

CENSURE OF BAYARD.

From the Speech of Hon. R. G. Cousins, in

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Delivered on Wednesday, March 18, 1896.

Mr. Speaker: It is a matter of great regret that the nation should be obliged to suffer the humiliation that necessarily ensues from any inquiry by the congress into the conduct or official character of a prominent representative of the government. The censure of a high official is not only a disapproval of his misconduct but is likewise a confession to the world which reflects somewhat upon the government which is obliged to make it. Nevertheless, the duty to disapprove a wrong must not be shirked for the mere sake of avoiding the humiliation which may possibly attend it. The subject having been brought to the attention of this body, it must in some manner be disposed of. Either we must approve or we must disapprove. For my part, I would very much prefer that it had never become necessary for this subject to be projected into congress. To be obliged to make a public record of an exceptional performance so out of color and keeping with the high character that has heretofore characterized and been maintained in our representation at the court of Great Britain is for me a matter of profound regret.

When we recall the names of the many and distinguished representatives who in times past have represented this republic of St. James, we wish that the succession of honor and dignity and ability had not thus been broken. But this deliberate and unexampled breach of diplomatic etiquette—this unprovoked, unbecoming insult to a majority of the people of America, to her distinguished living and to her honored dead, by one who bore their confidence, their mission, and credentials—must not be left unchallenged, since it has entered the annals of our diplomatic history. The charge on which this resolution rests is not denied. It is, in fact, admitted. The answer of the president to the inquiry of the house of representatives contains both speeches of Mr. Bayard that are complained of.

The first speech delivered at Boston, England, is reported in the Boston Guardian and the Lincolnshire Independent of August 10, 1895, under the following headlines:

Boston, East and West—The American Ambassador Visits the Borough—Speech Day at the Grammar School—Complimentary Dinner—Presentations of an Illuminated Address.

This account of the address is authentic, because Mr. Bayard attaches to his letter to the secretary of state, Mr. Olney. His only explanation of the silly affair is that he spoke without premeditation, "that everything was 'impromptu,'" and that "a humorous postprandial tone" prevailed, and that the reporters failed to catch his words, sometimes in Latin, and confused them. [Laughter.]

This authenticated account goes on to say that his excellency (Mr. Bayard) was accompanied by his worship the mayor, who wore his robes and chain of office, "and that several of the best citizens were present. It also informs that Mr. Bayard's lineage can be traced back to the same family as that of the 'ideal chivalry,' the Seigneur de Terrail de Bayard, the cavalier sans peur et sans reproche. [Laughter.]

Having thus laid a substantial foundation for the social standing of the American ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary among the grammar scholars of Lincolnshire, the speaker further says that:

Mr. Bayard's acknowledgment was marked by a depth of feeling, a sincerity of tone, and a postprandial or with 'depth of

feeling" and "sincerity of tone," the confusion, Mr. Speaker, is no doubt satisfactorily explained by the newspaper account of the ambassador attached to his letter to the secretary of state, and which says that—

Some of those which took part in the evening proceedings betrayed a lack of appreciation of the importance of the guest, otherwise they would not have interrupted his remarks by the cracking of filberts. [Great laughter.]

I am not quite sure, Mr. Speaker, that we should hold an ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, etc., strictly responsible for his "postprandial" Latin jokes delivered to a grammar school of English pupils while cracking filberts. It is possible that some future generation of Lincolnshire pupils, in a more serious and thoughtful mood and in more solemn environments, may translate the Latin of the minister into genuine English humor.

Of course it is a terrible thing to perpetrate a joke that may lie dormant in an English community for a generation until the pupils who cracked filberts during its delivery in Latin have grown old and passed away, but, as Mr. Nye suggested, "even after that it is liable to break out on their posterity." [Laughter and applause.] And so time may eventually vindicate the Latin portions of Mr. Bayard's address, and reconcile his own and the English reports and appreciation of it.

Passing over for the present century, Mr. Bayard's facetious acknowledgments, we come to the evening speech, which is mostly in English, and about which there is no confusion and which caused so much of cheering in England and so little in America. [Laughter and applause.]

Responding to the toast "The President of the United States," among other things he said:

He stands in the midst of a strong, self-confident and oftentimes violent people—men who seek to have their own way, and men who seek to have that way frequently obstructed; and I tell you plainly that it takes a real man to govern the people of the United States. Fortunately in this case there is a real man to govern the people of the United States and hold their highest office. He may displease a great many, he may disappoint and obstruct a great many, and I hope he will continue to do so, etc.

Then he proceeds to assure his English audience that the life of the president is "an open one" and "straightforward," and that "his honesty has never been questioned," and that "little children cluster around his knee" [laughter]; and that for four years of his duty to see Mr. Cleveland "in the morning and at noon and at midnight, in the household and out of it," every day, and that he saw him in times of trials and of pleasure, and that he was always "true and steady and manly and just."

And so he toadied to the Cobden Club and the school of Manchester and to his prejudice, and told Great Britain that protection in America had "banished men of independent mind and character from its public councils." When he knew that the list of its illustrious advocates, beginning with the distinguished names of Washington, Madison, and Franklin, had never ceased to grow where progress marked the way until it had recorded in the register of independent mind and fame the names of Clay, of Jackson, of Webster, of Lincoln, of Grant, of Garfield, of Randall, and of Blaine. [Loud applause on the Republican side.] And he knew that almost on the very day he uttered that indictment, the list of independent minds that champion the doctrine of protection in America had grown to the greatest and most significant majority that ever spoke their independence at a popular election. [Applause on the Republican side.]

He knew when he uttered that libel on the memory of the greatest statesman of America that if you should blot out the list of names identified with the doctrine of protection in our history you would leave it a literary desert as insignificant and barren of achievement as Disraeli's grandfather's Chapter of Events that never took place. [Laughter and applause.]

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POLITICAL EVENTS.

Polk county Republican primaries, Friday, April 3.

Polk county Republican convention at Dallas, April 4.

First congressional district Republican convention at Albany on Tuesday, April 7.

State Democratic convention at Portland April 9th.

Republican national convention meets in St. Louis, June 16.

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- Baker.....5 Lane.....10 Benton.....5 Lincoln.....10 Clackamas.....12 Malheur.....3 Clatsop.....7 Marion.....19 Columbia.....5 Morrow.....3 Coos.....4 Multnomah.....48 Curry.....2 Polk.....8 Douglas.....9 Sherman.....3 Gilliam.....3 Tillamook.....3 Grant.....5 Union.....9 Harney.....2 Umatilla.....8 Jackson.....7 Wallowa.....3 Josephine.....4 Wasco.....7 Klamath.....2 Washington.....11 Lake.....3 Yamhill.....9

The same being one delegate-at-large from each county and one delegate for every 200 votes and for every fraction over one-half thereof cast for the Republican candidate for governor at the election held in this state on June 4, 1894.

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WILLIAM KAUFER, Secretary. GEORGE A. STEEL, Chairman.

Portland, Or., Feb. 5, 1896.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

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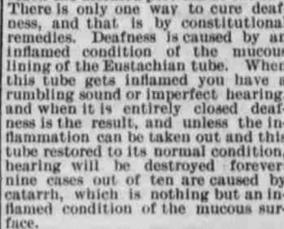
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The same being one delegate at large for each county, and one for each 200 votes, or fraction over one-half thereof, cast for the Republican governor at the election held June 4, 1894. The committee recommends that the primaries and county conventions be held in accordance with the recommendation of the state central committee.

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