

SENATOR HARDING SOUNDS KEY NOTE

Republican Delegates Urged to Forget Disaster of 1912 and Work for Victory.

DEMOCRATS ARE ASSAILED

Convention Throng Applauds Peroration on Americanism and Republicanism—Need of Adequate Defense Pointed Out.

COLISEUM, Chicago, June 7.—Emphasizing that it was not a time for re-orientation, but of a reconstruction, Senator Harding, of Ohio, in the keynote speech today urged the delegates to the Republican National convention to forget the disastrous differences of four years ago and plunge into the coming campaign with a declaration of principles which would bring success at the polls.

The convention received the temporary chairman's speech with punctuations of applause and cheers and his sallies against the Democratic Administration with laughter and handclapping.

Mr. Harding closed with a peroration on Americanism and Republicanism. The close of his address was greeted by a brief outburst of handclapping and cheering lasting less than a minute.

Senator Harding said: "We shall not only testify our expression of faith but shall so enlist the confidence and trust of our American people that the success of this convention will be confirmed overwhelmingly at the ballot-box next November."

Republican Relief Needed. The country, wearied afresh by a disappointing and distressing Democratic Administration, is calling for Republican relief, and there is no more timely encouragement, every confidence that the light of Republican conscience, set aflame in this convention, will illumine the path of the country's restoration.

We did not do very well in making for harmony the men of the two parties. We have regretted, let us forget—and make amends to our countrymen—our fundamental principles, we did not disagree over a National policy. We split over methods of carrying out these principles.

The essential principles of Republicanism are unchanged and unchanging; the lofty intent, the indestructible soul and the undying spirit of Republicanism are the same today as in the destined beginning 60 years ago, or at any time during the intervening years, and the professed to Republican credit in the matchless chapters of American progress.

No political party ever has builded or ever can build permanently except in conscientious devotion to its principles. Time never alters a fundamental truth. Conditions do change, but the principles of the Republic are unchangeable.

It is not my understanding that the remarks of the temporary chairman are to be taken as an expression of the party faith. Such expression must come from this convention, made up of delegates who believe in popular representative government through the agency of political parties.

You come directly from the people, commissioned to speak their desires and plights through the agency of their representatives and judgment and wisdom as expressed by the majority will come the sacred and sincere covenant of the Republican party.

Day One of Reconciliation. We are a voluntary organization and must find our strength in the enlistment of volunteers who find the nearest or best expression of their convictions in our party's declarations, and there can be no reason in withdrawing if our declarations fall short in the eyes of the people, or if we are not bold enough to believe that in popular government the party which has the capacity for service to the Nation must lie in making the will of a righteous majority the willing pledge of all.

Foremost wish in my mind is to say that which will contribute to harmony and add to the assurance of victory next November. I wish that because the Republican success to be for the best interests of our common country. This allied hosts of our majority in this country are in a vast majority in this country.

In building the surpassing temple of the Republic, which we have been building, sometimes the envy, sometimes the admiration of the world, and oftentimes inspiring others by our example, there ever will be modifications and additions to meet the public need and conform to popular ideals. We do not fear to imitate nor fail to originate, but there can be no discord about underlying foundations. Mine is a deep conviction that the founding fathers were divinely inspired, and the wisdom of representative popular government is proven in the success which has attended its form of government, and under that form we have developed the highest standard of living in all the world. Surely it must be right.

Reasoning that the mightier forward stride has been taken under a half century of Republican control, after we led in fitting the intricate maze of union, old retrospection, the contemplation and the anticipation combine to fill the Republican breast with pride and hope, and trust and faith, and magnify our obligations in this crucial year of our National life.

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the conflict and the influence of its horrors have set mankind in upheaval. The traditions of our fathers have been honored. There is a tidal wave of distress and disaster, there are violent emotions and magnifying fears. There are the extremes of incalculable sacrifices and measureless new fortunes—not all American. There are new wonders and new hindrances in commerce, changed balances of trade, new marvels in finance and utterly changed economic conditions. These have attended embarrassments in our foreign relations as difficult as those which the individual citizen experiences whose every neighbor is involved in a deadly struggle for the survival of the fittest. The Federal Treasury, which is characteristic of the Democratic control, and the facility of the Administration for writing varied notes without effective notes.

Amid these conditions has stood this unarm'd giant, typifying the American Republic, neutral and sane, to whom the neutral nations have turned for leadership. Our National unselfishness had been proven, our devotion to humanity had been established, our committal to international justice had long been proclaimed. The world had previously heard the voice of American fearlessness, and all the conditions single us out for leadership among the neutral powers, but the Administration at Washington spoke with more rhetoric than resolution, and we came to realize what the waiting powers soon came to know that the official American voice lacked the volume of the international head, and we lacked the strength of confidence in our own defenses.

Nation Negligent of Defenses. It is too early to estimate the debt and credit account of the European war with civilization. Out of measureless cost and inestimable heroism must come a rebirth of individual spirituality, reawakened national hopes, new liberties and new battles in patriotism which must prove some compensation. But we have seen civilization's safety and our own security in the man's savagery, and we have seen elemental man, defiant in genius and more formidable because of that, intoxicated with power or imprisoned in the greed of conquest, strip the earth of its defenses, and evidence of mankind's humane advancement. In the envy or jealousy or rivalry or hatred, inspired by heated civilization, are the barbarities of primitive man, and the seal of obedience is not yet stamped upon the warrior's sword.

Perhaps it is a reminder more than a discovery that there has come to us a conviction that this great Nation, rich in resources and strong in patriotic manhood, has been negligent concerning its own defense. We have dwelt in fancied rather than real security. Pride mingles with regret in this, because it suggests the mind of a Nation so free from intended offense that there was no cultivated thought of needed defense. Our righteousness of purpose is portrayed in our trust in unarm'd safety. But there is a warning in bleeding Europe, and there is a call today for prudent, patriotic and ample National defenses. There is no mistaking the sentiment. We are not moved by the hysterical, we need not be thinking of a preparedness which is partisan in conception. We need not believe in a defense propaganda, inspired by those who wish to win fat in the production of arms and munitions, because there is none. I deplore the teaching that an anxiety about our National defense is inspired by greed. We rejoice in free speech and free press and untrammeled opinion, but patriotism is ill promoted by the imputation of false motives, whether aimed at our own devotion, or the Republic's belief, sincerely and soberly, in an adequate National defense. We have always believed in an ample Navy, as invincible in modern might as the John Paul Jones built in our freedom's earliest flight. We have in mind a projected commerce on the waters, and a sea-coast secure in strong naval defenses. We were building to high rank among naval powers when the Democratic party interrupted, and we subscribe to a stronger committal now, because of a new realization of the envy which our wealth and our commerce invite, and a new appreciation of our

commanding place in the affairs of the world. I shall not say that it is ours to have the greatest Navy in the world, but noting the elimination of distance and the passing of our one-time isolation, we ought to have a Navy that fears none in the world, and can say any time and anywhere—These are American rights and must be respected.

Democrats Are Assailed. It is not for me to specify the provisions for naval defenses. Since modern warfare is in large part a conflict of brains, so must naval defense be devised in highest intelligence. Let us strengthen every arm—aircraft, submarines, fleet cruisers and dreadnoughts. Let him who is anxious about the member that Republican policies afford the ample means without conscious burdens upon the people, to every American citizen, whatever his activity, know that the cost of insurance against accident, theft, fire, flood or thunderbolt, assessed as a fixed charge upon his income, is worth the cost, in peace of mind, though loss never attends. Moreover, under any system security is economy itself.

There are manifest differences about our developments for military defense. The President made a trip from the Coast to the Valley of the Missouri to tell the American people the need of preparedness. It might have been more seasonably in session and empowered to stir and make the people ready to testify obedience. However, Congress undertook to provide an army for Federal fertilizer to the farmers, liberal pacification and preparedness until the Republican minority in the Senate put something real in the pending measure. We Republicans made a rational response to the call of the land, but the Democratic inefficiency and ineffectiveness are recorded in the conference amended act, and a Federal nitrate plant to supply powder to the patriots and pap to the paternalists and have new berries and new basins in petition with a private enterprise is the great constructive offering of a Democratic majority which will outlive the Republican individual who constitutes them, in which I would have America lead the Republic will have need for a basic army and a ready provision for military defense. We have territory to defend, we have independence to preserve, we have lives to safeguard, we have property to protect, we have rights to assert, we have missions of humanity to perform. We proclaim justice and we love peace, and we are not too proud to fight for them.

Let no one apprehend the curse of militarism in this fair land. We declare unalterably against it. Our free citizenship walking confidently, absorbed in the triumph of peace, would tolerate no such blight on American institutions. There is to be no surrender of cherished ideals, and our hearts are set on peace which has marked our continued development, with that same committal to justice which has given us front rank in the onward march of civilization, with that rare unselfishness and that noble altruism which have put humanity's sake and put all territorial aggrandizement in the rear. Our Republican square deal, individual, National and international, which is the foundation of American faith, we mean to go on, an exemplar of peace to all the nations, an arbiter of justice to the world, a promoter of righteousness to all the people of the earth.

Need of Tariff Restoration Shown. At the same time we have more to do than to chart a National course through the waters surging with the turbulence of war, our inspiring course is on the highway of peace. Our armed defense must ever be linked with our industrial self-reliance, and the nation worth anything must be worth living for. Out of nature's prodigality we have abundance and the ruin of our good fortune in attempting it; second, to declare there is no such thing. What was thought to be the high cost were only the high demands and the larger capacity to buy, which were the natural reflexes of the higher standard of living reared under Republican protection.

The one notable advance in cost has benefited the American farmer, for whose benefit it is intended that a stronger committal now, because of a new realization of the envy which our wealth and our commerce invite, and a new appreciation of our commanding place in the affairs of the world. I shall not say that it is ours to have the greatest Navy in the world, but noting the elimination of distance and the passing of our one-time isolation, we ought to have a Navy that fears none in the world, and can say any time and anywhere—These are American rights and must be respected.

It is not for me to put the stamp of relative importance on pending issues—the intelligent voters will determine that for themselves. But I know what they are thinking, and they believe that the protective policy which made us industrially and commercially eminent is necessary to preserve that eminence. I know they want it restored and maintained. For myself I propose a protective and productive tariff which protects the saving banks rather than the soapboxes. I commend the plan under which the healthful glow of prosperity encircles the development of the industrial child of the daily wage-earner.

The Republican convention of 1880, which gave to the Nation and all history the nomination of Lincoln, made this simple and ample utterance: "That, while providing revenue for the support of the general government by duties upon imports, and such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the interests of the whole country; and we commend that policy of National exchanges which secures to the workmen liberal wages, to agriculture remunerative prices, to mechanics and manufacturers an adequate reward for their skill, labor and enterprise, and to the Nation commercial prosperity and industrial development." We might fitly reiterate that utterance today. The failure of revenues under existing Democratic policy, the necessary resort to the imposition of direct and of punitive taxes—war taxes on a people at peace—to meet deficiencies which ever attend Democratic control, the depression and unemployment which have followed, and the revision which were relieved rather than caused by the Republican restoration.

Prosperity Not Disputed. No one disputes a temporary prosperity in our land today. But it is sectional in its policy, abnormal in its fevered rush, fictitious in its essentials and perverting in its tendency. Worse, it is the gold sluiced from the river of blood, poured out by the horrifying sacrifice of millions of our fellowmen. God forbid that we should boast a prosperity wrought in such waste of human life. We had rather rejoice in the sturdy content for the laurels of industry and the garlands of trade. I do not mean that we must "share our wits in competition with the world"; for we tried that, and involuntarily turned the blade to cutting our production and severing thousands from American payrolls. There was no cut in the cost of living, but a visible hack in the capacity to live.

The Democratic party is always concerned about the American consumer. Our Republican achievement is the making of a Nation of prosperous producers, and by products I mean every human being who applies muscle or skill or brain or all to the conversion of nature's abundance into the necessities of life, or participates in the ways and means of their transportation and exchange. Far better a high cost of living and ability to buy than a lowering of cost attended by destruction of purchasing capacity.

It is worth while to recall the magnified importance given to the high cost of living four years ago; first, to emphasize Democratic's failure to reduce it, though it risked the health of the Nation, and the ruin of our good fortune in attempting it; second, to declare there is no such thing. What was thought to be the high cost were only the high demands and the larger capacity to buy, which were the natural reflexes of the higher standard of living reared under Republican protection.

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