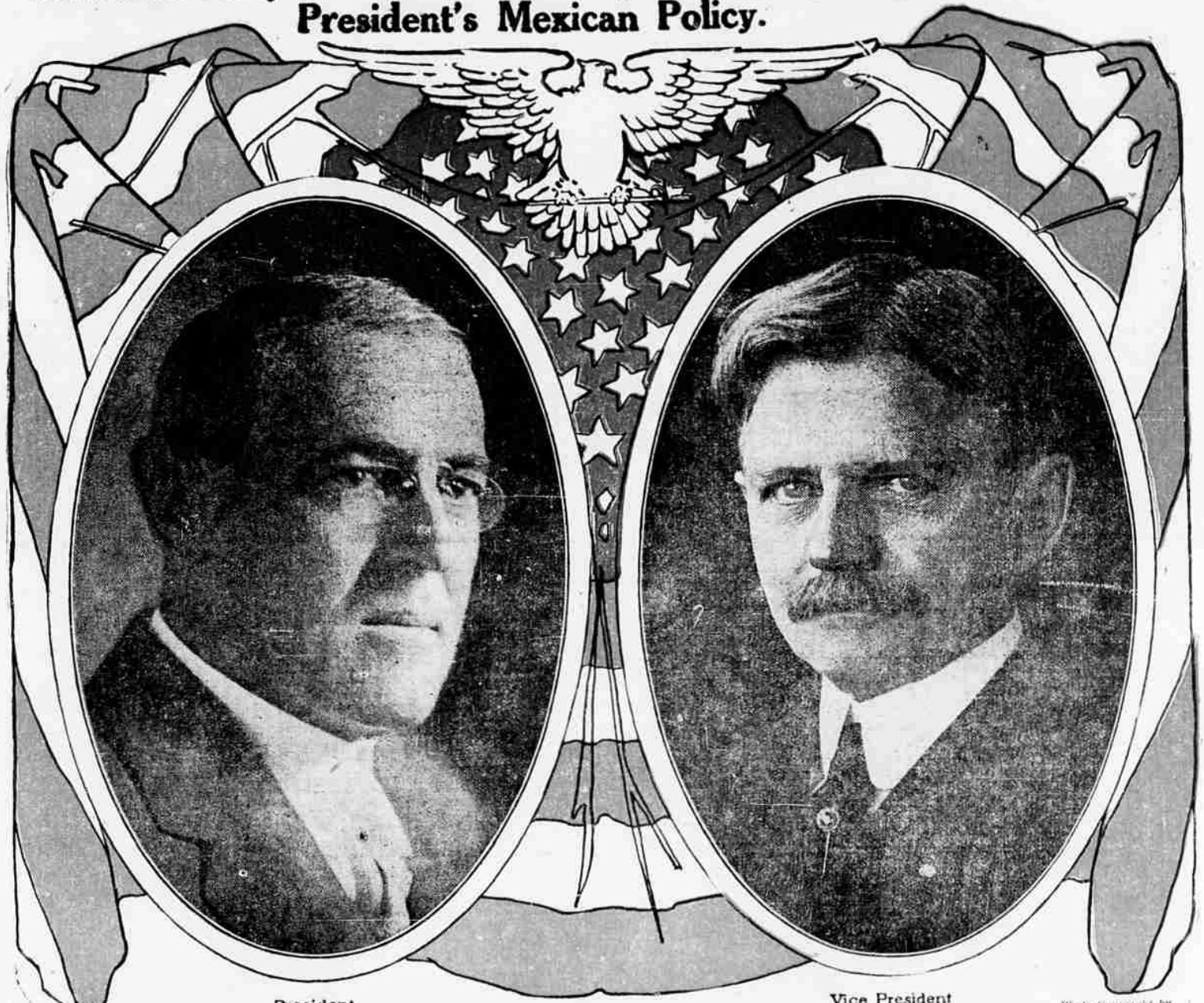


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GLYNN SOUNDS CAMPAIGN KEYNOTE

Notable Address of Former Governor Martin H. Glynn, of New York, as Temporary Chairman of the Democratic National Convention, St. Louis, June 14th, 1916

Gentlemen of the Convention:

The Democratic party, in this convention assembled, meets to perform a duty, not to itself, but to the nation. Proud of the part it has played in the nation's past, the party of Jefferson and of Jackson is gathered here to dedicate itself anew to the preservation of a free, a united, a sovereign republic.

We are proud of the battles we have fought in the past under the emblem of a great political party, but there is a truth that we desire to blazon above all that we may say or do in this convention.

We have entered this hall as Democrats; we shall deliberate and act here as Americans.

We who gather in this hall, stand for the Americanism of the Fathers who laid

the foundations of this nation so strong and deep that no storm has ever rocked them, no upheaval ever moved them. We stand for the Americanism which under the magic spell of citizenship and the mystic influence of the Stars and Stripes converts men of every country into men of one country, and that country our country; men of every flag into men of one flag, and that flag our flag.

OUR IDEALS AND OUR ASPIRATIONS.

When a hundred years look back upon this gathering of today, when we who now guard the ark of American covenant have become nothing but a memory and a name, the principles for which we declare in this convention, the issues for which we fight in this campaign will live in the lives

of generations of Americans yet unborn.

If in the great crisis that now confronts the nation, the American people falter, if they forget that they are guardians of the most sacred trust that a people ever held, their apostasy will be visited upon the descendants of their children's children.

Out of the flaming fire of revolution, out of a struggle in which they risked their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, the Fathers of the Republic brought a nation which they dedicated to liberty and to human progress.

For the nation so consecrated, true men in every generation have labored and struggled, suffered and died, that it might flourish and endure.

We who stand today on the fertile soil of America, who live under the smiling skies of a free and fruitful land, must prove

worthy of the trust that American sacrifice has imposed on every American.

For the America of today and for the America of tomorrow, for the civilization of the present and for the civilization of the future, we must hold to the course that has made our nation great, we must steer by the stars that guided our ship of state through the vicissitudes of a century.

For myself I have confidence enough in my country, faith enough in my countrymen to believe that the people of America will rise to their responsibilities with a single mind and a single voice.

Disregarding the divisions that make one man a Tory and another a Whig, one man a Republican and another a Democrat, Americans will cast aside the tinsel of party labels and the mummery of party emblems.

From the great pulsing heart of the na-