Colonel Roosevelt ought to hunt up the fools who disturbed his peace at Victor, Colo., and make each of them a nice present, for they did more to contribute to his fame than any other men in the country. They may be said to have resurrected Teddy after he buried himself by his St. Paul harangue. If they had been in his pay they could not have played into his hands better.

Republican papers made a great hubbalooboo about "the outrage on free speech at Victor," a faraway mining camp on the verge of civilization, but they were dumb as oysters about that other "outrage on free speech," when at the Coliseum, in the heart of St. Louis, the fourth city on the continent, a well dressed mob of club Republicans howled down Hon. David Overmeyer of Kansas and would not permit him to conclude his speech.

Pearls of Truth.

Like wine, Bryan becomes better with age. His speeches grow constantly better. The brain power and the oratorical capacity of no other man that ever lived have been put to as severe a test as his. For six years he has probably averaged one speech a day. For four years all of his speeches have been sent broadcast over the land by the Associated Press, and yet he never repeats himself and never says anything out of which the opposition press can make capital. He is the wonder of the age and appears to be a favorite of heaven. His reception in New York was proof positive of the change of public sentiment in the east and of how thoroughly he has conquered the respect and won the admiration of his quondam political foes.

His speeches in New York were studied with pearls of truth, eloquence and philosophy. Here are a few words uttered by him which are a complete refutation of all the campaign lies hatched and propagated by Republicans: "Honest wealth need not fear the Democrats. No honest industry, no honest occupation, no honest man, need fear the success of the Democratic party. I deny that the wealth producers of this country are enjoying their share of the government's protection." Nothing could be in better taste or stated more forcibly or more effectively. The power of concise definition, of luminous expression, is the secret of all persuasive or convincing public speaking. This power Bryan possesses in a larger degree than any other man of this generation—perhaps of any generation.

Adial Holding Up His End.

Nor is your Uncle Adial slouch upon the stump or "a deadhead in the enterprise," to borrow the euphemistic language of Hon. James G. Blaine. No, your Uncle Adial appears to be holding up his end of the handspike in great shape—in most approved fashion. Uncle Adial has the peculiar good luck to run for an office when it is a Democratic year, which as much as anything else leads me to believe that the Democrats will win this "load of poles." Uncle Adial is in every way worthy and well qualified, duly and truly prepared for the high office to which he aspires; also for the higher office to which he will be heir apparent when he is elected vice president, as he will be on the 6th day of November. Uncle Adial is a sterling Democrat, a tuptop campaigner and always measures up to the requirements of any office he is called upon to fill.

While Bryan's oratory has been greatly exploited, as was natural and right, Uncle Adial's has been neglected to a large extent. But here is a sample from Uncle Adial which is terse in style and full of meat:

Imperialism is not an issue made by political parties, but an issue made by the people before the assembling of either of the great national conventions. Two years and a half ago the people of this country were filled with horror at the atrocities that were being enacted upon the island of Cuba at our very doors. The tyranny of three centuries had culminated in acts of horror that thrilled the American heart.

It was then that the congress of the United States, voicing the sentiments of the American people, declared war against Spain. But coupled with its declaration of war was a disclaimer upon our part of any attempt at carrying on a war of subjugation against those people, but it was solemnly declared that when peace should be restored in this island these people would be left to establish a government for themselves. This disclaimer upon the part of congress justified our government in breaking the peace of the world.

In our war with Spain the people of the Philippine Islands were our allies. They, too, had felt the iron heel of Spain, and let me tell you that when Aguinaldo and his little band came at the request of Admiral Dewey to join in battles against the enemy of the Philippine Islands and our own, the Spaniards, Aguinaldo said to his countrymen and patriots: "Wherever you see the American flag gather around it. They are our friends," and in the light of subsequent events that is one of the most pathetic incidents in history. Now the war with Spain has ceased, but strangely enough, the government of the United States is still engaged in war—a war against the people of the Philippine Islands, who were our allies in our war with Spain.

Bombshell For Republicans.

It has been persistently asserted over and over again by the Republican orators and press that the Germans are not breaking away from the McKinley gang on the question of imperialism, but the recent letter of Judge Roderick E. Rombauer fell like a bombshell into their camp. Judge Rombauer is everywhere recognized as one of the ablest of all the able Germans. He is a lifelong Republican, a lawyer in full practice, was judge of the court of appeals for 12 years and is known as one of the ablest jurists who ever sat on the bench in Missouri. There is no question but that he has a large following among American citizens of German extraction, especially among the Republicans. His letter is universally recognized as one of the strongest campaign documents issued this year.

Henry Labouchere, the great editor of London Truth, was recently accused by Chamberlain of having written scurrilous letters to people in South Africa.

ne was engaged in an honest and patriotic effort to keep the peace and prevent England showing the cloven foot and at the same time losing thousands of English lives. That done Mr. Labouchere says editorially:

When gold was discovered in Mexico and Peru, it was all up with the natives. On the plea that the pope had granted the countries to Spain, Cortes and Pizarro destroyed the governments that had existed for ages, slew the inhabitants, tortured the rulers of those countries and, having laid hands on all the gold that was visible, proceeded to force such of the inhabitants as had not been killed off for the crime of defending their country to work in the mines for more until most of them perished. This they called Christianizing and civilizing savages. The world moves on, but greed and hypocrisy are ever the same. We are sneering Ashantes because they would not give up to us the "golden stool." We are working them in some gold mines, and we are using up the taxpayers' money in enabling the owners of the shares in these mines to get 1,000 or 1,200 per cent by vending the shares.

The Washington Post indorses these remarks and says:

He might very well have added that the destruction of the Dutch republics in South Africa was originally instigated by the discovery of gold and diamonds in that unhappy region.

Dollar Above the Man.

The Post seems to condemn in England that which it indorses when done by the McKinley administration. That paper has supported continuously the administration's policy in the Philippines, vaunting much the speech of a senator of the United States, one Albert J. Beveridge, when that gentleman, with watering mouth and greedy heart, held up between his finger and thumb a little bit of gold, picked up on the shores of Luzon. That was the climax of his argument to show that the United States is justified in its warring in the Philippines. It was the same old idea carried out in those distant islands that holds good with Mark Hanna and McKinley—placing the dollar above the man, placing that little piece of gold above the lives of our soldiers, placing it above the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

Again, The Post says:

Mr. Labouchere can point to no parallel in modern times of the wickedness and cruelty of England's course in South Africa during the past 18 months.

Is that true? If we compare the course of England in South Africa with that of McKinley in the Philippines, will we not find the parallel? Will not Mr. Labouchere be quick to point it out and hold us up beside the English butcher?

The Washington Post concludes its editorial utterance with these two sentences—apply them either in Africa or the Philippines; while intended to cover one case, they fit both:

It is true that the world moves on and that greed and hypocrisy are ever the same, but our esteemed contemporary must admit that the aboriginal pirate is less politely disguised in England than elsewhere in the civilized world.

Calling For Harrison.

The Philadelphia Ledger loudly bemoans the fact that Bryan and Cokeran are soon to speak in Madison Square Garden from the same platform and that Croker is getting up the meeting. The Ledger calls attention to the fact that in 1896 Croker sulked, that Cokeran "answered" Bryan and that there was then such harmony as is found among the Kilkenny cats. The Ledger urges that something must be done and can only suggest a speech by ex-President Harrison, then in the next breath tells us that this will not do, as the venerable ex-president's voice is too weak for the work.

Why will not The Ledger tell the candid truth—that General Harrison would not speak for McKinley if he had the power of lung to roar like the bulls of Bashan or to take the English language by the butt end and crack it around the ears of his listeners like a cattle whip. The gallant little general is not of the Hanna stripe.

From the day the campaign opened down to the present hour the prospects of the Democrats have improved till at this writing it seems reasonably certain that we will elect Bryan and carry the house—a double consummation devoutly to be wished—this after making due allowance for the conscienceless and universal use of Mark Hanna's boodle and for the application of the process of coercion. Take away from Republicans their boodle and the power to coerce and the chances are that Bryan would have at least 100 majority in the electoral college, and we would carry the house by 75 majority.

New York For Bryan.

The Washington Post, independent pro-administration newspaper and from its location naturally well informed on political topics, gives us this refreshing paragraph in a special dispatch from its New York correspondent, who is one of the best newspaper men in the east:

Richard Croker dogmatically asserts that Greater New York will give Bryan 100,000 majority. He reiterates the assertion with emphasis day after day. There is no doubting his sincere determination in the matter. The Republican managers are privately admitting that the city is likely to go for Bryan by 75,000. They fully expect Croker's prophecy to be three-fourths fulfilled. His organization is conceded to be perfect and his methods irresistible by the rank and file of the party. More than this, the Republican managers recognize and do not privately dispute the fact that the great bulk of the labor vote in the city is with Bryan. So likewise is the Irish-American vote. Therefore Chairman Hanna's co-officials here are proceeding upon the conviction that to give Mr. McKinley the 35 electoral votes of the Empire State it will be necessary to overcome, up the state, an adverse majority in Greater New York of 75,000, as against a McKinley majority of over 50,000 in New York and Brooklyn in 1896.

The correspondent then throws big gobs of encouragement to us in the following:

In the east Connecticut is the only state that now troubles the Republican managers. Conditions there are said to be far from reassuring.

Maryland, which has been practically conceded to the Democrats, is now said to look more hopeful for the Republicans.

West Virginia is confidently claimed by the Republicans, but with the admission that the legislature is by no means sure.

There is no other thought in either Republican or Democratic circles than that the next house will be Democratic.

Champ Clark

A Woman's Face

Tells its own story. A laugh is often a lie on a woman's lips. It betrays the pain which is tearing at the nerves. But the eyes have no part in the laugh. Their purple rings speak of suffering. There are lines too about the mouth which only pain can give. Many women look forward to a week of such misery each month. Three months of each year are given up to suffering. It weakens them. It ages them. It robs them of social pleasures and family joys. Can there be any excuse for such women who fail to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription? It has cured thousands of sufferers. Cured them perfectly and permanently. It cures ninety-eight out of every hundred who give it a fair and faithful trial. It's sure to help. It's almost sure to cure.



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