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HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.
Two futile invasions of Mexico and six separate and distinct policies on the question of permitting arms and ammunition to be sent into that country are included in the performance of the Wilson administration in its dealings with our southern neighbors in less than three years. It is this characteristic instability of the government that makes people want a change.

Bryan reiterates that he is out for Wilson. "Hark from the tomb a doleful sound."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The stopping of Governor Hughes' auto by a Canadian soldier will not matter, inasmuch as the band wagon's progress is not to be interrupted.

Democrats who harbored hopes that Josephus would catch the virus from the Bryan and Garrison resignations are still nursing their disappointment. Nothing remains for them but to resign to a realization that Josephus will not resign.

"Inadequate" aptly characterizes the Wilson administration, but almost any synonym of unsatisfactory will do.

When Charles E. Hughes said: "The dealings of the administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders," he gave an explicit characterization of the Wilson administration's policy in one sentence.

Just as it is now obstinately shutting its eyes to the need of industrial preparedness, for three years the Wilson administration refused to see the need of adequate military preparedness. With war on our southern border it was content to rely on a regular army that could muster 40,000 available men and refused to continue the established policy of building up our navy. When the time came for action the country had not sufficient troops to police the border, and this force has been supplemented by a trifle more than one-third the war strength of the national guard. If the national administration had had the ability to interpret the signs of the time military preparedness would have been well under way instead of barely begun.

Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, recognizes an important fact that Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic president, appears to have overlooked—that the United States is big enough to help Mexico out of the condition of anarchy in which that country is plunged and, by securing order in Mexico, insure peace on our border.

The insuperable handicap of the Democratic party in this campaign is its record.

If the Democratic national administration had left on the statute books in 1894 the federal corrupt practices act placed there by the Republicans there would be no occasion for the present administration's campaign publicity measure, which at best is a very poor substitute for the law repealed.

President Wilson's campaign managers are entitled to all the comfort they can get out of calling the roll of Progressives who are going to vote for him. It would be an endless task to call the roll of Progressives who are not going to vote for him.

For every reason that can be advanced why Progressives should vote for Wilson ten can be advanced why they should vote for Hughes, and the beauty of it is that they know the reasons without having to be told.

The Wilson administration went into Mexico to punish Villa for his outrage on American soil. The only punishment inflicted has been on American soldiers, who were shot down at Carrizal by order of First Chief Carranza.

"Franklin Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, sees a strong trend for Wilson in Maine."—News Dispatch. Who can blame a man who for three years has been assistant to Josephus Daniels for "seeing things"?

Even Woodrow Wilson could not save the infamous Clarke amendment to the Philippines bill. He lost the ablest member of his cabinet, Secretary Garrison, because of his advocacy of the policy of scuttling, but even the sacrifice of Garrison could not save it.

WILSON'S POLICIES BLOWN UP.
Charles Evans Hughes did have explosives with him when his motorcar was searched by a Canadian soldier, but they were under the candidate's hat. Mr. Hughes will set them off on his western tour, and some of Mr. Wilson's policies will be blown up—New York Sun.

MR. WILSON HAS HAD NO MEXICAN POLICY.

"We cannot let the American spirit fall so low that, lapped in the luxury occasioned by a foreign war, we shall see American lives sacrificed without a determination to prevent it and to make the American name honored and respected wherever our flag flies. The trouble with this administration is this: I don't think it ever has had a policy in Mexico worthy of the name."
—From Mr. Hughes' Speech at Chicago.

MR. HUGHES HAS EXPLODED THE "KEPT US OUT OF WAR" ARGUMENT.

Mr. Hughes' attack upon the "kept-us-out-of-war" argument has aroused a storm of enthusiasm.

"Kept us out of war!" he demands. "Why, there were nineteen men—good American soldiers, shot down at Vera Cruz, and many Mexicans were killed by our men. That was war. Moreover, it was a very ignoble war. I have heard three explanations of the Vera Cruz move.

"First, it was explained that it was made in order to compel somebody to salute the flag—somebody who had insulted us. But the flag was not saluted and has not been to this day. Then it was said that the salute was not what we sought, but to prevent the landing of a boatload of ammunition intended for Huerta. The ammunition landed, however, and it has been shown that it reached Huerta in due season without interference on our part.

"When that reason was shown to be untenable a third one—and possibly the real one—finally was advanced. It was said that our seizure of Vera Cruz was a move to compel the retirement of Huerta. It seems possible that this is true, although we had promised the Mexicans that we would not interfere in their affairs and told them more than once that we wanted them to handle their own affairs.

"That is why the Mexicans could not understand us and that is why they show little faith in our promises."

MANANA.

Manana, which is Mexican for "watchful waiting," is the Democratic keynote in the campaign. The Wilson drive is to begin "some time" after Sept. 1, but no definite engagements have been made, it is announced, for him to commence making political speeches. He has tentative engagements to make some western visits about the middle of September, but nothing positive. Plans are being formulated for carrying on a campaign to capture the woman vote of the country, but who will make the speeches on this phase of the controversy has not been determined. It has been expected that Mr. Bryan would speak in the Maine campaign, but it is now believed he cannot do so, but will make some speeches later. And so it goes. Watchful waiting will prevail, while in the meantime Mr. Hughes is carrying on a positive campaign and arousing the entire western country.

"I don't care, if I am elected president, what becomes of my personal political fortunes. I propose that we shall have no more, if I can stop it, of these 'kiss me and I'll kiss you' appropriations in Congress."
—From Mr. Hughes' Speech at Chicago.

SOUTH-IN-SADDLE IN NAVY.

Out of the 17 Ranking Officers in Charge of Naval Affairs 12 Are From South.

To Josephus Daniels, who has represented the Administration's Policy with regard to the first line defense, is credited responsibility for cramping and thwarting progress and efficiency in the navy.

Many new men have been brought into the Washington end of the navy organization. Of the seventeen high ranking officers who are charged with the responsible duties of administering the affairs of the navy twelve are from the Southern states. In years gone by necessity did not arise to question from what section come the officers chosen to head the bureaus of the Navy Department. Comparisons between the army and navy in this respect will show that no such conditions exist in the war Department.

It is true, as Vice President Marshall remarked, that the Hughes speech of acceptance "had all the length and tone of a dissenting opinion." But he omitted to add that the dissenting opinion thus expressed is that of the American people.

WE WANT THE AMERICAN FLAG UNSULLIED.

"Now, my friends, we want not only American efficiency in business, in efficiency in the organization of business, in the protection of the factors of human industry and commerce, we want the American flag unsullied and the American name honored throughout the world."
—From Mr. Hughes' Speech at Chicago.

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Overdraft	71.20
Stock in Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Realty and fixtures	9,363.43
Cash Reserve	197,808.44
	\$592,243.62

LIABILITIES	
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