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### THE PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

The president's New York speech could not have been more timely. The financial question was just then at the front in both branches of congress. The senate had before it, sure to pass, the Teller resolution; the house had before it, only not sure to pass, the Gage bill. Without directly alluding to either, the president clearly set forth the policy of the administration upon both. Not that he committed the administration to any particular bill, but he did declare in favor of the actual passage of a bill embodying the line of finance laid down in the St. Louis platform. As to the Teller resolution, he hit it squarely in the face without naming it. Here are the two salient passages of the speech, which exactly fit the two branches of congress:

It is not sufficient for citizens nowadays to say simply that they are in favor of sound money. That is not enough. The people's purpose must be given the vitality of public law. Better an honest effort with failure than the avoiding of so plain and commanding a duty.

Nothing should ever tempt us—nothing ever will tempt us—to scale down the sacred debt of the nation through a legal technicality. Whatever may be the language of the contract, the United States will discharge all its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the times of payment.

It is impossible to mistake the meaning of either of these declarations. Not once did the president mention gold or silver, greenbacks or bank notes, but there is no suggestion of evasion. On the contrary, it is a bugle call to the forces of sound money to rally upon the open field for an aggressive campaign.

It is by no means improbable that the great battle for sound money is to be fought at the congressional polls of this year. It may be recalled that the final victory over flatism was won at the congressional election of 1878. That was the one issue of the campaign. From one end of the country to the other, wherever there was a free vote and a fair count, the question was monetary. Not that every Democrat was for fiat money or every Republican for sound money, but it was everywhere recognized that the Republican party, as a party, was committed and that the Greenbackers had control of the Democracy. It is the same way now. Twenty years ago James G. Blaine was the most eloquent champion of sound money. He made a grand tour of the Northwest in advocacy of hard money, as the term then was. No more effective series of political speeches was ever made.

If William McKinley were free from the burdens of the presidency, he could do for the same cause in 1898 as effective service as Mr. Blaine did in 1878. From the nature of the case he cannot go about from place to place discussing the financial question, but if necessary he can submit to congress a special message covering the ground.

The New York speech made no attempt at discussion. It defined the monetary position of the president and called upon the friends of sound money, in congress and out, to come to the rescue of the country from the peril of a depreciated and dishonest currency. This appeal should call out responses from both ends of the capitol. The senators and representatives in congress

should heed the voice of the president, not only in their votes, but in their speeches. Last spring and summer it was all very well to let the free traders do all the talking. The people understood the matter, and a protective tariff was to be passed; but now there is no little popular misunderstanding, and, what is more, no actual legislation on finance can be expected from this congress.

An aggressive campaign for sound money may give us both the house and the senate during the last half of the McKinley administration. Then, and only then, would the monetary issue be settled, and settled right.

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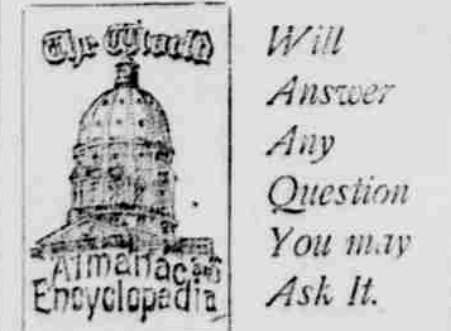
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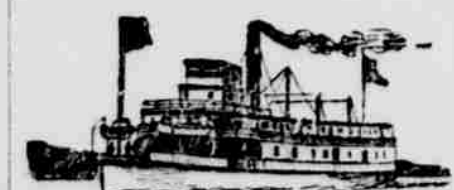


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