

Harding's Declaration of Republican Principles; Democrats Scored

OHIO SENATOR MAKES A STIRRING APPEAL FOR RE-UNION; COUNTRY IS WEARIED OF DEMOCRATIC MISTAKES

Administration's Foreign Policy in Europe Has Been Failure—Mexican Situation Developed into the Greatest Fiasco in History, He Declares.

Excerpts From Senator Harding's Address.

We did not do very well in making for harmony the last time we met. The country has regretted, let us not regret, the mistakes of our country. We split over methods of party procedure and preferred personalities.

Republican principles are in a vast majority in this country—the banners of harmony are unfurled. We have witnessed the comeback of our party in various states. No apology has been asked, no foreswearing required. This is not the time of recrimination, it is the day of reconstruction.

Everything is abnormal except the depleted condition of the Federal Treasury, which is characteristic of Democratic control, and the facility of the administration for writing varied notes without effective notice.

The world had previously heard the voice of American fearlessness, and all the conditions single us out for leadership among the neutral powers, but the administration at Washington spoke with more rhetoric than action, and we came to realize that the warring powers soon came to know that the official American voice lacked the volume of determined expression that once demanded international heed and we lacked the strength of confidence in our own defenses.

Let no one apprehend the curse of militarism in this fair land. We declare unalterably against it. Our free citizenship, walking confidently about in the streets, is not to be brought to such a high on American institutions. There is to be no surrender of cherished ideals.

There is no geographic modification of American rights. They are the same in Mexico that they are in the high seas, they are the same in Europe that they are in Asia, and are sacred everywhere, and the American spirit demands their fullest protection.

Whatever the ultimate solution may be, history will write Mexico as the title to the humiliating record of the greatest fiasco in our foreign relations.

Under the pretext of non-interference the Democratic administration miserably meddled. In the same of peace that same administration encouraged revolution, and the cost of American sacrifices was charged to needless war on Huerta, where the real American expenditure required only the voice of authority demanding protection to American rights.

The gates to our ports have swung inward ever since. We are an inseparable and important and valued part of our American citizenship, and the few zealots of any origin who violate our neutrality do not, and can not, impugn the loyalty or the American patriotism of that great body which adds to the swelling chorus of "My Country 'tis of thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Justice points the way through the safe channel of neutrality. There are dangers, seeming or real, looming on every side, but we should feel secure along the course marked by international law and our own conscientious convictions of American rights. "Straight Ahead" shall be the command.

I shall not say that it is ours to have the greatest navy in the world, but noting the elimination of distance and the passing of our one-time isolation, we ought to have a navy that fears none in the world and can say anytime and anywhere—these are American rights and must be respected.

Gentlemen of the Convention:

It is good to greet this representative body of that American Republic on which is centered the high hopes of the republic. I can believe that you will be a vast majority of the people of our United States is expecting the party sponsors here assembled to write anew the sacred covenant of our American citizenship, and to consecrate the party to the nation's service and the people's advancement. That same majority expects you to select a standard-bearer who shall not only typify our expression of faith but shall also enlist the confidence and trust of our American citizenship that the work of this convention will be confirmed and carried out at the ballot-box next November.

The country, wearied fresh by a disappointing and distressing Democratic administration, and calling for Republican relief, and that is every inspiration, every encouragement, every confidence that the light of Republican conscience, set aflame in this convention, will illumine the way to the country's restoration.

Let Us Forget 1912.

We did not do very well in making for harmony the last time we met. The country has regretted, let us not regret, the mistakes of our country. We split over methods of party procedure and preferred personalities. Let us forget the differences, and find new inspiration and new companionship in an united endeavor to restore the country.

The essential principles of Republicanism are unchanging and unchangeable; the lofty intent, the indelible soul and the undying spirit of Republicanism are as dominant today as in the distant beginning sixty years ago, or at any time during the intervening years, and they are emphasized today by the proof recorded to Republican credit in the matchless chapters of American progress.

Principles are Abiding.

No political party ever has builded or ever can build permanently except in conscientious devotion to abiding principles. Time never alters a fundamental truth. Conditions do change, popular interest is self-adjusting, and circumstances are ever shifting, but the Democratic party will bear witness, but the essentials of constructive government and attending progress are abiding and unchanging.

For example, we ought to be as genuinely American today as when the founding fathers flung their immortal defiance in the face of old-world oppressions and dedicated new republic to liberty and justice. We ought to be as prepared for defense as Washington urged amid the anxieties of our national beginning, and Grant confirmed amid the calm reflections of union restored.

Party Solidarity.

It is not my understanding that the remarks of the temporary chairman are to be taken as an expression of the party faith. Such expression must come from this convention, made up of delegates who believe in the representative government through the agency of political parties. You come directly from the people, commissioned to speak their hopes and aspirations to utter their patriotic address and pledge their abiding faith. Out of the convictions and judgment and wisdom as expressed by the majority will come the sacred and sincere covenant of the Republican party.

We are a voluntary organization and must find our strength in the endorsement of volunteers who find the nearest or best expression of their individual convictions in our party declarations, and there can be no reason for withdrawal if our declarations fall short of their approval. But I am old-fashioned enough to believe that in a popular government party success and duty capacity for service to the nation rests in the willing pledge of the vast majority of the willing people.

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HE'S TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN AT G. O. P. NATIONAL CONVENTION.



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Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, who urged the republicans to reunite for victory at the polls.

ed in deadly quarrel. Everything is abnormal except the depleted condition of the federal treasury, which is characteristic of Democratic control, and the facility of the administration for writing varied notes without effective notice.

Unarmed America. Amid these conditions has stood this unarmed giant typifying the American republic, neutral and sane, to whom the neutral nations have turned for leadership. Our national unselfishness has been proven, our devotion to humanity had been established, our commitment to international justice had long been proclaimed. The world had previously heard the voice of American fearlessness, and all the conditions single us out for leadership among the neutral powers, but the administration at Washington spoke with more rhetoric than resolution, and we came to realize that the warring powers soon came to know that the official American voice lacked the volume of determined expression that once demanded international heed and we lacked the strength of confidence in our own defenses.

It is too early to estimate the debt and purpose of a new defense program with civilization. Out of measureless cost and inestimable heroism must come a rebirth of individual and national spirit, and a new patriotism, which hopes new liberties and new bastions in patriotism which must prove some compensation. But we have seen resolution and we suggest the mind which clothed man's primitive instincts with the more formidable elements of genius and more formidable because that, intoxicated with power or impelled by the desire for conquest, offending or defending, contradicting every evidence of mankind's humane advancement. In the name of our civilization, we have refined by boisterous and hatred, barbarities of primitive man, and the seal of obsolescence is not yet stamped upon the warrior's sword.

Perhaps it is a reminder more than a discovery, but there has come to us a conviction that this great nation, rich in resources and strong in patriotic mood, and our country concerning its own defense. We have dwelt in fancied rather than real security. Pride mingles with regret in this, because a new political decade and a nation so free from intended offense that there was no cultivated thought of needed defense. Our righteousness is portrayed in our trust in unarmed safety. But there is a warning in bleeding Europe, and there is call today for prudent, patriotic and ample national defense. There is no mistake in the sentiment. We are not thinking of the hysterical, we need not be moved by a preparedness which is partisan in conception, and means not believe in the defense program inspired by those who would wax fat in the production of arms and munitions, because there is none. I deplore the teaching that an anxiety about our national defense is inspired by greed. We rejoice in free speech and free press and untrammeled opinion, but patriotism is illy promoted by the imputation of false motives whether aimed at those who believe in defense or those who doubt its wisdom. Such a teaching tends the conduct of a new defense is inspired by a worse peril from within than from any enemy without.

Though we do not pretend to be exclusive in our devotion, we Republicans believe, sincerely and soberly, in adequate national defense. We have always believed in an ample navy, as inevitably in modern times, as John Paul Jones builded in our freedom's earliest fight. We have in mind a protected commerce on the waters, and a seacoast secure in strong naval defense. We were building to high rank among naval powers which the industrial party interrupted, and we subscribe to a stronger commitment now, because of our realization of the menace which our weak navy and our commerce invite, and a new appreciation of our commanding place in the affairs of the world. I shall not say that it is ours to have the greatest navy in the world, but noting the elimination of distance and the passing of our one-time isolation, we ought to have a navy that fears none in the world, and can say anytime and anywhere—these are American rights and must be respected.

Economy in Security. It is not for me to specify the provisions for naval defense. Since modern warfare is in large part a conflict of brains, the naval defense must be devised in highest intelligence. Let us strengthen every arm—air, sea, land, and air—so that we may be able to meet any emergency. Let us remember that the Republican policies afford the ample means without needless burdens upon the citizen, whatever his activity, know

upon this policy. The Republican convention of 1912, which gave to the nation and all history the nomination of Lincoln, made this simple and ample utterance:

"That, while providing revenue for the support of the General Government by duties upon imports, sound policy requires such an adjustment of these imports as to encourage the development of the industrial interests of the whole country; and we commend that policy of national exchange which secures to the working men of the United States the highest remunerating prices, to mechanics and manufacturers an adequate reward for their skill, labor, and enterprise, and to the nation commercial prosperity and independence."

We might fittingly reiterate that utterance today. The failure of revenue under existing Democratic policy processes resort to the imposition of direct and offensive taxation—war taxes on a people at peace—meet deficiencies which ever attend Democratic control, the depression and disaster which followed Democratic revision, which were relieved rather than caused by the European war—these argue the Republican restoration.

Temporary Prosperity. No one disputes a temporary prosperity in our land today. But it is sectional in its factory aspect, abnormal in its favored rush, fictitious in its essentials, and perverting in its tendency. Worse, it is the gold sluiced from the river of blood, poured out by the horrifying millions of our fellowmen. God forbid that we should boast a prosperity wrought in such waste of human life. We had rather rejoice in the prosperity of our fellowmen, and we had rather fortune won from the world as it stands erect, in a fair contest, where men openly contend for the laurels of valour, than in the prosperity of our own people, which is the result of our wits in competition with the world."

For we tried that, and involuntarily we have seen the results of our production and severing thousands from American pay rolls. There was no cut in the cost of living but a visible hole at the capacity to live. The Democratic party once hauled down the flag which had been unfurled in honor in the Pacific and met rebuke at the first popular presidential election. No administration which hauls down the flag and none which proposes to haul it down

conversion of nature's abundance into the necessities of our daily life or participates in the ways and means of their transportation and exchange. Far better a high cost of living and ability to buy than a lowering of cost attended by destruction of purchasing capacity.

The Cost of Living. It is worth while to recall the magnified importance given to the high cost of living four years ago; first, to emphasize Democracy's failure to reduce it, though it risked and almost accomplished the ruin of our good fortune in attempting to do so; second, to declare there is no such thing. What was thought to be the high cost were only the higher demands and the larger capacity to buy, which were the natural reflexes of the higher standard of living reared under Republican protection.

The one notable advance in cost has profited the American farmer, for whose bettering share in good fortune we have stood unflinchingly and sincerely. His reward is a Republican achievement, and we prefer to cling to the conditions which brought to agriculture its delayed but deserved reward and hold it secure in Republican maintenance of a home market un-matched in all the world. More, we want our basic prosperity to be home-created and home-sustained, and not dependent on conditions abroad which we can not control. We want that American industry can boast with any in all the world, under like conditions. But we also boast a condition, created through isolation and maintained by protection, wherein the rate of American wages is twice or thrice to ten times that of old-world competition. Reducing the wages of the world, as we are as fit to lead in doing so, would be to fix the newer guaranties of liberty and independence; but we Republicans do not mean to lower our scales to effect the leveling of wages to the world measurements raised to our heights. Until it is done we shall cling to American wages for American workmen, and we shall hold the American product and hold the Republican guaranty of our material good fortune.

Democratic Repentance. The nation's broadest confidence in Democratic party at home are bearing witness to Republican wisdom. German industrial self-reliance is the sequence of her adoption of the tariff and protection, and England's manifest conversion to this fostering policy will magnify the prophetic wisdom of Republican protectionists. Even the Democratic party is repentant now and makes confession in action if not in words. The proposed destruction of American sugar has been repealed, and simulated a tariff commission to restore the tariff commission which it had hastened to destroy.

This change of attitude is not because of its great and manifest love of commission alone, but because failure is written across every paragraph of Democratic revision and fear is haunting the White House. The Wilson administration has sensed the country's anxiety about industrial conditions when the revelry in munitions and the impositions granted by the tariff commission which it had hastened to destroy.

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ever can succeed itself in directing the affairs of the American people. Our widened relationship. One century of marvellous development has led us into another century of international sponsorship. This mighty people, identifying popular progress, can no longer live within and for ourselves alone. Obliterated

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