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Soldiers and Sailors' National Convention—Great Demonstration for President Grant—Patriotic Resolutions Unanimously Enunciated.—The Democratic Conspiracy Denounced.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The Soldiers' and Sailors' National Convention, assembled at the North Clark Street German Turners' Hall to-day at noon. The venerable Commodore Stephen Decatur, in 30 A. M., on Randolph street, near the corner of Wabash avenue, selected as the place of meeting preceded by Voss and Dean's band of Grand Rapids. Immediately in front of the band was the famous war eagle "Old Abe," which brought up to the Wisconsin delegation, and was brought by them to the Convention.

As soon as the delegates were seated, cheers were proposed for General Regan, of Illinois, General Fenton, of New York, and General Grant, which were given with a will, as were three groans for "Old Greeley" and others who joined in the conviction of President Johnson's guilt, the cry being, "Old Grimes is dead" was started, and most of the delegates present joined in the chorus, at the close of which the Convention was organized.

Delegates from Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Louisiana, California, Georgia, Vermont, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Illinois were represented by large delegations.

Major W. S. Morse, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the convention to order, and a prayer was offered by the Rev. John Fellows, of Wisconsin.

Governor Fairchild, of Wisconsin, was unanimously chosen for temporary chairman, and was conducted to the chair, amid prolonged cheers. He was received with enthusiastic applause, and said:

Gentlemen of the Convention: On behalf of the State of Wisconsin, I thank you for the honor conferred to-day by the selection of myself as temporary chairman. I thank you, I shall receive it as an honor to the State and to the soldiers of Wisconsin. I do not speak for myself, I speak, if, indeed, my friends, to most so many of the old soldiers of the Union army.

I understand we come here representing nearly a million of loyal hearts. (Applause.) We a million of loyal hearts for three years or the work before us, we come here to-day to bear war. We come to assure the President of our fidelity to our country. (Applause.) We come to swear by the widows and orphans of their comrades, that we will never desert the dead until this country is reconstructed upon the broad and firm foundation of equal rights.

Do you swear for your comrades? (Applause and cheers.) We also have a country, and there is no one could fight better than you soldiers did. The Union soldiers and sailors who fought the Union men in the South demanded a certain plan of reconstruction which is contained in the Constitution, and the rebels in the South demanded another plan of reconstruction. The South claims of the North, all good friends of the Union, will give the Union men of those States the benefit of reconstruction they asked. States that are not in the Union, every school United in every section of the Union will have school districts (there is a few years), and we can stand up before God and declare his love for the Union and before God and declare the fight will continue, the flag of his country, the fight will continue, and we will be at it to the end.

Lieutenant Thos. C. Donelson, of Ohio; Major A. C. Tate, of New York; Captain H. H. Thomas, of Tennessee; W. A. Short, of Illinois; Captain Wm. Hopkins, of Ohio; Lieutenant Leonard Reeves, of New Jersey, were chosen, and temporary secretaries of the convention.

A committee, consisting of Dr. J. Y. Cantwell, of Alabama; J. W. Fuller, of Arkansas; Captain J. T. Lithall, of California; Capt. W. H. Jordan, of Connecticut; General Loveland, of Delaware; General Sickles, of Florida; General Meacham, Georgia; General J. L. Beveridge, of Illinois; Gen. Kimball, of Indiana; E. W. Foster, of Kansas; Capt. Jas. Q. Fry, of Kentucky; J. P. Blanchard, of Louisiana; Lieutenant Colonel E. P. Dowe, of Maine; Maj. Ben Perley Poore, of Massachusetts; Col. Jas. Gaylord, of Minnesota; Col. M. L. Demotte, of Missouri; Col. George Bergen, of Maryland; Lieutenant Henry Baxter, of Michigan; Col. J. M. Clarrington, of Nebraska; Capt. H. St. Lo. Jones, of Nevada; Captain G. F. Lee, of North Carolina; Major S. W. Farr, of New Hampshire; the General Pleasanton, of New York; General Samuel A. Yoman, of Ohio; J. W. Weiss, of Pennsylvania; R. S. Whitemore, of South Carolina; General W. W. Smith, Col. Jas. Lockwood, of Virginia; Lieutenant Colonel W. W. Grant, of Vermont, and General J. B. Sims were appointed on permanent organization.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

Colonel R. M. Reynolds, of Alabama, Col. J. E. Cowen, of California; Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Delaware; Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois; Gen. Gen. William Sooss, of Iowa; Col. V. Bristow, of Kentucky; Gen. George F. Shepley, of Maine; Col. Edwin F. Sisson, of Massachusetts; Col. Aiken, of Minnesota; Col. W. Grosvenor, of Mississippi; Gen. Thos. J. Jackson, of Nebraska; Dennis F. Burke, of New York; Gen. F. Sawyer, of Ohio; Gen. H. Hopkins, of Rhode Island; Lieut.-Col. Robt. K. Smith, of Texas; W. S. McCullough, of Kansas; Col. J. H. Lockwood, of West Virginia; Gen. Charles Gove, of Illinois; Gen. A. R. Lawton, of Delaware; Gen. Gibbs, of Connecticut; B. R. Anthony, of Kansas; Capt. E. Pinkham, of Louisiana; Gen. Thos. Sweeney, of Maryland; Gen. W. Stoughton, H. Richardson, of Mississippi; Gen. Wm. Stoughton, of Michigan; H. T. Reynolds, of Nebraska; W. S. Davenport, of New Jersey; J. C. Mann, of Nevada.

Ely Burnham, of Chicago, was appointed official reporter of the convention.

Pending the report of the Committee on Organization and Resolutions, General Hawley, of Connecticut, and General Logan made a stirring and eloquent speech. He said, even though the times were dark, yet he was glad he was there, he found who still remain true to the Union and liberty. He thought the soldiers were actuated by a feeling of reverence and veneration. Every day or an hour during the long four years of war when, if those who were left behind were trying to break up the Union had come forward and thrown down their arms, he thought we would have received from them, and all would have been forgotten. No soldier would have stood up for the Union and liberty. For feeling that love for the Union and liberty, for men who were still around they could again take up day set for disarmed, the soldiers had no love, arms against the Union, the country's flag, and would show them by his principles.

He expressed himself happy to be present at Grant's election, and he would be the President, the nation who had never modified in public, but whose firmness and composure was as well as purity of heart and mind, eminently fitted him for the high position the people could bestow. Gen. Grant undoubtedly was the people's choice, and next November will be the elected President of the United States. (Cheers.) As far as the Southern people were concerned, he would say that wherever they manifested a desire to come back in the good old Union, and act like good citizens, he was in favor of taking them by the hand and giving them the protection of the Government. It made no difference whether that citizen was white or black, he was a citizen still. He believed if necessary two million hands would come to the assist and protect him in his rights. (Immense applause.)

Gen. Hasbrouck, of New Jersey, was next called upon. He said that to-day the political history of our representatives in Congress. He treachery of our representatives in Congress. He was sorry to say that the Democratic party had been stained by the hands of their friends. On been stained by the hands of their friends. On every side of him he heard cries loud and deep against that recreant Senator from Illinois. He was sorry General Farnsworth was not there, the people of Illinois were about to honor, had not been the idol of the Democratic Senator to whom in the place of the dishonest Senator, who he united. There were still hopes of seeing the traitor Andrew Johnson impeached and convicted, and the obscenity which he is now signed to the obscenity which he is now signed, instead. In reference to the colored men, he would say as long as he believed himself and acted like a good citizen, he was proud to call him brother.

Major O'Connor, of Iowa, and Major-General Daniel Sickles, of New York, both followed in brief but eloquent speeches, favoring the nomination of Grant for President, and commending the soldiers throughout the land to stand firm by their chieftain in the coming political campaign as they stood by him during the war.

General Sickles thought the convention had assembled for the purpose of choosing a successor to the lamented Lincoln. There had been no successor to him. The office had been filled *interim*; but the people were in favor of *interim*, and would convent to do so no longer.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

President—General J. A. Logan, of Illinois.

Vice Presidents—Alabama, Col. R. T. Smith; Arkansas, Gen. H. B. Morse; California, Gen. Connecticut, Col. Charles Warren; Delaware, Gen. T. A. Tarbert; Florida, Capt. Georgia, Capt. W. H. Watson; Illinois, Gen. Wm. Sooss; Indiana, Gen. R. H. Kansas, Jas. Gen. C. E. Matthias; Kansas, Foster, Iowa, Gen. C. E. Matthias; Kansas, Gen. J. B. Kentucky, Gen. R. B. Grayson; Louisiana, Beal, Maryland, Jas. Maine, Gen. George; Beal, Maryland, Jas. Andrew W. Dennison; Massachusetts, Gen. Jas. S. Cunningham; Michigan, Gen. G. L. Spaulding; Minnesota, Gen. C. C. Andrews; Mississippi, General H. W. Barry; Missouri, General John McNeil; Nebraska, Col. J. J. Harding; New Hampshire, Capt. Jos. B. Clark; New Jersey, Col. Wm. Ward; New York, Gen. Charles K. Graham; North Carolina, General S. G. Ecoss; Ohio, Gen. Oliver Wood; Pennsylvania, Gen. H. L. Cake; Rhode Island, Gen. Chas. H. Tompkins; South Carolina, Captain B. F. Whitemore; Tennessee, Gen. John B. Rodgers; Texas, Major A. H. Longley; Vermont, General Stephen Thomas; Virginia, Gen. H. A. Pierce; West Virginia, Gen. P. H. Lockwood; Wisconsin, Gen. C. S. Hamilton; District of Columbia, Gen. N. P. Chipman.

Secretaries—Alabama, Capt. B. F. Williams; Arkansas, Col. S. H. Root; California, Capt. Jas. Connecticut, Lieut. J. W. Knowlson; Delaware, Col. Wm. Lamb; Florida, Capt. Georgia, Capt. E. B. McTimour; Illinois, Gen. E. S. Solomon; Indiana, Major O. Kansas, Capt. Chas. Gleason; Kentucky, Col. G. W. Veik; Kentucky, Capt. J. Louisiana, Capt. E. S. Salomon; Maine, Gen. H. M. Pilsted; Maryland, Capt. Jas. Massachusetts, Lieut. Col. J. A. Michigan, Capt. E. Weeks; Minnesota, Col. J. B. Mississippi, Col. A. Warren; Missouri, General Draper; Nebraska, Major John Gillespie; New Hampshire, Capt. Joseph Lewis; New Jersey, Lieut. L. C. Beeves; New York, Major A. C. Tate; North Carolina, Major S. G. Brown; Ohio, Capt. James M. Nash; Pennsylvania, Colonel H. C. Lemon; Rhode Island, Major Thos. Steere; South Carolina, Sergeant Hayne; Tennessee, Captain H. H. Thomas; Texas, Major A. H. Longley; Vermont, Private Henry Congdon; Virginia, Captain George Carter; West Virginia, Captain George Wisconsin, Captain Harshaw; District of Columbia, Private W. H. Tyler.

Governor Fairchild having announced that the father of General Grant was present, Jas. Sullivan called upon the venerable old gentleman, and he reluctantly responded and took his place upon the stand, amid the cheers. "Hail Columbia," the band played, the Chairman, the entire convention rose to their feet, and with loud cheers certified their respect for the father of the nation's greatest hero. As soon as the band ceased, and Mr. Grant, adjusting his spectacles, rose and cheers rose to their feet, and with loud cheers certified their respect for the father of the nation's greatest hero. As soon as the band ceased, and Mr. Grant, adjusting his spectacles, rose and cheers rose to their feet, and with loud cheers certified their respect for the father of the nation's greatest hero. He expressed himself as extremely astonished at the reception. He was born and bred in the Northwest, not for the country in particular, but for the country in general. He was not used to speak to them. (Cries of "You had a boy; that's enough.") After enumerating his services in the war, patriotism and prudence in their proceedings, the old gentleman retired amid prolonged cheers.

General Logan was then conducted to his seat as chairman, and after briefly thanking the convention for the honor conferred, declared the convention for the honor conferred, declared the convention for the honor conferred, declared