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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Wicked Democrats are Destroying the Country, Only the G. O. P. can Save it.

Following is the major portion, the most important sections in full, of the platform adopted by the national Republican convention at Chicago last week:

"In 1861 the Republican party stood for the Union. As it stood for the union of States it now stands for an united people true to American ideals, loyal to American traditions, knowing no allegiance except to the constitution, to the government and to the flag of the United States. We believe in American policies at home and abroad.

"We declare that we believe in and will enforce the protection of every American citizen in all the rights secured to him by the constitution, treaties, and the law of nations, at home and abroad, by land and sea. These rights, which in violation of the specific promise of their party made at Baltimore in 1912, the Democratic President and the Democratic Congress have failed to defend, we will unflinchingly maintain.

"We desire peace, the peace of justice and right, and believe in maintaining a straight and honest neutrality between the belligerents in the great war in Europe. We must perform all our duties and insist upon all our rights as neutrals without fear and without favor. We believe that peace and neutrality as well as the dignity and influence of the United States cannot be preserved by shifty expedients, by phrase-making, by performances in language, or by attitudes ever changing in an effort to secure groups of voters. The present administration has destroyed our influence abroad and humiliated us in our own eyes.

The Republican party believes that a firm consistent and courageous foreign policy, always maintained by Republican Presidents in accordance with American traditions, is the best, and it is the only sure way to preserve our peace and restore us to our rightful place among the nations. We believe in the pacific settlement of international disputes and favor the establishment of a world court for that purpose.

"We deeply sympathize with the 15,000,000 people of Mexico who for three years have seen their country devastated, their homes destroyed, their fellow citizens murdered and their women outraged, by armed bands of desperadoes led by self-seeking, conscienceless agitators who, when temporarily in any locality have neither sought nor been able to restore order or establish and maintain peace.

We express our horror and indignation at the outrages which have been and are being perpetrated by these bandits upon American men and women who were or are in Mexico by invitation of the laws and of the government of that country, and whose rights to security of person and property are guaranteed by solemn treaty obligations. We denounce the indefensible methods of interference employed by this administration in the internal affairs of Mexico and refer with shame to its failure to discharge the duty of this country as next friend to Mexico, duty to other powers who have relied upon us as such friend, and and its duty to our citizens in Mexico, in permitting the continuance of such conditions, first by failure to act promptly and firmly, and second, by lending its influence to the continuation of such conditions through recognition of one of the factions re-

sponsible for these outrages.

"We pledge our aid in restoring order and maintaining peace in Mexico. We promise to our citizens on and near our border, and to those in Mexico, wherever they may be found, adequate and absolute protection in their lives, liberty and property.

"In order to maintain our peace and make certain the security of our people in our own borders, the country must have not only adequate but thorough and complete national defence, ready for any emergency. We must have a sufficient and effective regular army and a provision for ample reserves, already drilled and disciplined, who can be called at once to the colors when the hour of danger comes.

"We must have a navy strong and so well-portioned and equipped, so thoroughly ready and prepared that no enemy can gain command of the sea and effect a landing in force on either our western or our eastern coast. To secure these results we must have a coherent and continuous policy of national defence, which even in these perilous days the Democratic party has utterly failed to develop, but which we promise to give to the country.

"The Republican party stands now as always, in the fullest sense for the policy of tariff protection to American industries and American labor and does not regard an anti-dumping provision as an adequate substitute."

"Through wise tariff and industrial legislation our industries can be so organized that they will become not only a commercial bulwark but a powerful aid to national defence.

The Underwood tariff act is denounced as a failure. It is charged that under it imports have enormously increased in spite of the fact

intercourse with foreign nations has been largely cut off by reason of the war while the revenues of which we stand in such dire need have been greatly reduced."

"The Republican party has long believed in the rigid supervision and strict regulation of the transportation and great corporations of the country.

"The Republican party firmly believes that all who violate the laws in regulation of business should be individually punished. But prosecution is very different from persecution, and business success, no matter how honestly attained, is apparently regarded by the Democratic party as in itself a crime.

Such doctrines and beliefs choke enterprise and stifle prosperity. The Republican party believes in encouraging business and will seek to advance all American interests.

"Favor the payment to ships engaged in the foreign trade of liberal compensation for services actually rendered in carrying the mails, and such further legislation as will build up an adequate American merchant marine, and give us ships which may be requisitioned by the government in time of national

emergency.

"We are utterly opposed to the government ownership of vessels as proposed by the Democratic party because

government owned ships, while effectively preventing the development of the American merchant marine by private capital, will be entirely unable to provide for the vast volume of American freight's and will leave us more helpless than ever in the hard grip of foreign syndicates.

"The entire transportation system of the country has become essentially national. We, therefore, favor such action by legislation, or, if necessary, through an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as will result in placing it under exclusive Federal control.

"We pledge the Republican party to the faithful enforcement of the Federal laws passed for the protection of labor. We favor vocational education; the enactment and rigid enforcement of a Federal child labor law; the enactment

of a generous and comprehensive workmen's compensation law, within the commerce power of Congress, and an accident compensation law covering all government employees.

"The Republic party reaffirms its faith in government of the people, by the people, for the people, as a measure of justice to one-half the adult people of this country, favors the extension of the suffrage to women but recognizes the right of each State to settle this question for itself."

Other planks reaffirm the party's approval of the Monroe doctrine, and the Philippine policy inaugurated by President McKinley, favor an effective system of rural credits and the extension of the rural delivery system; declare for economy in the national government and the establishment of the budget system; advocate conservation of the nation's natural resources; and pledge reorganization of the civil service along the lines of efficiency and economy.

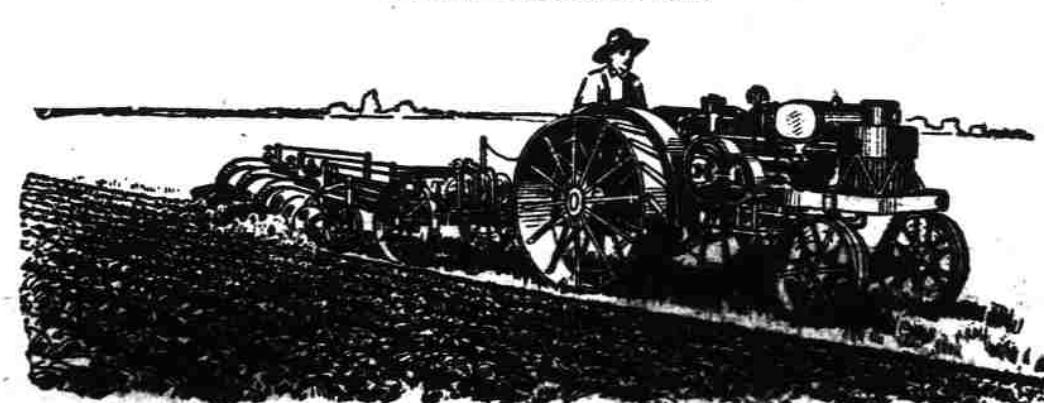
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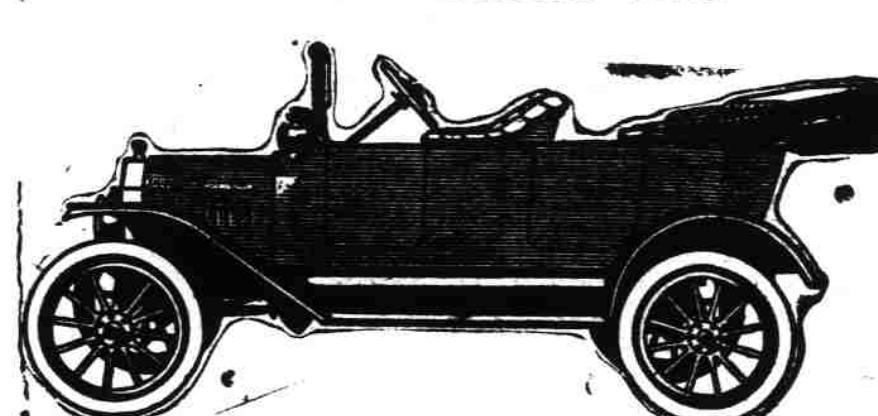
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