

UNITED FRONT BY DEMOCRACY SAYS M'COMBS

Chairman of National Committee Calls Convention to Order—Says Republicans Offer Pulchritudinous Promise, But With Vacuous Intent—Promises Things Democrats Did.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—In calling the democratic national convention to order at noon today, Chairman William F. McCombs of the democratic national committee spoke as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention: We are in an atmosphere of victory. We have no feeling of guess, but a spirit of certainty. We are here to celebrate the marvelous achievements of the democratic party since it came into power and to place a milestone upon the path of its future success.

"Over 2000 years ago an old slave related the fable of the frog who wanted to grow to the size of an elephant. Such was the ambition of his soul that his body swelled to a marvelous proportion. Indeed, Aesop went so far as to predict that the frog, upon reaching the size of the elephant, would burst. I commend to your notice the wisdom of Aesop. It took over 2000 years for his prophecy to come true. Only last week the frog-elephant, or the elephant-frog, exploded. The republican party for years succeeded in deceiving the country. Now it is successfully deceiving itself. In its platform it offers pulchritudinous promise—but with vacuous intent. It promises the country in the main what the democratic party has already done or is in the process of doing, saving always the bogus god, 'protection.' It has cloaked inequity with a judicial robe, but the cloven hoof of special interest still protrudes.

Doctrine of Foreordination
"The board of directors has sat in Chicago and again resolved that they are the country. They have adopted the doctrine of foreordination and predestination, but have made it applicable only to themselves.

"The rest of the people are their wards—for profit.
"Ambition is a noble attribute, but when it is adulterated with greed a cataclysm is inevitable. We have recently witnessed the painful spectacle of two great American parties at Chicago putting self in place of ideals; self-glorification in place of national honor; republicanism and progressivism in place of Americanism.

"We have witnessed the drab spectacle of two groups of men trained principals like competitors in a fish market in the hope that some compromise would win public support. They have not come together—they have fallen out over the 'swag.' For the sake of victory many of these men, essentially opposite in principle, have been willing to become friends with false masks. The result is inevitable—divided, they fall.

Welcome Progressives
"We are proud in the thought that 'united we stand.' We welcome the peep-up Americanism of the progressives individually to our ranks, offering them a haven in a principle. Their leader has abandoned them with crass cruelty.

"The gentleman from Oyster Bay, in a recent letter to Chicago, quoted Abraham Lincoln as saying, 'May not all, having a common interest, unite in a common effort to save our common country?' Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to call your attention to the word 'reunite.' The words 'save the country' have been the disguise of the opposition for several years. There may be a political war today in this country, but that war only exists between factions. Why did the gentleman quote the words of Lincoln, in the hope of reuniting Americans? Americans are reunited as never before. He meant by reuniting that two factions of his party should reunite. These two factions or parts of them hoped to join for self-aggrandizement. Leaders of these factions—factions powerless as entities—hoped to join hands, however stained and however divided on irreconcilable principles, for the insidious purpose of overthrowing a third entity, which for the past four years stood united in a common cause, whose skeleton is one for all and all for one; equal rights and special privileges to none; whose chief tenet of faith is that America is American and Americans are American.

A Crucial Hour
"This is a crucial hour in the history of the world. It is an hour

when every man should take stock of himself and his principles. This is an hour when everyone should see whether in his inner consciousness he squares with the ideals of 1776, and the later periods of dramatic episode, when this country resolutely maintained peace with honor.

"The democratic party, in the face of scoundrels and vicious attacks, has maintained this great American ideal. While for peace, it has steadily and surely worked for sound and powerful preparedness. It has maintained a solemn dignity in the face of circumstances which might have drawn it into the vortex of world-destruction. Though vilified by self-seekers, it has maintained friendly relations throughout the world. It is true to the spirit of America; it has been true to the great principles of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Jackson; it has allowed no selfish interest to blind it to the fundamentals of its faith and the country has found that its confidence has been well bestowed. The democratic party has proven itself a party of principle, a party of constructive ability, a party of performance. It has proven that ideals can be realized. United we stand for America.

"Ladies and gentlemen of this great convention, the elephant is dead, the moose is dead—long live the American eagle!"

DEADLOCK OVER RAILROAD STRIKE

NEW YORK, June 14.—Forced by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, into admitting that the demands of the 350,000 railroad men of the United States had been rejected, the railroad managers at the conference called here to avert a general strike today declared it was up to the men to decide whether they should continue the conference. The union leaders, after stating that the railroads counter proposition was not acceptable, decided to continue the conference but indicated they expected it to end late tonight or tomorrow. This apparent crisis in the negotiations came when President Lee inquired of Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad managers, how many of the 105 questions put by the unions regarding the railroads counter proposition were still to be answered. When Chairman Lee answered "thirty or forty," Lee said it was useless to go further.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL IS REPORTED

WASHINGTON, June 14.—A favorable report was ordered by the house military committee today on the army appropriation bill carrying \$157,000,000. It makes provision for the increases and changes authorized by the new army reorganization law, and includes \$500,000 for civilian training camps.

WHY WOMEN WRITE LETTERS

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WILSON LEADS IN PARADE FOR PREPAREDNESS

Carrying Stars and Stripes, President Marches at Head of 75,000 to Emphasize Capitol's Demand for Adequate Army and Navy—Sets a Precedent by Walking the Entire Length of March.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Led by President Wilson, carrying the Stars and Stripes, nearly 75,000 men, women and children of Washington marched up broad Pennsylvania avenue today in a preparedness parade arranged to emphasize the national capital's demand for an adequate army and navy.

Besides marching himself and then reviewing the parade, the president prepared an address on "America first," to be delivered in the after-

noon at an open-air meeting south of the white house.

Washington was brilliantly decorated for the occasion. It was a holiday, for under an executive order issued by the president, all government employees were excused from work and many stores were closed.

President Wilson decided to set a precedent by walking during the entire length of the parade. Former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft also had been invited, but found it impossible to participate. Beginning at the peace monument, near the capitol building, the line of march passed the postoffice and treasury department buildings and then reached the white house, where a reviewing stand draped with American flags had been erected. The president left the head of the parade and entered the stand with the remainder of the line passing by.

No regular military organizations were permitted to march, because Secretaries Baker and Daniels thought it would be improper for professional soldiers and sailors to participate.

After marching in review the parades were directed to proceed to the open space back of the white house, where a temporary stand was erected for the flag day exercises. President Wilson planned to begin speaking at 3 p. m.

The president, attired in white trousers, blue coat and straw hat, and shouldering his flag like a musket, stepped briskly to martial airs played by the United States marine band. He smiled broadly and frequently raised his hat in response to cheers as he marched along between two district commissioners, escorted by Secretary Tamm, the white house employees and the white house staff.

President Carries Flag
Ideal weather favored the demonstration. There was hardly a cloud in the sky and it was as cool as late spring. Enthusiastic crowds crowded the avenue from peace monument to the white house.

As the line swung around the treasury building at Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania-avenue the president was confronted by a huge banner bearing the legend, "Be Prepared—If You Care About Ninety-one Electoral Votes, Consider Us—Woman's Party."

It was the work of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

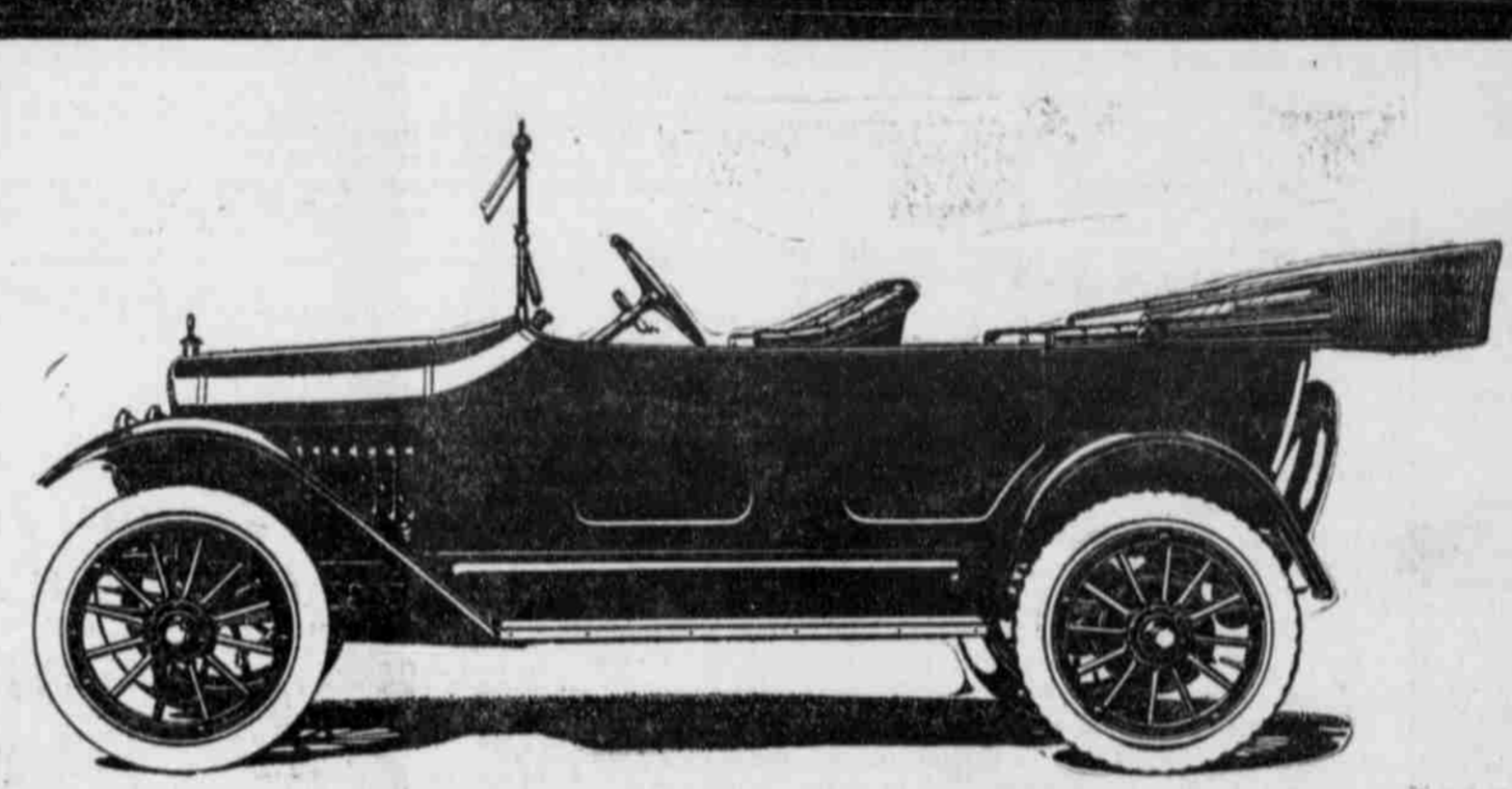
Secretaries McAdoo, Redfield, Lane and Wilson, Postmaster General Burleson and Attorney General Gregory headed the employees of their departments. Secretary Lansing was in the reviewing stand. Secretaries Daniels, Baker and Houston were out of town.

President Wilson, in the reviewing stand, remained standing practically throughout the parade, and frequently waved his hat to officials he recognized. Each cabinet member fell out and took his place by the president as the reviewing stand was reached.



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