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Mr. Bryan Does the Expected.

The attack of Mr. Bryan upon Mr. Wilson is the natural and inevitable consequence of the President's course in recent months.

All through the long months since the Mexican crisis first called for leadership the President has balanced, compromised, straddled.

In the Mexican affair, in the German affair, there was needed a strong man with a clear vision and a courageous spirit.

The weak man who temporizes in the hope of pleasing all infallibly ends by incensing all.

Mr. Bryan's revolt was inevitable. A selfish, self-seeking, discredited politician, always hunting for some new "paramount" issue to give Bryan passing publicity.

But Mr. Wilson did not dare one year or two years ago to break with Bryan. On the contrary, he permitted Bryan to fill the State Department, the diplomatic and consular services with "deserving Democrats."

All this is regrettable for the nation, since it endangers for another year the possibility of a beginning of the work of national defence.

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It is only a few years ago that Mr. Wilson was anxious to knock Bryan into a

"cocked hat." There is an unmistakable irony in the fact that instead he gave Mr. Bryan the opportunity to perform this gracious act.

The Greek Crisis.

In estimating the meaning of the present Greek crisis, it is worth while to bear in mind the fact that neither in Paris nor London does it awaken extravagant hopes.

This implies, necessarily, that the Greek monarch is prepared to stake all on the success of Germany. He must be prepared to lose his throne if he guesses wrong.

For Venizelos and his followers there can be no Hellenic future if Germany wins. Greek ambition is not satisfied with present Greek limits.

If Germany wins Turkey will become a Teutonic colony. Bulgaria will achieve the hegemony of the Balkans.

Now, the King may persuade his people that it is unwise to make war on the Allied side. He may dissolve Parliament, defy a majority of his people and preserve Greek neutrality until the Balkan campaign is over.

What is to be watched now is the course of Venizelos. He can make a revolution, although the King's hold upon the army is considerable.

It is worth considering that the Allies are already beginning to get large bodies of troops ashore in Salonica and Kavala.

Venizelos has precipitated a crisis which can only be met by the King's assuming a dictator's role or endeavoring to temporize with a new minority ministry.

It is a pretty battle that is now being fought out in the Balkans, both in Serbia and in Greece.

Let's move, then. The neighborhood is deteriorating. It is the Queen of Greece, they say, who puts the constant in Constantine.

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It should also help the business of recruiting by reducing the number of apparent idlers, thus making them more conspicuous.

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FREE TRADE OR SELF-DEPENDENCE?

For the physically unfit and for many who are otherwise unable though ready to serve, the brassards will be a comfortable protection.

Well Worth Consideration.

There is much to recommend the plan to consolidate the Health and Charities departments and Bellevue and Allied Hospitals which the Mayor and Controller have under consideration.

The Downfall of a Boss.

William V. Cleary, the former town clerk of Haverstraw, who has been a fugitive from justice for several months, is back, a prisoner, charged with theft, in the county where once he reigned as political boss.

The Incidence of a Dyestuff Duty.

Sir: Your correspondent Wheeler Chatfield asks the question: "Why should the American people want their government to set up an arbitrary bar to the entry of German dyestuffs?"

Why should not the public service corporations be public servants, enjoying the full product of their labor, instead of being half-starved slaves to the land value grabbers?

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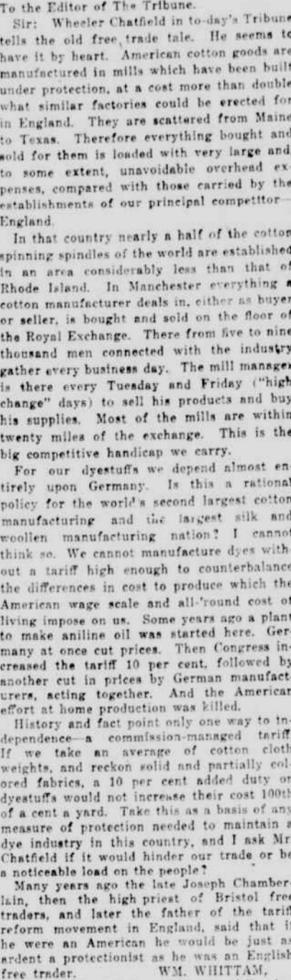
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THE DISCIPLE OF PEACE.



WHAT OUR READERS THINK

Some Views on a Variety of Subjects, Including Cats, "War Babies" and Statues—The Eternal Feminine Is Not Lacking.

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War Babies' Work. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The news columns record the melancholy fact that a broker who had been playing the "war stocks" lost a fortune and could find no way out but suicide.

The Unfortunate Cat. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I should like, through your columns, to thank William Hockman for his just and sensible letter defending the unfortunate cat.