

Remarkable Address By the Hon. C. N. Fowler

Delivered Before the Republican Club of Orange, N. J., on Lincoln's Birthday.

THEORIES ARE NATION'S CURSE

President Is Out of Touch With People's Needs.

FOWLER PRESCRIBES CURE.

Brighter Days Will Dawn For America When Republican Replaces Wilson In White House in March, 1917. Washington Seeks to Blame Its Own Faults on the War, Ex-Congressman Says.

There are some few people in the country, at least one person, who is saying that business is looking up, and in a sense this is true, for business is so flat on its back that it can't look any other way than that.

In a similar sense, the danger to the country is now so great and the condition of millions of our fellow citizens is so serious that every patriotic man is compelled to think soberly of his country and most solicitously about his countrymen.

In what I shall say I hope I shall be able to impart to you in some slight degree at least the deep and abiding conviction I feel that the true author, the real source of our ultimate national disaster, the complete freedom and perfect independence of the American citizen, is Abraham Lincoln.

When the pilgrims touched Plymouth rock on that bleak morning of Dec. 21, 1620, a nation was conceived.

On the 4th of July, 1776, after 136 years of travail, the cry of the new-born nation was first heard in the immortal Declaration of Independence.

Through more than ten long weary, weary, weary years of war, struggle, hunger, incomparable sacrifice and glorious achievement the governmental garment of this nation was in the weaving and the making. In 1780 the rules for the conduct of the life of this nation, the constitution which Gladstone said was "the most remarkable instrument ever struck off by man at a single point of time," took definite form and was ready to clothe the nation which was still struggling with the tangle and environments of thirteen different state governments.

On the first Wednesday in March 1789, these thirteen states merged their individual lives into the being of the nation to the full extent that was essential to the life and preservation of the perpetuity of the Union.

The nation had been born and clothed with power to speak and act in part among the nations and in the great historical drama of the world.

The More "Perfect Union" Established.

The people of America had expressed themselves, not only in a spiritual living nationality, but in a perfectly unified, definite, concrete, constitutional government, through which its national aspirations and purposes were to be realized. The people of America had become the American people. The nationality of the people of America had become the American nationality, because unified and independent of all the rest of the world.

And yet, complete and perfect as the unification and independence of the American people then seemed to have been wrought out through persecution, sacrifice, noble impulse, aspiration, hope, exaltation, endeavor and prophetic wisdom, both the union of the states and the liberty of the people were to be subjected to the severest tests that human greed could possibly devise.

The discussion, the debate upon the perpetuity of the Union as a constitutional question culminated in those inspiring, those immortal words of Daniel Webster, "Liberty and union now and forever, one and inseparable." But the fatal controversy still went on, and the Union was to be preserved only through the crucible of the great civil war under the guidance of that divinely appointed man, that divinely inspired man, that man now of all the ages, that man of all men since the dawn of time, save only one, the Son of Man, that God given man, that God gifted man was Abraham Lincoln.

May this Union, so saved and so divinely dedicated to the American people—yes, let us hope so divinely dedicated to the whole human race—endure to the end of time, that we as a nation may not only prove worthy of our political independence, but also illustrate in our citizenship that the very soul of independence is in the freedom of man, for freedom is the eternal right of man to be himself, to be his highest, his noblest, his most efficient, his very best, his truly happiest self, which can only be secured through the industrial independence of the nation and the complete co-operation of the whole people, each citizen being able to contribute the most his peculiar talents or ability makes possible to our national prosperity and our national life.

Vision of the Founders.

The founders of this government clearly comprehended our mission as a nation and apprehended with the keenest appreciation that our industrial independence was the counterpart

of our political independence—indeed, that it was the very soul of our national life and the only sure road to true national glory.

They saw that it was necessary not only that we should be free from other nations politically, but independent of them as well. This was borne in on our forefathers by the fact that England had decreed that we should not establish manufactures here, by "cutting off our trade with all parts of the world" and by taking from us all our gold and silver through an adverse balance of trade, which they carefully maintained by exchanging their manufactured products for our raw material. Being poor indeed, we had no power to overcome their policy. They determined that we should be "mere hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Country Suffers From Business Depression While Administration Talks "Psychology."

Complete Independence.

A nation may be politically free from all other nations and yet the people of that nation be industrially the slaves of the other nations.

Confronted with these facts and this one great fundamental truth, Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and that matchless coterie of men who surrounded them proceeded immediately to construct an economic system for the newly born nation. Preparation for such a system had been made by the framers of the constitution, who outlined their purpose in its preamble and the powers it conferred on congress.

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

And the power of congress shall be extended in article 1, section 8, of the constitution, which provides:

Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.

The very first act passed by these men, who had been the controlling influence in creating the constitution in pursuance of the purpose of the framers of the constitution after providing for the manner of taking the oath of office, was a great protective tariff measure which was prefaced with these words:

Where it is necessary for the support of the government, the discharge of the debts of the United States and the encouragement and protection of manufactures that duties be laid upon goods, wares and merchandise imported; now, therefore, be it enacted, etc.

Why the Democrats Win Once in a Generation.

During four or five presidential terms generation after generation of young men come upon the scene who are pregnant with long exploded theories and the vainest possible sort of ambition, men who have never soted the ashes of a free trade confederation, men who want to start something, men who want a change just for a change's sake. They have forgotten those telling, those graphic words of James Russell Lowell which so fittingly describe our experience with Democratic administrations: He said: "A change just for a change's sake is like living at a hotel where they shuffle the plates and live on smells."

It is not strange, therefore, that it seems to take the American people just twenty years to forget what the Democratic party did to them. Nor is it at all strange that it takes the people only two years to remember what the Republican party did for them.

Why the Democrats Win Once in a Generation.

It is not a fact that when an American citizen living in Mexico appealed to Secretary Bryan for protection the secretary of state rebuffed him with this contemptible interogatory: "Why did you leave your own country anyway?"

It is not a fact that when complaint was made to Secretary Bryan with regard to abominable outrages committed upon women by the followers of Carranza and Villa the secretary of state only replied by retorting that he had information that "the followers of Huerta had committed similar outrages on two American women from Iowa."

How long, O Lord, how long, shall such things be permitted to continue in the name of peace?

Dreadful as war is, terrible as war is, horrible as war is, awful as war is, there are some things worse even than war! And one of the things that is worse than war is a contemptible, a dishonorable, an ignominious peace at any price. The war of the Revolution, the war of the rebellion, great as was the sacrifice, precious as was the price, were worth more, incomparably more, infinitely more, than all they cost. The very best, the very richest part, the very soul of our American civilization, has been purchased at the price of war. And yet who would recall, if he could, a single deed of valor and sacrifice? They are the richest heritage and the most glorious and all impelling forces in the character building of this nation. Without these two great world history making wars we would have had no Father of His Country; we would have had no Washington, whose mighty character moved over and stirred the political depths of all the nations of the earth; we would have had no savior of this republic; we would have had no Lincoln, whose immortal spirit fills the upper air and will permeate all political thought to the end of time with his sense of right, justice and humanity.

Popular Government in the South.

It is not a fact that the president had no more right to interfere in Mexico because "80 per cent of the people of Mexico never have a look-in in determining who should be their governor or what their government should be" than he has to interfere in Russia because of its form of government or in China because no one has a look-in there except Yuan Chi or than England has to interfere in Mississippi because the colored people have no look-in in determining who should be their governor or what their government should be.

The colored people of Mississippi are as completely eliminated from a participation in their government as the Indians in Mexico; indeed, more so. It took only 36,000 votes to elect eight congressmen in Mississippi in 1914, but it took 281,002 votes to elect the congressmen from the first eight districts of New Jersey, or nearly eight times as many votes to elect a congressman in New Jersey as in Mississippi.

The president says in his Indianapolis speech:

Now there is one thing that I have a great deal of enthusiasm about, I might almost say a reckless enthusiasm, and that is human liberty.

While this raging passion; this "reckless enthusiasm" for "human liberty" is rushing through the president's soul, why does he not do something to give political liberty to the colored voters of Mississippi and the other southern states? Why does he not at least give some vent to this boiling, seething sentiment for "human liberty" lost there because such an explosion of his passion for "human liberty" as to deprive the Democratic party of a candidate in 1917?

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