

Canal Tolls Debate in the House

CHAMP CLARK'S SPEECH

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The democratic leaders of this house led in the long, bitter and successful fight in the sixty-first congress which elected a democratic house in 1910 and set in motion the forces which put a democratic president in the White House, gave us a democratic senate and a democratic majority of 144 in this house. It is a proud record, and yet the New York World has the gall to charge that those same leaders are trying to split the democracy. I can stand here now and point out 50 or 60 men who would never have sat within these historic walls had not the democrats and insurgents made that fight in the sixty-first congress.

DENOUNCED AS SLANDER

Farther along in the aforesaid World article occurs this passage: "The ship subsidyists are seeking to spring a great surprise when the vote is taken. When debate upon the repeal is finally opened on the floor they hope to uncover one trump card that will turn the tide of defeat."

"This trump card is to be Speaker Champ Clark. Thus far Mr. Clark has carefully avoided stating his position on the question. The World correspondent learned today that Mr. Clark is wavering against repeal. He did not vote when the bill was passed originally, and therefore he has none of the fears of changing his vote that appear to be uppermost in the minds of many democratic politicians."

"The ship subsidy interests hope to get Mr. Clark to make a thundering speech against repeal. If he can be induced to come out and announce that he is in favor of 'nailing the Stars and Stripes to the canal,' as one anti-repeal man expressed it today, some members believe many votes may be changed."

"With Mr. Clark, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Kitchen urging their followers to oppose the bill, it is conceded that a most remarkable spectacle will be staged upon the floor of the house."

That is another base and false insinuation. If any man here believes that slander, let him stand up here and now, so that he may be seen by these hundreds of witnesses.

In another World article those of us who stand for American rights as against British domination are assailed for "bolting the president." Merciful God! What an idiotic phrase! I have heard of men bolting platforms and bolting nominees, but whoever heard of anybody bolting a man in office?

We are denounced by the plutocratic World as bolters because we stand by the platform, which surely is an astounding way to bolt.

I refuse absolutely to have my democracy measured by the weather-cock World.

DEMOCRATIC ALL HIS LIFE

I have been a democrat all my life. I expect to die in that faith. I never bolted a democratic nominee or platform in my life. When I was a boy down in the Kentucky hills, there was prevalent a disease called "intermittent fever"—that is, the fever came up every other day. The plutocratic World is an "intermittent democrat."

The World's insinuation that I am influenced by ship subsidies is too contemptible for consideration. Everybody, including the World, knows that from my first entrance here I have fought all ship subsidy propositions tooth and nail. On one occasion I led the fight which de-

feated a ship-subsidy proposition by one vote.

Not satisfied with the foregoing slanders, it attributes the fact that I am standing on the Baltimore platform to the fact that I have not forgotten the Baltimore convention. How can I forget a performance which nobody else in America seems able to forget, including the New York World? It, along with every editor in America who hopes to be ambassador, minister plenipotentiary consul general, or to hold some other fat and juicy job, has been endeavoring to place me in antagonism to the president even since the election. These papers declare that I am opposing this surrender to Great Britain as an opening gun in my campaign for president in 1916. It may surprise these obsequious courtiers to know that I never hinted to any human being that I would be a presidential candidate in 1916; and that I am not a candidate. Consequently their slander has been a gratuitous mental degradation.

It will surprise these limber-backed incense swingers still more to know what I have uniformly told those who have suggested my candidacy in 1916, and it is this: "If President Wilson makes a success of his administration he will be re-nominated and re-elected in 1916; but if he makes a failure, which God forbid! the nomination will not be worth having."

ENTERTAINS NO ILL-WILL

I never entertained the slightest ill-will toward the president about the Baltimore convention. I wish him well. I did all I could to elect him, far more than some of those who so vociferously and fulsomely praise him now and for whom deep down in his heart he must entertain supreme contempt. I have steadfastly supported him until we are called upon to bolt the platform. I absolutely refuse to do any such thing.

One more word on this head: I do not believe that the fact that I lead on twenty-nine ballots at Baltimore, receiving a clear majority on nine, and that I got a majority of over 300,000 over the president in primary elections where he and I competed, precludes me from discharging my duty or exercising my rights as a representative in congress and as speaker of the house to stand up for America against Great Britain.

Finally, the New York World says that I am to be defeated for speaker as punishment for "bolting the president." So be it. The World tried to beat me for re-election to the speakership; but nevertheless I received every vote in the democratic caucus. At that rate I would be older than Methuselah before it will defeat me.

The New York Sun practically nominates the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. Sherley) for speaker. Here is its exact language: "Reports have it that already the 'little leaders'—"

Now, I resent for my distinguished friends the title of 'little leaders'; they are big-bore leaders; but the Sun says:

"Reports have it that already the 'little leaders' have decided that Representative Carter Glass of Virginia would be a good man for floor leader, and that Representative Swager Sherley of Kentucky would make an ideal speaker."

Kentucky has furnished many speakers—among them the greatest of them all, Henry Clay, 'Harry of the West,' 'the Millboy of the Slashes,' who through his long career of mingled victory and defeat was

followed by a great multitude of Americans who loved him with the intensity and enthusiasm of the old guard for Napoleon.

It has been often wondered why this marvelous man was elected speaker on his first day of service in the house. Some months ago I searched it out. For years the British had been committing gross outrages upon our ships and seamen, and the American people rose in protest against it. The administration was not disposed to force redress. So in 1811 Henry Clay, in the prime of his splendid powers, came over the mountains loudly demanding that the wrongs and outrages on our shipping and our sailors be redressed. The people were with him, the house was with him and he was triumphantly elected. He is one of the immortals.

I have this to say: The fact that I am making this fight for our platform pledges may end my public career. There are many things worse than being defeated for congress or defeated for the speakership or even worse than to be defeated for the presidency, and one of them is to repudiate the platform on which you are elected.

NOT NECESSARY TO HAPPINESS

I can be happy without the presidency. I can be happy without the speakership. The happiest hours of my congressional life were spent on the floor of the house engaging freely in the parliamentary struggles, great and small, which rage in this large and energetic body. If my constituents who have stood by me with unshaken fidelity should retire me to private life, I can still be happy in the love and affection of my wife and children, in my books and in cultivating flowers and trees.

One thing dead sure, when I do go out of public life, whether next year or twenty years hence, it will be with my integrity unimpaired and my self-respect intact. I will not leave my children much property, but I will leave them the rich legacy of a good name, which King Solomon says is more precious than rubies.

Why have the plutocratic World and others of its kind made these false statements, these base insinuations, these ugly threats? To bully and browbeat me into helping to do an un-American thing—an utterly unjustifiable thing—a thing which will excite the scorn and derision of the civilized world. It cannot be done. I have sense enough to know my duty, and courage enough to do it as becomes a members of this house and the speaker thereof.

I have no criticism to make on the democrats who are going to vote for repeal. I have co-operated with them so long, we have lost and won together so often, that it is with genuine sorrow that I cannot see as they see. I entertain a genuine affection for the members of this house. Some of them have said things about me which they will regret when their fever cools down, but I pass them by. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. Henry) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. Sherley) became extremely heated because I exercised the right which they reserve to themselves; that is, of voting as it seemed to me was right.

NO CRITICISM FOR OPPONENTS

I have no word of criticism for my democratic friends who are going to vote for the repeal. We have worked together too long; we have fought shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, too often; we have mourned together in defeat for sixteen years, but never were disheartened; we have rejoiced together in our victories during the last four years, and

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