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Senator Wolcott Felicitates the
National Convention

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He Says The Party's Record Is
Spotless and Clean.

Pays a Glowing Tribute to the
McKinley Administration.

Philadelphia, June 19.—Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, in taking up the gavel spoke today as follows:

WOLCOTT'S SPEECH.
Since the first party convention in these United States there has never been a more auspicious gathering under such hopeful and auspicious circumstances as those which surround today's. United, proud, and confident of the past four years, our country prospers and happy, with nothing to regret and nothing to be ashamed of, with a record spotless and clean, the Republican party stands facing the dawn, confident that the ticket it shall present will command public approval and that the declaration of its principles and its purposes, it will win the aspirations and hopes of the vast majority of American freemen.

We need no omen but our country's cause, yet there is significance in the fact that the convention is assembled in this historic and beautiful city, where we first assumed territorial responsibilities, when our fathers, a century ago, proclaimed the immortal Declaration of Independence.

The spirit of justice and liberty that animated them found voice three-quarters of a century ago in the words of our Brotherly Love, when Fremont led the heroic force of united patriots, who laid the foundation of our country's greatness but human freedom as its cornerstone. It compelled our ears to listen to the words of our fathers, and we have observed the law of nations and maintain

land's administration we had paid \$20 millions of the national debt; he added \$200 millions to his burdens. He found a country in a state of chaos, with no money and our president flitted to meet the requirements of our necessary expenditures; to furnish the needed protection to our farmers and manufacturers, and to insure the steady and remunerative employment of those who labor. Instead of permitting manufacture and commerce that repose and stability of law which are essential for economic conditions, he at once recommended violent and arbitrary measures, which his provisions, recommendations which his party in congress proceeded partially and hesitatingly to enact. The result of his policy is still fresh in the memory of millions who suffered from it. One hundred and seven million dollars, with a mileage of 45,000 miles, or twice the circle of the globe, and with securities mounting up to three billion dollars, were unable to meet their interest charges, and passed into the hands of the banks, which closed their doors, with liabilities reaching millions upon millions. The farm products which were sold at a loss of ten millions in value; farm mortgages were foreclosed by thousands throughout the great west; our agricultural exports shrank in value; the balance of trade was against us; our credit was ruined; our treasury was depleted of its gold and silver; our bonds were sold at a price far below their market value before or since, and our steadily declining revenues were insufficient to meet the necessary expenses of conducting the government. If capital alone had sufficed, the loss would have been great, but not irreparable. Unfortunately those who rely upon their daily labor for their sustenance, and their families depend upon them, constituting the great mass of the American people, were made to feel the full burden of the disaster. Nearly one-third of the laboring population of the United States were thrown out of employment, and men by thousands, able and willing to labor, walked the highways in search of work. The four years of commercial misfortune enabled our industries to meet, in a measure, these changes and deplorable conditions. But when President McKinley was inaugurated the country was in a state more deplorable than ever existed in its generation.

Facing these difficulties, the president immediately convened the legislature, convened congress in extra session, and in a message of force and lucidity, summarized the legislation essential to our national prosperity. The industrial history of the United States for the first time is recorded in the tribute to the wisdom of his judgment. It is quickly epitomized.

The tariff measures, under which we are now operating, were passed by an unusual volume of importations based upon common knowledge that certain duties were to be lowered because of the popular demand that duties on many of the necessities of life should be reduced, and that the tariff should be directed to the protection and promotion of our industries and our farmers. The tariff provisions of the law of 1890, higher than any other tariff, were increased in the revenue provisions of the McKinley tariff. The result of these facts tending to reduce income, the revenues from the Dingley bill marched steadily to the front, and our national income exceeded our normal expenditure, and we passed from a condition of threatened insolvency to one of national solvency.

This tells but a small fraction of the story. Under the wise provisions of our president, the country prospered, and afforded to capital by a renewal of public confidence, trade commenced to revive, and the country began to feel the benefits of the McKinley tariff. The first and foremost of our great necessities, labor found employment at fair wages, our exports increased, and the country began to feel the benefits of the McKinley tariff. The first and foremost of our great necessities, labor found employment at fair wages, our exports increased, and the country began to feel the benefits of the McKinley tariff.

Senator Wolcott, today's Temporary Chairman, said that neutrality which we owe to a great and friendly government, the same spirit lives today in the feeling of sympathy we cherish for the brave men who are fighting for the cause of freedom in South Africa. It prompts us in our determination to give to the dusky races of the world the same rights and privileges that we demand for ourselves. It prompts us to support the rights of the colored man in the south, and to stand by the rights of the oppressed in every part of the world. It prompts us to support the rights of the oppressed in every part of the world.

Four years ago the Republican party at St. Louis named a ticket which commanded the confidence of the American people. If bore the names of two eminent Americans, each endeavored by years of loyal service to his country and his party. No whisper of personal attack intruded upon the national issues which determined the fate of the country. A double safeguard for the country's welfare. Every true American knew that if the Republican party were elected, the leader should be called from his high office, there stood beside him a statesman of the highest rank, and whose name would be a guarantee of the highest quality of the administration. The Republican party was elected, and the country prospered. The Republican party was elected, and the country prospered.

So many events of great portent have been crammed into the past months, that it is almost impossible to do justice to the work of this administration. The work of the administration is a work of peace and stability, and of the highest quality. The work of the administration is a work of peace and stability, and of the highest quality.

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