

FRANCIS J. HENEY AND LINCOLN STEFFENS OPEN CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. Steffens was sincerely applauded for his remarks and then came the speaker Sacramento had gathered to hear. When Francis J. Heney arose from his seat the spontaneous outburst of demonstrative enthusiasm was tumultuous. With cheering mingled with the strains of "Dixie" which the band struck up as the distinguished speaker faced the audience. For minutes the ovations continued while Heney stood smiling and waiting for quiet. At last he was able to speak. His address consisted of a severe arraignment of the political system of the present day, made corrupt, he said, by such men as Tom Fox, Ruef, Boss Tweed of New York, "Bob" Richardson, James L. Gillis and others of their kind, who, he declared, dominate in politics and represent all that is bad and evil. He repeatedly lashed Tom Fox, Gillis and Richardson. He went fully into a history of the San Francisco graft cases and told what causes underlie conditions of the character unearthed at the bay. He said in part:

"I did not come up here to ratify anything, I came up to enlist for war. I want to enlist for a five year term, because at the slow rate you have been beating Tom Fox it will take a five years' war. You only beat him slightly at the last election and you had your best man up. You must feel proud of the fact that you beat Tom Fox by 115 votes. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You ought to be ashamed that Sacramento did not go solid for White. (cheers)

Will Remove S. P. From Politics.

"You told me to speak my mind. Well, I did. This war, including the skirmish here, was declared by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league on August 1, 1906. Up to that time I had always fought under the Democratic banner. I have now enlisted under the banner of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league for the big battle. If you asked me if I was a Republican I would tell you no. If you asked me what the Lincoln-Roosevelt league means I would tell you that it stands first for the removal of the Southern Pacific from politics in California (applause). And I stand for that. How many of you will enlist for five years with me. (Cheers.) I would stand for it no matter what the name of the organization that was attempting to accomplish that end was, because I have become educated, because I have learned more about your government in the last two years than I did in the forty years of my life that preceded them.

"Putting a few men in jail don't amount to anything whether they be like Patrick Calhoun and other captains of industry, or whether they be like those poor men who call themselves supervisors in San Francisco. The benefit of it all is that we have gained, you have gained and the civilized world has gained a knowledge of the way corrupt public service corporation gain control of national and civil governments.

Business vs. Liberty.

"Mr. Lincoln Steffens says that he learned in school that our government was a representative democracy. He found he was mistaken. I believe in a representative democracy and that's why I am in this fight to stay. There is no better form of government on earth than a representative democracy. We can have under it the highest character of liberty. Under an autocracy we can have better business. The same is true of Republicanism, but if your only reason for having a Republican form of government is because you want better business, why, I say, get out of it.

"A monarchy such as England or Germany can give you better business conditions. If that's all you want, why turn this government into a monarchy and have a king that will attend strictly to business.

"Puck had a cartoon last week picturing Patrick Henry exclaiming, 'Give me Liberty or give me Death' and several business men pulling on his coat tails and saying, 'Hold on Pat, you are hurting business.' Puck was about right.

"During the great war of the revolution the Tories were all business men and bankers who thought the war was disturbing business. But George Washington, and those who spent that terrible winter on the Delaware with him, were fighting for liberty, regardless of business. It

facts with you to say whether you will hold on to that liberty whether it hurts business occasionally or not. "During the war of the rebellion there was a sentiment in the north against the graft fight that was being made to settle once and for all that never again should one man be the slave of another. There was a great sentiment, I say, and why? Because the war was hurting business. But what did the real people do? They risked their lives simply to establish forever the fact that no human being should live as another's slave.

"Established forever? No. Established the fact for just so long as you do not let any man or set of men take away your liberty. The people don't lose their liberty knowingly, they lose it gradually. The Colonies stood unjust taxation until it became grinding and then they rebelled.

California Wears the Yoke.

"In the United States at present the people wear the yoke almost continuously and permit men of corruption to rule them and still expect to have representative democracy! Out here in California they bear the yoke smilingly. Why? Because they don't understand the cause of their undoing. Once in a while they get some spirit, the men go to the polls and slightly better things and then think no more about the matter until things become so vile that they are driven by their women folks to do the same thing over again. (Applause.)

"It is all very simple to learn the cause for the existing state of affairs. If you want to understand, I will tell you how we learned in San Francisco. When we started the investigation there we knew the supervisors had been corrupt, exceeding corrupt. They were not worse than others, just about as bad as are supervisors in all large cities. And they were bad for the same causes; they were controlled by the same influences.

"I am affiliated with nearly all the social clubs of San Francisco and so when I started in on this investigation I was acquainted with many of the men who were doing the bribing. I talk with these men; many were my friends, some were my clients. Not in the bribing business, but clients in purely legal matters. (Laughter.) I thought all along they should furnish me with evidence. They did not see it that way. They preferred to be in Heney's U. I. C.—Under indictment club—than to be members of the S. C. B. C.—Self Confessed Boodlers' club. (Laughter.)

Set Trap for Boodlers.

"There was not a man among them all who thought he owed it to his city to tell us that which would indict Schmitz and Ruef and those, who, with them, were robbing San Francisco while she lay in ashes. Well, when we found we could not get the captains of industry to talk, or found we could not get any information from them, we decided to seek it from the other end. But we found the other end just as much opposed to talking. So we had to lay a trap. By giving some of our money to the other end we sprung our trap.

"We wanted them to tell us all they knew. They did not seem to want to do that. It took us 12 hours to convince one of them that he should speak. We appealed to his every sentiment. We appealed to shame and duty and to fear. At last when he found that he could tell without having to give up any of his money he talked.

"But he was no worse than the fellows on the other end. They did not want to talk because they feared they would have to give up their franchises; and franchises were as good as money. And so one Jim Gallagher was a candidate for the appellate bench. He narrowly missed being elected. A cog slipped in Herrin's wheel, however, and the people escaped having him. (applause) I do not know whether there were any other Jim Gallaghers who did land throughout the state or not. We cannot be too sure that they did not."

Tells of Prosecution.

Heney at this point went into a graphic description of the manner in which evidence was secured from the

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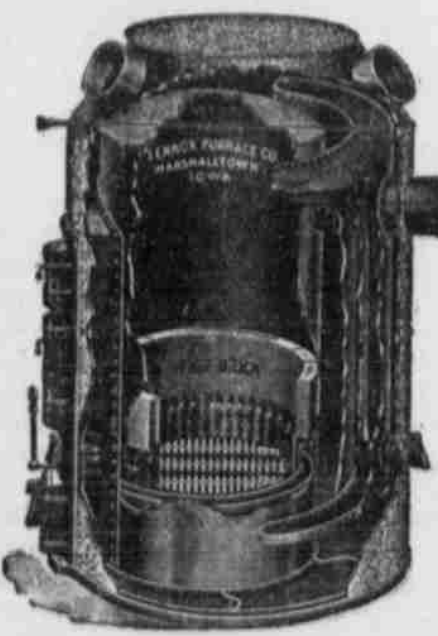
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