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W. J. Bryan Speaks In Bristol.

Pictures "Preparedness" In Most Hideous Phase Of Its Significance. Number Of Big Stone Gapians Go Over To Hear Address.

We take pleasure in reprinting the following clipping from Friday's Bristol Herald Courier in regard to Col. Bryan's speech, which will be, we think, of much interest to our readers.

"That the American people, the common masses, are in danger of being subjected to a burdensome tax extending over generations, and all that millionaires in this country may have a chance to pile up more money at the expense of the sweat and blood of the toiling millions, who may also be subjected to a sanguinary war in order to carry out the program in all of its horrors, was in substance, the picture drawn by the Hon. William Jennings Bryan in his peace talk before a large audience in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium here on Thursday afternoon.

Introduced by Judge John W. Price, Mr. Bryan declared that the propaganda of the interests was to stir up the war spirit, get the Nation into war along with Nations of Europe, and thus force sentiment sufficient to bring about appropriations amounting to untold millions in order that armor, munition and other war material plants might profit. He declared that the jingoists who are loudest in their demands for such a situation never take up arms, but cry aloud for war as the aids of the millionaires who are to profit from such a condition, while the honest boys of the Nation are driven to war like so many cattle to the slaughter.

His address was a denunciation of war as wrong in principle, and a plea for peaceful methods in settling all disputes arising among Nations. He declared that this could be accomplished in all cases, but for the selfish motives to be subserved, and that when the common people once saw the situation in its real light, a change in condition would naturally follow.

There is no occasion for alarm about war with any Nation, he insisted, declaring that as matters stand today our people have no cause nor any desire to go to war with any Nation. There is, he declared, no cause for alarm along this line. Our only fear of danger, in the distinguished statesman's opinion, was that our people might be reason of jingo agitation, aided by a subsidized press, subject us to the false philosophy advocated by some that to be prepared is the only means of preventing war.

Mr. Bryan declared there was never a bigger piece of sophistry. He illustrated it by an example of individuals living in a community where they had enjoyed peace and good will towards each other for years. Finally certain neighbors would talk to one of the men and tell him he had certain rights that ought to be protected against his neighbor. He would immediately arm himself, then announce his preparedness to defend his own rights against his neighbor. The neighbor would in turn arm himself, and the talk of opposing rights would continue until it ended in a tragedy. The same he declared to be true of Nations among whom the idea of preparedness is agitated. Preparation of this nature invariably brings on war, he declared.

He urged that the military spirit be kept in a state of subjection and that all men talk peace as the most potent factor in the world. When the false doctrine of preparedness is relegated to the rear, as Mr. Bryan views it, there will be an opportunity to re-write interna-

tional law and provide for the incorporation of principles that would bring about settlement of national differences by peaceful methods instead of by war.

Mr. Bryan depicted something of the awfulness of the slaughter of the present European war, of the millions that have been slain or permanently wounded, all in opposition to the plain commandment "Thou shalt not kill." He reviewed the cost in billions, and told of the hardships it would entail upon those people for generations to come, and all to satisfy the sophistry that "might makes right."

He said that the amount sought to have appropriated by those who are urging a program of complete "preparedness" was equal to something like \$8,000,000,000. This amount, he declared, was more than is now spent annually for the education of American youths, and if appropriated for the construction of macadam highways would ribbon this country with great highways every twelve miles apart from east to west and every like distance from north to south. This money, if used to aid our nation agriculturally, if put behind the farmers in the development of our agricultural interests, would result, instead of misery and bloodshed for our sons, the complete mastery of peaceful prosperity for the masses.

Mr. Bryan arrived here at 10:40 a. m. from Johnson City. He was met at the station by a crowd of several hundred men and women, and was given a most cordial welcome. He was kept busy bowing and smiling as he proceeded to the automobile in which he was driven over the principal streets of the city, accompanied by a large number of members of the reception committee. There were about twenty automobiles in the procession.

Col. Bryan was entertained at Hotel Bristol during his stay. He came up town to do a bit of shopping before the hour for his lecture, and made a purchase of a Panama hat and a suit of mohair.

At the hotel one foot-weary countryman, with a little boy at his side, approached the noted commoner with the remark: "I was very anxious to meet you and hear your peace talk. I have walked 40 miles with my little boy at my side," he concluded.

"Good boy," said the distinguished statesman, as he patted the countryman upon the shoulder, then took him by the hand for a second cordial greeting.

From here Mr. Bryan went late in the afternoon to Jefferson City, Tenn., having an engagement to speak there Thursday night.

The patronage of his lecture here was quite satisfactory, and the Y. M. C. A. received substantial benefits.

Officer Shot in a Fray at a Church.

Freeling, Va., May 27.—W. S. Vanover, justice of the peace, was seriously, if not fatally, shot at Little Zion Church while trying to conserve the peace. A warrant was issued for Edmund Bolling by the justice, charging him with disorderly conduct near where services were being held. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff M. C. Swindal for Bolling's arrest. But meanwhile, it is charged, one of the man's "pals" started to let him know that the officer was looking after him, when the justice attempted to head him off. As the justice approached he says Bolling fired two shots at him. One ball passed through his shoulder, the other inflicting a slight wound about his head. Bolling surrendered to Officer Swindal.

Knoxville Wins Series.

The Knoxville colored base ball team, who came here last week to play a three-game series with the team at this place, easily won two out of three games. The last game was won by the home team by a score of 6 to 0.

Commits Suicide.

Mayo Cabell, Prominent Attorney of Big Stone Gap, Cuts Throat With Razor in Lynchburg Hotel.

A thrill of horror ran through the Gap Saturday morning when the news swiftly spread that Mayo Cabell had committed suicide in a Lynchburg hotel. It was at first thought that he had shot himself, the long distance operator not being able to hear the message distinctly, and it was not until the Roanoke Times and Lynchburg News came in later in the day that the details of Mr. Cabell's terrible deed were learned.

Mayo Cabell had lived in the Gap for many years. He was recognized not only as a man of honor and distinction in his profession, but he was held in the highest esteem as a citizen. He was Treasurer of Christ Church at this place and an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of every movement for the betterment of the town. For several years he was City Attorney, and at the time of his tragic death he was Referee in Bankruptcy, a government appointment which he filled with his customary efficiency. Mr. Cabell was a non-commissioned officer in Company H, Second Regiment Virginia Volunteers, who, in regular service for his country, would have proved himself a soldier of high courage and staunch patriotism.

To his most intimate friends the manner of Mr. Cabell's sad death was not a surprise as he, himself, had worried greatly over the fact that his mind was becoming unbalanced, particularly noticeable in his increasing inability to control his temper. It was in the hope that a change of scene would benefit him, as it had never failed to do in the past, that he was persuaded to accompany R. T. Irvine on a business trip to Philadelphia. Both gentlemen left town Thursday morning and Mr. Cabell stopped off at Lynchburg shortly after midnight to give some legal papers to Judge McDowell in person after promising Mr. Irvine to take the next train out and join him in Philadelphia. Mrs. Cabell's reason for not accompanying her husband was that she was busy packing to move to Chicago, where Mr. Cabell had recently accepted a position, and where his mother and sister were staying.

There was absolutely no other reason than that of insanity to account for Mr. Cabell's desperate deed, as his business affairs were found to be in admirable shape. He leaves a wife and three sons, the eldest of whom is not yet ten years of age, and the youngest but an infant. Mrs. Cabell has the deepest sympathy of the entire community in her great trouble. Mr. Cabell was a most devoted husband and father, a good neighbor and a loyal friend, and he and his family will be sadly missed from the Gap. Mrs. Cabell and her children were accompanied to Lynchburg by Mrs. Irvine, Rev. W. J. Alfriend and Capt. Bullitt. They were joined there by Mr. Irvine.

We clip the following account in detail from the Lynchburg News of Saturday morning:

"Mayo Cabell, a lawyer of Big Stone Gap, Va., committed suicide yesterday morning in a room at the Virginia Hotel by slashing his throat with a razor, severing the jugular vein and probably dying instantly.

The body was not found until 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening but it is thought he took his life about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

He arrived at the hotel at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and went directly to his room. The housekeeper at the hotel occupied a room nearby and she was disturbed by the man tramping back and forth in his room and it is believed at this time he committed the rash act.

From all indications, he stood before the mirror on the dresser and deliberately slashed his throat with the razor. The razor was lying covered with blood on the dresser and the body was prostrate on the floor in a pool of blood. He had removed his collar and coat. When the body was found it was cold and stiff in the rigor of death and was hardly recognizable.

At the usual hour in the morning when the housekeeper has the rooms cleaned, she knocked on the door of the room which Mr. Cabell occupied but found the door locked on the inside with the key in the door. She waited until afternoon, thinking he was asleep, and tried to gain admittance again, but was unsuccessful. She found the electric lights burning in the room and she notified the manager.

At 6:30 o'clock a boy was lifted to the transom and saw the body lying on the floor. The door was opened and the police and Dr. George P. Hamner, city coroner, were notified. The coroner decided it was a plain case of suicide and deemed an inquest unnecessary.

The suicide left no statement and the cause of the deed is not known. It seemed he cut his throat on the spur of the moment as he had apparently made preparations for retiring. He had turned back the covers on the bed, opened his suitcase and spread his toilet articles on the dresser. His suitcase contained legal papers and it seemed he left his home on legal business and stopped in Lynchburg.

He was about 35 years old, married and practiced his profession in Big Stone Gap. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cabell, of Nelson county, who some years ago operated a school at Norwood and later a girls' institute in Washington, D. C. Mayo Cabell was a brother of Ellett Cabell, who was a lawyer in Lynchburg about twenty years ago, but who now resides in Nelson county. Ellett Cabell was notified last night of the death of his brother and he will arrive in Lynchburg this morning to take charge of the body. The body was removed to Dr. Gruid's undertaking establishment last night and will probably be taken to Nelson county for interment.

Biggest Poplar Tree.

Whitesburg, Ky., 27.—The biggest poplar tree ever marketed in Kentucky has just been cut, manufactured into lumber and loaded for shipment to Cincinnati dealers by the Coeburn Lumber Company, of this city.

The tree in question was ten feet in diameter at the butt and was nearly 300 feet to the first limb. It sawed out something over 12,700 feet of first class lumber, 6,000 feet of other grades, a total of nearly 19,000 feet. The tree has been an object of great interest for years and stood on the Sam J. Wright timber track high up in the Cumberland Mountain, a short distance from the Virginia state border line. The company paid \$700 for it. Ten large teams were required to "snake" the big logs out of the mountain side. This was a giant tree.

Graybeal-Wells Wedding.

Mr. W. S. Wells, of Essersville, Wise County, Virginia, announces the marriage of his youngest daughter, Miss Cora Wells, to Mr. G. H. Graybeal, of Bristol, Va., on December 31, 1915.

This young couple quietly married during the Christmas holiday season and have successfully kept it a secret even from their nearest friends. Miss Wells is the attractive daughter of W. S. Wells, a very successful farmer of Wise county. Mr. Graybeal is a son of Henry Graybeal, one of Grayson county's prominent citizens. Mr. Graybeal graduated from Emory and Henry College in 1913, and taking his Master of Arts degree at the University of Virginia last June. Since his graduation he has had charge of the Science Department of the Bristol, Virginia, High School and has been re-elected for next session. As soon as his school closes he will go at once to claim his bride. After visiting relatives and friends in Wise, Middle Tenn., and Bristol, they will leave for Spring Valley, Va., the groom's home. —Bristol Herald Courier.

Base Ball Game.

Big Stone Gap defeated Stonoga here Saturday afternoon by a score of 12 to 7 in a game featured by many hits and errors, but it was, nevertheless, interesting to see the old timers in the fray once more. Several school boys were also in the lineup and showed they were ready for fast company. Cress, the Appalachia school boy, pitched for Stonoga and did creditable work until the seventh inning when he was released by Meadows. Jones worked for the home team and pitched a steady game throughout. Ed Taylor was to play at third for Big Stone Gap but injured a finger in practicing, which put him out of commission for the time being.

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Big Stone Gap 3 2 0 2 1 0 2 x—12
Stonoga 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2—7
Batteries—Jones and Harris; Cress, Meadows and Owens.

SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Big Stone Gap Land & Improvement Company, held according to law, at the office of the company, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, May 6, 1916, a resolution was adopted that in the judgment of the said Board it is advisable and for the benefit of said corporation that it shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up, and a meeting of the stockholders of the said company is called to be held at the company's office, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, June 17, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., to take action upon the resolution so adopted by the said Board of Directors.

I. N. JONES,
Secretary.

May 10, 1916.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

HELP WANTED.

Three or four laundry girls. Experience not required. Only girls who are willing to turn out good work need apply.

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R. P. Barron, Prop.,
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Radford Normal Notes.

The Junior Cooking Class, under the direction of Miss M'ledge Moffett, on Thursday evening entertained Miss June McConnell and Miss Eleanor Terry, who are to be married early in June.

The representatives of the Pocahontas Society in the Inter-Society debate are: Miss Ethel Garret, of Ross Hill, Lee County, and Miss Bonnie Alderson, of Hansonville, Russell County.

The Junior Class of the Normal School will entertain the Senior Class and the faculty at a banquet at the East Radford Inn on June 27th.

The completion of the third story of the new dormitory is being pushed with energy in order to have it ready for the Summer Quarter, which begins June 12th.

The Radford Normal Museum and Industrial Exhibits are being moved into new quarters in the basement. A number of specimens have been contributed lately to the Museum. Numerous manufacturers of school supplies, as well as a number of industrial concerns are submitting samples to be placed permanently on exhibit in this Department. Visiting school officials and the public in general are invited to visit the Museum and Exhibit Room when about the Normal School.

The students in the Manual Arts Department, under the direction of Miss Lillian Simmons, are closing out the year's work with a considerable supply of well made furniture which will be on exhibit during commencement.

Miss LaFaye James, of the Radford Normal, went to Roanoke Saturday to hear the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. J. P. McConnell made the commencement address at Clintwood on Tuesday night. He will also make the commencement address at Hillsville on Friday, May 26th. Prof. J. E. Arent made the commencement address at Galax last Saturday night, and on Sunday spoke at the Methodist church at Fries. Prof. J. E. Arent will make two addresses at Woodlawn Training High School next Sunday and Monday, and will address the Confederate Veterans at East Radford, June 30th. Prof. W. E. Gilbert made an address before the Civic League at Goode, in Bedford County, last Friday night. He will speak at Belpre Saturday evening.

Golf Notes.

The finals of the Ladies' Handicap Tournament between Miss Sara Cochran and Miss Jule Bullitt were played off last Friday. Miss Cochran winning the match. Much interest was taken in the tournament for the beautiful cup presented by Mr. Chalkley, president of the Golf Club, and several tournaments will be arranged to be played during the summer months.

Saturday, on the links of the Club, was played a Graveyard tournament, in which quite a number of the ladies and gentlemen participated. Miss Rhoads was winner of the match; Mr. R. D. Baker, second; Mrs. H. A. Alexander, third, and Mrs. D. B. Sayers, fourth.

Interned British Missionaries in German East Africa.

After a most anxious period of suspense, extending over twelve months, news has reached the headquarters of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa of the safety of the forty-two missionaries interned in German East Africa. Names of all places were censored, even postmarks obliterated. One of the missionaries (Archdeacon Hallett) writes that they have all been lodged in military prisons. "We are, on the whole, well treated and content, but, of course, our hearts are very sad and anxious, as we are allowed to receive only fragments of news."

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