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**OUT FOR HUGHES**

The avowal of the cause of Mr. Hughes by Colonel George Harvey is one of the distinct features of the present campaign. It would be significant in itself that a man of his prestige, who had always trained with the democratic party, had espoused the cause of the republican candidate. But in Mr. Harvey's case the significance is very much greater as well as the importance of the event. He has been not only a democrat, but a Wilson democrat. Moreover, he was the first man of prominence to advocate the election of Woodrow Wilson as president, and for many years one of the closest friends and advisers of the present occupant of the White House. Mr. Harvey not only proposed Mr. Wilson for the presidency, but as early as 1910 interested United States Senator Smith, a democratic leader of New Jersey, in Mr. Wilson, and this resulted in the Wilson nomination and election as governor of New Jersey.

Mr. Harvey not only comes out for Mr. Hughes, but gives very intelligent reasons for his action in the current number of his "North American Review." In his judgment there are two vital questions to be answered before election. One is, which of the two great parties at this particu-

lar juncture in our progress as a nation is the better equipped and the more likely to render the highest public service? The other is, which of the two designated leaders is the more certain to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States? Such an issue as the democrats claim, that Mr. Wilson has kept us out of war and therefore is entitled to re-election, is brushed aside as something that has no proper place in the mind of the voter of this year. In Mr. Harvey's judgment only the most insane partisan would venture to suggest a possibility of Mr. Wilson or Mr. Hughes inciting or inviting war with any European or Asiatic power, and therefore there is no fair issue between them on this question.

There are three elements that are involved in the answers to these two questions, those of military and industrial preparedness, government by and for the people, and national honor and opportunity. So far as all of these are concerned, the answer is the same: Mr. Hughes is the man who should be chosen from each and every standpoint—both as the representative of the republican party and as an individual. The best interests of the country are to be served by his election.

Mr. Harvey calls attention to the fact that the utter absence of self-seeking on the part of Mr. Hughes throughout his entire career, confirms the belief that he does, in fact, from the very nature of his being, stand for "America first."

On the other hand, no less surely and most disappointingly, happenings of the past two years culminating in the betrayal of his country for the gratification of personal ambition, prove incontestably that Mr. Wilson stands for Wilson first. That is Mr. Harvey's opinion. In his judgment there is no need to seek a conclusion; it finds itself. The summing up of the situation is that upon the candidates, there is no reason why any professed republican, any thoughtful progressive or any principled democrat should not, and every reason why every patriotic republican should vote for Mr. Hughes for president.

Such advice from such a source should make a deep impression upon the American electorate. It certainly is not given through any prejudice against Mr. Wilson, for its author would naturally be predisposed in favor of the president. Nor does it come from any lack of knowledge of Mr. Wilson's methods and intent. The intimacy of the two men has been too long and too close to admit of any lack of knowledge on Mr. Harvey's part. The man who, as Mr. Wilson's friend, first started the movement for him for president, now, after a test of Mr. Wilson in the

White House, advises the American people to vote for Mr. Hughes. There should be no hesitancy on the part of the voters to follow this advice.

**HOME, SWEET HOME FOR INDIAN TRAMPS**

Opening of Fort Assiniboine Military reservation in Montana ends restless wanderings of Rocky Boy Indians. They are to live "peaceably ever after."

Havre, Mont., Oct. 29.—The stony pathway of the Rocky Boy Indians has at last led to the "green sward." Driven about from pillar to post ever since they wandered across the Canadian boundary through Glacier National Park, Montana several years ago as tramp tribesmen of the Cree Nation, this band of three hundred red men have had so hard a lot that the nickname fell naturally upon them.

Now, with the opening of the Fort Assiniboine Military reservation, embracing 290,000 acres near this city, the United States government will set aside 57,000 acres for them. They are rejoicing in the fact that they are to have a permanent home.

There are about 75,000 acres of tillable land in this tract and this is to be thrown open to white settlers. The reservation is in the Bear Paw mountains.

Uncle Sam has departed from the regular lottery in the disposition of this land to settlers. Application for parcels in this tract may be made at Havre, Montana, from Oct. 25 to Nov. 16 of this year. Here are the government requirements:

"All applications filed during this period will be treated as filed simultaneously. Applications will not be permitted to take more than 160 acres. Where there is more than one applicant for a certain tract, the right of the applicant will be determined by public drawing, which will be held at Havre, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., November 15th. If the applicant fails to secure any of the land applied for, his application will be rejected. Where there are no conflicting applications, the applicants may secure their land at once.

"The appraised price of the land is \$2.50 per acre, 50 cents per acre to be paid at the time of making entry, and 50 cents per acre each and every ear thereafter, until the sum of

\$2.50 shall have been paid. The regular land office fee of \$16.00 will be collected, in addition to this amount.

"Each person presenting an application to enter must accompany such application with the required first payment and the land office fee and commissions. The payment must be made in cash, or by a certified check, or post office money order. If the

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President Wilson yielded to the dictation of the heads of the Brotherhoods, and made no effort to find out whether the demand was right or wrong. He made no effort to find out whether it could be complied with without raising freight rates. He made no effort to find out all the equities in the case; those affecting the men, those affecting the stockholders, those affecting the shippers. He took his orders from that one of the parties in interest which he most feared. He insisted that the law be passed without inquiry. And then he deferred the operation of the law until after election, which, of course, could only have been done for political reasons. \* \* \* The question at issue was not that of an eight-hour day at all. The question was whether President and Congress should enact a law, without investigation and without knowledge, to give increased wages to a certain portion of the body of the wage earners. The labor leaders on this issue, without regard to the right or wrong of the matter, first coerced the President, and then with his aid coerced Congress. The question at issue was not one of the hours of labor. It was one of wages. And it was settled by the President and Congress without investigation and without knowledge. The settlement was due partly to fear, and partly to hope of political profit.—From the Speech of Colonel Roosevelt at Battle Creek, Michigan, in Behalf of Mr. Hughes.

application is rejected, the money paid will be returned.

"Any lands remaining after six months will be thrown open to the general public under the enlarged homestead law, for filing, and an appraised value of \$1.25 per acre will obtain, in addition to the regular fee and commissions, and 25c per acre must be paid at the time of making entry, and 25 cent seper acre for each ear thereafter, until the \$1.25 is paid.

"The coal lands are subject to disposition under the homestead law, but the homestead applicant must agree to a reservation to the United States of the coal deposits.

"No right can be acquired by settlement before entry.

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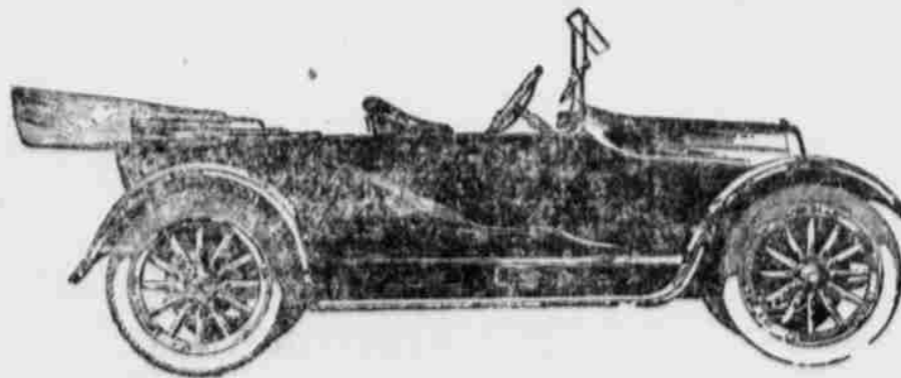
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