

President and Americanism Lauded in Keynote Speech

Former Governor Glynn, of New York, Calls
Wilson Administration Flawless in Address
at Opening of Democratic Convention.
Makes Plea for Defense.

St. Louis, June 14.—With the assertion that no President since the civil war has had as crucial problems to solve; and no President has displayed a grasp more sure, a statesmanship more profound, than President Wilson, Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, opened the Democratic national convention here today. Declaring that "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity—are the issues upon which the Democratic party stands, and the heart of Democracy swells with pride that is more than a pride of party, as it halls the man, who has asserted this Americanism, assured this peace, advocated this preparedness and produced this prosperity," he predicted the re-election of President Wilson.

Taking up our foreign relations that have been called into emphatic prominence by the worldwide war, the speaker declared that "We have entered this hall as Democrats; we shall deliberate as Americans." The policy of neutrality, he argued, is as truly American as the American flag. For 200 years neutrality was a theory; America made it a fact. "It took Washington and his successors eighty years of endless negotiation to win recognition of American neutrality. And this eighty years of struggle wove the doctrine of neutrality so closely into the warp and woof of our national life that to tear it out now would unravel the very threads of our existence."

Justifies Lusitania Course.
By citing precedents Mr. Glynn justified and defended the course of the president in the Lusitania and similar incidents. "In the face of this record," he asked, "Do Republicans realize that when they arraign the policy of the President of the United States today they arraign the policy of Harrison, of Blaine, of Lincoln and of Grant? For the pleasure of criticizing a Democratic President, are they willing to read out of the Republican party the greatest men the Republic has ever had? Are they willing to say that the Republican party of today condemns what Hamilton did in revolutionary days, what Lincoln did in civil war days and what Grant and Blaine and Harrison did but yesterday?"

"In his policy of peaceful negotiations today the President of the United States follows the example set him by the greatest Presidents which the Democratic party and the greatest Presidents the Republican party ever gave this nation."

Mr. Glynn impressed on his hearers that it was the business of this convention "representing every section of the United States, speaking for every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt."

Must Make Issue Clear.
"We must enable every real American to stand up and assert his Americanism. We must make the issue so clear that every ballot box in the land may become a monument to the loyalty of American manhood."

Striking Phrases Uttered By Former Gov. Glynn

"The President of the United States stands today where stood the men who made America and who saved America."

"No American who knows the facts can honestly oppose or criticize the policy of neutrality which the present Democratic administration has pursued."

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"To maintain our national honor by peace if we can, by war if we must," is the motto of the President of the United States."

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"The man who is President of the United States today has measured up to the best traditions of a great office."

"The citizens of this country must stand behind their President because his policies are right. They will stand behind him because his policies are the policies which have brought the nation a century of prosperous and honored peace. They will stand behind him because they want these policies continued, that prosperity prolonged, that peace assured."

He pointed out that the promise made four years ago that a Democratic administration would liberate the nation from the chains of industrial tyranny has been carried out. He eulogized the Federal reserve act and declared that the "Scholar-statesman, whose rod has struck the golden rock of America's resources, to set free the wealth imprisoned for half a century, is a Moses who has led America's industries from the

wilderness of doubt and despair to the promised land of prosperity and hope."
The laws restraining big business from stifling competition, the trades commission act, the movement to foster expansion of American trade, the close union of economic, commercial and financial interests between the United States and the nations of South America are shown to be legislation of the widest benefit. The Underwood tariff, Mr. Glynn characterized as the fairest and the best of all we have enacted. Under the present administration the United States has enjoyed a wonderful era of good business and good times.

Tells of Peace Policy.

In asking for an endorsement of the President's peace policy Mr. Glynn said: "For two years the world has been affre; the civilization that we know has been torn by the mightiest struggle in its history. Sparks from Europe's conflagration have blazed in our own skies, echoes of her strife have sounded at our very doors. That fire still burns, that struggle still continues, but thus far the United States has held the flame at bay; thus far it has saved its people from participation in the conflict."

"What the people of the United States must determine through their suffrage, is whether the course the country has pursued through this crucial period is to be continued; whether the principles that have been asserted as our national policy shall be endorsed or withdrawn."

"This is the paramount issue. No lesser issue must cloud it, no unrelated problems must confuse it."

In declaring that the policy of neutrality is as American as the American flag, Mr. Glynn asserted that:

"The first President of the United States was the first man to pronounce neutrality a rule of international conduct."

"The President of the United States stands today where stood the men who made America and who saved America. He stands where George Washington stood when he prayed that this country would never unshathe the sword except in self-defense so long as justice and our essential rights could be preserved without it."

"For vain glory or for selfish purposes, others may cry up a policy of blood and iron, but the President of the United States has acted on the belief that the leader of a nation who plunges his people into an unnecessary war, like Pontius Pilate, vainly washes his hands of innocent blood while the earth quakes and the heavens are darkened and thousands give up the ghost."

Refers to History.

Speaking of the opposition to the President's peace policy, the speaker continued: "By opposing what we stand for today, the Republican party opposes what Hamilton stood for a century ago. The founder of the Republican party and the founder of the Democratic party, placing their country's happiness above every other consideration, forgot partisanship and made American neutrality a national creed. Do these leaders believe that their Republicanism is a better Republicanism than Hamilton's, their Americanism a purer Americanism than that of Washington?"

The justification of our policy of neutrality is expressed by Mr. Glynn in these words:

"Neutrality is the policy which has kept us at peace while Europe has been driving the nails of war through the hands and feet of a crucified humanity."

The praises of this policy are not written in the ruins of American homes, not in the wreck of American industries, not in the mourning of American families; they are found in the myriad evidences of prosperity

and plenty that make this a contented land."

In concluding this issue, Mr. Glynn asks: "Do the critics of the present administration believe that Lincoln should have risked national disaster by using the sword rather than the pen in presenting the Alabama claims? Are they willing to brand Grant as a coward because he kept us at peace with Spain?"

In answer to those who say that President Wilson's policy does not satisfy any one, Mr. Glynn replies: "He means that it does not satisfy those who would map out a new and untried course for this nation to pursue, but they forget it does satisfy those who believe, the United States should live up to the principles it has professed for a century or more."

In his treatment of the issue of preparedness Mr. Glynn asserts that the genius of this country is for peace.

"We have built our greatness on the resources of nature and the peaceful toil of the people. The ring of the anvil not the rattle of the saber; the song of the reaper not the shriek of the soldier; the clatter of the shuttle not the crack of the rifle have won us the place we occupy in the councils of the world."

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Chairman Glynn concluded with praise for President Wilson, who, he said, has measured up to the best traditions of a great office.

"He has been wise with a wisdom that is steeped in the traditions of his country, with a wisdom that has been disciplined by training and broadened by instruction."

"He has been firm with the firmness that proceeds from deep conviction, with the firmness that is grounded in a duty well defined."

"He has been patient with the patience which believes and trusts that truth crushed to earth will rise again, with the patience that can endure and wait, watch and pray, for the certain vindication of justice, humanity and right."

"He has been patriotic with a patriotism that has never wavered, a patriotism that is as pure and strong as the faith that moved the fathers when they made our country free."

"One name represents the triumph of American principles over the hosts of darkness and death—the name of Woodrow Wilson, President and President to be."

D. A. R. to Fence Milestone.

The Fairfax County Chapter, D. A. R., has included in an iron fence one of the historic milestones that surround the original District of Columbia, and will celebrate this event by appropriate exercises on Saturday at 3:30 o'clock. Fred Woodward and prominent members of the D. A. R. will take part in the exercises.

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