

DEPEW CONTRASTS LINCOLN AND WILSON

Reminiscent Speech Before Convention Recalls Days After Civil War.

PARODIES VERSAILLES

Believes Voters Care Nothing About Flume, but Want Party of Responsibility.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun and New York Herald.

CHICAGO, June 9.—Chauncey M. Depew addressed the Republican convention by unanimous request to-day.

Mr. Depew, who has attended every convention for fifty-six years and has spoken in Republican campaigns for sixty-five.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "ladies and gentlemen of the convention and ladies and gentlemen who influence the convention: I am not the committee on resolutions and I do not know that I have anything to offer which will be instructive to the people here present, but when a man has reached my time of life he is inclined to reminisce and to compare the old with the new.

"Well, Senator Lodge says that I am an old man. He is mistaken. I am the greatest compliment of my life a few weeks ago at a speech I made in the South. The next day I received a letter from a gentleman from the breezy West who said, 'I heard your speech last night and they tell me that you said you were past 50. Well, all I have got to say is that you are either a miracle or a damned liar.'

"Now, my friends, I cannot help contrasting this with the one convention with which I am familiar, the one which nominated Abraham Lincoln the second time. It was a convention in which only half of the country was represented. The contrast is that here the whole of our glorious country is represented. That was a convention in which every delegate had either taken part in the war or had had every one else, suffered in the war. All the women were in black, in mourning for lost friends.

Contrasts Results of Two Wars. "We meet here to-day after another war, where the situation is entirely different. We have won this war. That war was won for Union and for liberty. This war has been won for liberty and civilization. But, my friends, there is this difference—that while we came out of that war with a debt of three billions, as to which we were in doubt whether it could ever be paid, we came out of this war with a debt of twenty-five billions and taxes such as were never heard of before. But that three billion was raised and paid, the debt was reduced so that nobody felt it, and our country went on united to a prosperity never known, never dreamed of by even the fathers. And it was done under Republican administration.

In order to meet the present crisis and settle the critical questions which are before us because of the conclusion of this conflict, to meet the terrible burden of debt and taxation, and to carry it easily, we must have that experienced statesmanship which carried us through this first great triumph to the success that all Americans hold dear and to all that Americans value.

"My friends, I cannot help recalling the differences between the Washington of to-day and the Washington during Lincoln's administration. I think I am one of the few men who was in Washington a great deal during Mr. Lincoln's administration and who saw him and the members of his Cabinet. I was there as Secretary of the State of New York, a very young man, in order to get the soldiers' vote from New York. And I was the most popular man in Washington at the time, because of the men and the women who were there. I was the only one who wanted nothing.

"Every Man a Statesman." "All I wanted was to know where the soldiers from New York were in order that I might get their votes for the administration. Talking with Mr. Lincoln, dining with Mr. Seward, discussing with Mr. Chase, seeing often and quarreling with the Secretary of War, who was the worst tempered man I ever met, I got the atmosphere of that period. And the atmosphere there was a great deal better than the present period in this respect: Every one of those Cabinet ministers was a statesman of national and some of them of international reputation.

"Every one of them had views of his own outside his office and in his office he was the greatest man; and every one of them except Seward was hostile to the President. Not one of them had a mind that ran with the track with the President, and yet Mr. Lincoln managed them all for the best interests of the country, putting into the round hole the round peg, and into the square hole the square peg, until he carried the people with him to that success which makes us that meet here to-day not only a united party but a united country.

"My friends, we have had a singular experience in these last seven years, something I had not known in my sixty-five years talking for Republicanism. This isn't the first time the United States had to go abroad in order to meet foreign nations. We went abroad immediately after the Revolution. Washington knew better than any one in the country what was required to make peace with Great Britain. But he did not go himself. He sent the Chief Justice of the United States.

"They Brought Back Louisiana." "We had a controversy with France that required settlement. Jefferson knew more about it than any statesman in the country. But he didn't go himself. He sent a great jurist from New York, and he sent a great statesman from New England. And what did they do? They brought back Louisiana, out of which has been carved eight States.

"We had a controversy about the Oregon boundary, but the President did not go himself. He selected the greatest brains, the greatest constitutional lawyers there were in the country or ever have been in the country. And what did they do? They brought back Oregon.

"And then we had a later controversy, in the matter of the war with Spain, and McKinley knew more about it than anybody else. But he didn't go over to Europe to settle it. He sent two Justices of our Supreme Court; he sent two United States Senators of opposite parties; he sent a great journalist. And what did they do? They brought back the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, along with the independence of Cuba.

"and brought back the League." "When we came to the settlement of the recent world war our President said: 'Nobody understands this question but myself. Nobody can properly represent the people of the United States but myself. I will go abroad.' And he went abroad and brought back the League of Nations.

"You know the secrets of that conference, that famous conference of the four great powers, are looking out. You know I had a sympathy for our President in that conference. He was dealing there with the ablest men in the political game; the diplomatic game, in the international game, there are no statesmen. And he was a oafe confident of himself. And what happened? Why, those

great gamblers in international politics said: 'What do you want, Mr. President? You are the greatest man in the world, what do you want? You represent the greatest nation in the world, and you speak for every one of your people: what do you want?' His said: 'I want a League of Nations which will put us like a heaven on earth reproduced in this round globe, of which I will be the recording angel.'

How They Played the Game. "These astute old players said to him: 'All right, Mr. President. That is the most magnificent proposition ever offered since Calvary two thousand years ago.' Said Lloyd George: 'I would like to have the German possessions in Africa just to settle the negro question there.'

'All right,' said the President. It was larger than all Europe. "And that little fishman from Australia, I know him very well, Hughes said: 'Mr. President—it is a luxury for a man from the Antipodes, 'way the other side of the world, to meet such a great man as yourself. That scheme of yours for a League of Nations is simply magnificent. But Australia wants Guinea, belonging to Germany, but close to us.' And Wilson said, 'Take it.' And then came forward Clemensau and said: 'We need coal; we need iron; we need the Saar Valley, and we need the Ruhr Valley.' The President said, 'Take them.'

Wouldn't Surrender Flume. "And then came Sonnino, and he said: 'We want Flume.' Precisely what there was in the mentality of the Executive of the United States that made him object I do not know, but he said, 'You can never have Flume.' It happened that nobody there had ever heard of Flume. Nobody knew where Flume was, whether one of the Sandwich Islands or a fixed star. And so they adjourned three days to find out. And when they got together again our grand old President, with that consistency which is characteristic of him during his whole administration, said: 'I will not surrender Flume.'

"About that time I was up at my little village where I live, on the Hudson, at the centre where I always go to find out. And when I got up, I sat on the counter and on the nail, and on the floor and on the dishes and the situation. The leader of them said: 'We down in this neighborhood, Chauncey, don't care a rap about Flume.'

"Well, my friends, the League of Nations is here. The situation is here and no man is big enough no man is eloquent enough, either by tongue or pen, to add anything to the magnificent description of our needs and of our conditions which was given by our temporary and permanent chairman, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Sentiment in the South. "I have been travelling through the South. Man after man came to me and said: 'I am a Democrat. I have always been a Democrat, but Mr. Wilson has taken away every principle of the Democratic party, everything I learned from Washington, everything I learned from Jefferson, everything I learned from Monroe. I want you to nominate a good man, and to win.'

"Ladies and gentlemen of the convention, that sentiment is universal among Democrats because they do not know where they are, nor where they stand. They have fallen into an unhappy frame of mind. It is a misfortune to a man, it is a misfortune to a nation, when they stop thinking and let somebody else do the thinking for them. And so they prevented a repeal of the war measures which gave autocratic powers to the President. They prevented a budget system giving a possibility of paying our national debt; all because they were ordered so to do by the President and didn't think themselves.

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"But, my friends, I think during the summer millions of these Democrats will decide to vote our ticket in order to get relief, and when they do not vote it they are in the position illustrated by a delightful story I once heard from our old friend, James G. Blaine. "He said the reason certain people will not do certain things is that they are like my old friend Irah Smith of Bangor. They had a revival in Bangor, and Smith, who was anything but a churchman, went from curiosity. From the rear seat he got to the middle of the church and from the middle of the church he got under the pulpit, when one of the deacons came to him and said: 'Iraiah, you seem to be convinced and convicted. Now is the time to join the church.' Iraiah said: 'Deacon, I am convinced and I am convicted, but I am in a scrape and cannot join just now.'

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Babler Retains Place on National Committee

CHICAGO, June 9.—The Missouri delegation, meeting in special caucus to-night, voted down, twenty-four to eleven, a motion to rescind the election of Jacob L. Babler as National Committeeman because of testimony before the Senate investigating committee that he had handled London campaign funds in that State.

When Mr. Depew finished there were loud calls for Uncle Joe Cannon, who was pointed out in a seat in the gallery to the left of the stage. But Mr. Lodge deemed it the part of political wisdom to introduce first a spokesman of the women. Mrs. McCarter of Kansas, the lady with the fur piece over her shoulder. Mrs. McCarter hoisted the eagle and waved the flag as well as any man could.

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