

# ONE DAY AT CANTON.

## Forty Delegations with Forty Special Trains Meet at the Home of Major McKinley.

### PRONOUNCED "THE GREATEST EVENT IN POLITICAL HISTORY"

### Eleven States and Three National Organizations Send Greetings to the Republican Candidate.

### Countless Thousands Through the Streets of Canton and Listen to His Words of Patriotism.

Canton, O., Oct. 10.—The greatest political demonstration ever known was the verdict of the veteran observers of the events which occurred here today.

For weeks there has not been a day, except the Sabbath, in which Maj. McKinley has not been greeted by numerous delegations, but today was the greatest of them all.

Before daylight the special trains bearing delegations of voters from both the old political parties began rolling into the depot, and as early as 8 o'clock the impatient visitors began forming in line to march to the modest home which is now the Mecca for citizens of all states and sections, and for men of all past party affiliations. All day long delegations of cheering, shouting men from all the walks of life—workmen, merchants, ministers, workers in iron and clay and brass and steel, commercial salesmen, miners, farmers, plumbers, railroad men and grain dealers—marched to Maj. McKinley's home, and with huzzas, speech-making and hand-shaking testified their regard for him and the fealty of their states and sections to the cause which he represents.

Forty special trains were required to bring the forty separate organizations from twelve different states who sought in this single day to do honor to the candidate of the Republican party, a representative of sound money, sound financial principles and sound government.

#### TWENTY CAR LOADS.

Pennsylvania and Michigan Join in Early Honors.

Twenty car loads of people from Pennsylvania and Michigan were the first to greet Maj. McKinley's attention. They were at his door at 9 o'clock and their brief addresses and their spokesmen Mr. McKinley responded by saying:

"Your early call is an example of promptness which I trust will be followed on the 3d of November in every part of our country. The best thing in this world next to liberty is labor, and the best thing for labor is an opportunity to work. This is the opportunity for which we are all striving this year and which we hope through a change of policy in the administration of the government of the United States to enjoy to a larger degree than we have done in the past three and one-half years. What we want more than anything else in order to give this opportunity to labor is a restoration of confidence. With confidence shaken, money seeks its hiding place and goes out of the channels of business and legitimate investment and away from farming, manufacturing and mining enterprises. I do not know of a better illustration of the value of confidence to the country than is found in our own experience during the last twenty years.

#### Some Financial History.

"You will remember that this country resumed specie payments January 1, 1879. We had then \$346,000,000 of what is commonly known as greenback currency. Every dollar of that from that date was redeemable in gold upon presentation at the treasury of the United States. So great was the confidence in the people in the ability of the country that from 1879 to 1883 but 46,000,000 of dollars were presented for redemption, and the gold was taken out; \$46,000,000 in fourteen years, and yet in the last three and one-half years, since confidence has been disturbed, more than \$200,000,000 of greenbacks have been presented to the treasury of the United States and the gold taken out.

Now, if confidence had existed, if the holders of these greenbacks had not been fearful, and they were only made so because the treasury of the United States was not collecting enough money to pay its bills, that the revenues of the treasury were inadequate for public expenditures, and alarmed, as they were, they would not have sent their greenbacks in for redemption. The gold reserve was encroached upon, and from time to time we have been compelled to sustain it, to borrow gold to put into the treasury of the United States. Now, the Republican party believes it is the duty of the government first to raise enough money to run the government. We don't want any deficiencies in the public treasury, and if we have no deficiencies we will have no debts, and if we have no debts we will have no bonds, and when we have no deficiencies everybody will have confidence in the solvency of the treasury of the United States.

#### Necessity for a High Tariff.

"Then, my fellow citizens, we not only believe in raising enough money to run the government, but we believe in having a tariff upon foreign competing products high enough to protect American labor and American manufactures. We believe it is the first duty of the government of the United States to protect and defend its citizens. It is the poorest policy on the part of the government to give work to the laborer of other nations while we have idle men in the United States. Now, when we have once accomplished that, we propose to continue the good money we have in this country. We do not want any short

dollars any more than we want light weights. We are in favor of good, round 100-cent dollars with which to pay the labor of this country and measure the exchanges of the American people and we will have no other kind.

#### 1000 COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Three Great States Send Their Travelling Salesmen.

The second body of visitors was made up of commercial travelers from New York, Ohio and Indiana, and to their tumultuous greeting Maj. McKinley responded by saying:

"Nobody knows sooner than the commercial traveler whether times are good or bad. No class of men so registers the waves of business as the men who stand before me here today. You are interested in your occupations and in having prosperity extend from one end of the country to the other. You are interested in having all of our workshops running; all our mines in operation, and all our workmen constantly and profitably employed. You are, therefore, this year possibly more than ever before interested in the triumph of the political principles which envelop the well-being and highest prosperity of the American people.

"You know better than anybody else that you cannot sell your goods to your customers unless your customers can sell goods to the people. You know that the people cannot buy unless they have something to do at which they can earn money, that they may buy them. That's what is the matter with the country today. That's the diagnosis of our condition at this hour. Business has been stopped; the wheels of industry are not running; idle men are on the streets. Many of the manufacturing establishments are closed and you are not doing as well as you were in 1892.

## No Need for McKinley "to Swing 'Round the Circle," The Circle Swings Around to Him.

"The best thing I can wish for each and everyone of you is a return to the normal prosperity of good money. We believe in sound money, and we are going always to have it." (Continuous cheering.)

#### A Glance Into History.

"What a nation we are! Why, in 1880, when Abraham Lincoln of blessed memory, the immortal hero of emancipation and the war, when he took control of this government our entire wealth was \$16,000,000,000. When Benjamin Harrison went out it was \$62,000,000,000, and more than two-thirds of the great wealth had been wiped out. Since that time we have been doing little else but make debts for the government and debts for the people. I am greatly honored by this call. So many delegations are visiting me today to permit my longer detaining you. I appreciate this visit. It is inspiring to the cause which I represent, and will encourage the Republican spirit everywhere. I know the value of the commercial traveler. When he is against you, look out." (Great laughter and applause.)

#### IRON WORKERS AT THE FRONT.

They Testify Their Fealty to Protection and Prosperity.

No delegation of the day was more cordially welcomed than the band of iron workers from Cleveland, whose sturdy figures and frank faces were seen as soon as the commercial travelers had given place, and to them Mr. McKinley said:

"I welcome you to Canton and my home. I am glad to learn from your banners and your spokesmen that you stand for the great purpose of the Republican party and the American union, that gives to every citizen of every race and nationality equal chance and opportunity in the race of life—a union that knows neither caste nor classes, nor creeds nor nationalities, but gives equal protection to all. I am glad to see from your banners that you are in favor of protection to American industries. So am I. I believe it is the duty of the American people to vote for that policy which will protect American industry, defend American labor, and preserve the old scale of American wages. I thank you heartily for this call. I am always glad to meet the workmen, and there is nothing in this campaign that gives me more encouragement than to have behind me the men who toil." (Great cheering and cries of "Hurrah for McKinley.")

#### EVANGELICAL MISSION BOARD.

Bishop Thomas Bowman Introduces His Associates to the President.

Bishop Thomas Bowman introduced the missionary board of the Evangelical

association to Maj. McKinley, who addressed his callers briefly, saying:

"It gives me extreme pleasure to meet the representatives of the board of missions and of publication of the Evangelical Association of the United States. It is indeed to me a very high compliment to have a body like yours turn aside from its business sessions that call it together to make a visit to my home as my assurances of your support and of the devotion which you have for the principles for which I stand. I appreciate the call. I wonder how many of the religious men that they would stand by public honor and public honesty as your bishop has described. I would expect from you that you would stand by public law, public tranquility, and public security, and the honor of the country to which you belong. It is the proud boast of our American institutions that every citizen beneath our flag can worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience in every corner of this great country, and I am always glad to meet a body of men who have dedicated their lives to the improvement and betterment of humanity, to give us a better citizenship, and when you elevate citizenship and when you elevate citizenship you have exalted country. I thank you for this call and bid you all good afternoon." (Great applause.)

#### SOUND MONEY RAILROAD MEN.

Employees of Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Companies.

The employees of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railway company and sound money clubs of Akron, O., were introduced by Mr. Sampson, and were addressed by the Republican nominee as follows:

"I am glad to have the assurance through your spokesman that you believe that the triumph of the principles for which the Republican party now stands will be best for you, and so believing that you intend to vote the Republican ticket. I think you all for this greeting. I am now riding over your lines for more than twenty years, and I know many of your employees, and I do not know of any business in the country where its employees can so definitely know the condition of the business of the country as the men who are employed by the railroads. You know it in the shop, you know it in the ticket office, you know it in the engine house, every switchman, every brakeman, every conductor, and every engineer knows the condition of the business of the country and of the railroad by the amount of business that railroad does. He knows when the country is prosperous and when it is in a state of depression, and he does not have to wait for the report of the directors of the railroad to know whether there have been any dividends declared or not. He knows it from the amount of work and the amount of wages he receives.

"Now, my fellow citizens, you are prosperous when the country is prosperous, and the country is prosperous when it takes care of its own people, its own manufacturers, its own mines, and prod-

uce benefited when the mines of this country are running.

"I thank you over and over again for this call. I must now turn to the other side of the stand and address another delegation, the members of which have the same purpose in their hearts that you have—victory for the principles of protection, honest money and good government. (Great applause.) I thank you and bid you good afternoon."

#### VETERANS FROM MARYLAND.

Major McKinley Delivers to Them an Unusually Earnest Address.

The Maryland G. A. R. club, one of the delegations of the day, was honored with one of the most earnest addresses Maj. McKinley has yet delivered. In response to Gen. Theodore F. Lange, who spoke for the Maryland visitors, Maj. McKinley said:

"The spectacle which we witness in Canton today is most extraordinary and unique. There are delegations here from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Maryland. (Great applause and cries of "Holla.") Yes, Iowa and Kentucky, and yesterday we had delegations from the Old Dominion state of Virginia and from the state of Tennessee. All are welcome to my home and city, for all of them are moved by a common purpose, and that purpose is to save the country from repudiation and dishonor.

"This visit on the part of my fellow citizens from Maryland indicates their concern at the present condition of the country, and manifests a belief on their part that the sooner it comes to an end the more gratifying it will be. It is an unmistakable expression of your belief that the change most to be desired can only be secured through a Republican triumph, and that you are zealous and alert to do your full part in bringing about this result. This campaign has many peculiar phases. It involves the most vital interests to country. It is unique in American political history. One of the old and most honored political parties of this country is very much divided this year. A part of it has united with other parties, and in some of the states the alliance has been rejected, and the fusion repudiated, so that the condition is not altogether and everywhere harmonious. The old leaders of the Democratic party, those who carried its burdens and fought its battles in the past, framed in the city of Indianapolis a few weeks ago an indictment against their old party associates who met at Chicago, and they have since that time been in the city of Chicago, and they pronounced the declarations of the Chicago convention, which was Democratic in name, as an attack upon individual freedom, right of private contract, the independence of the judiciary and authority of the President to enforce the laws of the United States.

"Chicago Convention Arraigned.

"They charged the Chicago convention with a reckless attempt to increase the price of silver by legislation to the debasement of our monetary system, and threatened unlimited issues of paper money by the government. They proclaimed in view of these and other grave departures from Democratic principles that they cannot support the candidate of that convention, nor be bound by its acts. They declare that the Democratic party has survived many defeats, but could never survive a victory won in the city of Chicago.

"On this occasion I

#### MINERS OF ANTHRACITE COAL.

Three Hundred Workmen from the Pennsylvania Coal District.

The little reviewing stand was brought into requisition at this point, when the crowd no longer could be used, and Maj. McKinley faced some 300 miners from the anthracite district of Pennsylvania, who were introduced by Prof. W. P. Gregory. Maj. McKinley responded as follows:

"You have all found in your own lives that if you get anything that is valuable you have to work for it. You have found in your own experience that there is no way to earn a living or to accumulate property except by labor and toil, energy and industry, and by frugal savings, and knowing that all that you are interested in at this moment is how you can best use what you have—your labor, your farms, your products—in a word, all you want is an opportunity to work, and when that opportunity is furnished you will perform the labor, and there are not enough miners in the United States or in the world to give employment to the miners of Pennsylvania. Therefore, my fellow citizens, you must not be looking to the mine for the money which you need. You must look to the mine to the mills and the factories. (Great applause.) You do not mine coal unless somebody wants to use that coal, and the more users of coal there are, the more miners there will be and the better will be their employment and their wages. (Cries of "Right, right.")

"Now, that is the whole philosophy of this business. (Applause.) When you have an opportunity to work you want to be paid in full for it. You want as good as any in the world; when you have given your good, hard blows in the mines or in the factories, given the mine-owner or the factory-owner a good, honest day's work, you want to be paid in good, honest dollars that will not depreciate over night. (Tremendous cheering.) So what the country wants is work and the continuance of the good money we have, and the prevalence of order. We want peace and tranquility in this country; we want to preserve the honor of the government of the United States, and we will renounce repudiation in every form. I am glad to meet my fellow citizens from the state of Pennsylvania. We have in this country miners by the hundreds. I know something about them. I know that the only aim they have is an honest and a fair day's work. Now, I think that they are in the right, and I know how the farmers of Stark county

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bid you good afternoon." (Great cheering.)

#### MAINE HEARD FROM.

Congressman Boutelle Speaks for the State.

One of the distinguished visitors of the day was Congressman Boutelle of Maine, who was introduced to one of the visiting delegations by Mr. McKinley, with such happy words that he could not escape participating in the speech-making which Gov. McKinley was expected to alone perform. At the close of one of the addresses Mr. McKinley, turning to Mr. Boutelle, who stood near him, said:

"We have present with us Gen. Boutelle of Maine, and while the delegation is marching up the hill another delegation was then approaching. I am sure you will be glad to hear a voice from the state of Maine that has just given us nearly 50,000 majority." (Applause and cheers.)

Mr. Boutelle said:

"The governor has taken a slight advantage over me in bringing me before you, but I desire to say to you that there is no Republican in the state of Maine who would not deem it an honor and a privilege to stand here, at the residence of William McKinley of Ohio and thank you for the splendid manifestations of loyalty which you have exhibited here. We have got through with our piece of work in Maine; we have set the mark 50,000 high, for the other states of the American Union to go by. We want to see Ohio more than double it. We want to see Indiana come up with 60,000, and we are going to see my friends, on the 3d day of November a defeat of free trade, free silver, and repudiation more disastrous than has ever before overtaken demagogism in this country, and now gentlemen, let me propose three hearty cheers for the next President of the United States." (They were given with vim.)

#### THREE STATES ABREAST.

Delegations from Illinois, Iowa and Pennsylvania Grouped.

Scarcely had the preceding crowd vacated the lawn when the shouts and cheers of another coming up the street were heard. This was composed of the Hardware Men's Sound Money club of Reading, Pa., and railroad men and

#### ONE DAY'S VISITORS AT CANTON.

- Iron Workers,
- Pottery Workers,
- Mine Workers,
- Factory Workers,
- Railroad Workers,
- Merchants,
- Commercial Travelers,
- Bank Employes,
- Commission Men,
- Manufacturers,
- Clergymen,
- Teachers,
- Lawyers,
- Editors,
- Statesmen.

### States Represented at Canton, Oct. 10th.

New York.	Maryland.	Michigan.
Pennsylvania.	West Virginia.	Indiana.
Maine.	Kentucky.	Illinois.
Ohio.	Missouri.	Iowa.