

THINKS SPIRIT OF '76 AS SUPINE AS IN '16

**Wilson's "Chocolate Soldier"
Secretary of War Excites
Nation's Disgust by Declar-
ing Washington's Army
Was as Bad a Lot as
Villa's Bandit Band.**

SPOILATION OF NUNS AND CHURCHES THUS CONDONED

**"In Their Ragged Regimentals Stood
the Old Continentals, Yielding Not,"
and This is the Reason Baker
Sneers at Real Patriots Because He
Basks in an Environment That
Glories in Yielding Every American
Right—Also Takes a Fling at Civil
War Heroes, Saying They Commit-
ted the Same Crimes of Which
Mexican Outlaws Are Now Guilty.**

The defense which Secretary of War
Newton D. Baker offered for Mr. Wil-
son's Mexican policies found quick re-
sponse from patriotic Americans—but
hardly the response Mr. Baker could
have wished for.

In a speech in Jersey City, the Sec-
retary likened the Mexican revolution-
ists to the Continentals who fought
with Washington. He admitted the
Mexicans were a rascally lot, but said
their actions were those of all rebels.
The patriots of the American revolu-
tion looted churches and drove minis-
ters from them on their famous march
to Valley Forge, he added.

Protests From Far and Near.
Protests have come from far and
near. The Empire State Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution met
and adopted a resolution condemning
"in the strongest terms the unpatriotic
language of the Secretary of War."
Members of the society were outspoke-
n in their denunciation. Some de-
clared that unless his remarks were
repeated at once by President Wil-
son a movement should be started to
force the Secretary's resignation.

Friend of Baker's Joins.
The Empire State Society meeting
was in the Waldorf-Astoria. In the
chair was Louis Annin Ames, presi-
dent of the society, a Democrat, a
staunch supporter of the Administration
and a close friend of Secretary Baker.
He was asked if he had any personal
comment to make on the action of the
head of the War Department.

"It is all told in the resolution," said
Mr. Ames. "The resolution was passed
unanimously, so it embodies my views."

The resolution follows:
"Whereas, it is reported in The New
York Tribune this morning that Sec-
retary of War Baker, at a public meeting
held in Jersey City last night, used the
following language reflecting upon the
character of the members of Washing-
ton's army at Valley Forge, and lik-
ened them to the present Mexican rev-
olutionists:

"Bad as the Mexicans."
"I know that the Mexicans do not
respect American life and property,"
said Mr. Baker. "I know that they do
not pay their debts, that they are raga-
muffins, that they desecrate Church
property, that their money is no good
and that they are generally worthless.
But people never respect those things
in revolutions. We did not respect
them in our Civil War. Washington's
soldiers in the march to Valley Forge
stole everything they could lay their
hands on; took the silver vessels out of
the churches and sold them to buy
drink. They drove ministers out of the
churches. Their money was worthless
and they were just as bad characters
as the Mexicans."

"Resolved: That the descendants

of the patriots of the Revolution, con-
demn in strongest terms the unpatri-
otic language of the Secretary of War,
and direct that a copy of this preamble
and resolution be sent to him."
Similar action will be taken by patri-
otic societies all over the country.

Hughes Epigrams.
"America will not hold her own by
declamation."
"We should have investigation before
legislation, not legislation before in-
vestigation."

"If you go through the Democratic
platforms for the last fifty years you
will feel as though you were walking
through a cemetery consecrated to de-
parted constitutional theories."

"I do not covet power; power means
responsibility. I do not covet honors;
I have enjoyed great honors. I simply
desire to serve the American people."

"I do not want office simply for the
sake of holding the job."
"We've got to get over the idea that
ANYONE is good enough for a job in
this country."

"I want to see our public adminis-
tration an honor to American ability."

"Let our watchword be 'America
trained to do her best.'"

"When America hesitates the work-
ing man is apt to lose his job."

"The Republican party in its policy
does not depend upon a foreign war to
save this country from disaster."

"Weakness breeds insult; insult
breeds war. Honest, firm, consistent,
determined defense of known rights
establishes peace and respect through-
out the world."

**THE COUNTRY MUST INSURE
ITSELF AGAINST INCAPACITY.**

In his vigorous speech at Philadel-
phia on Monday night Mr. Hughes
made an observation that should keep
his countrymen thinking soberly every
day until election morning, the sev-
enth of November:

"We cannot say now in what par-
ticular sort of mess we shall find
things in March next."

Here is room for disquieting specu-
lation. The Government is in feeble
hands. It is never prepared to act.
In emergencies it does not know what
to do, or how to begin. It is the sport
of circumstances. It waits for some-
thing to turn up with a guilty feeling
of incapacity to deal with untoward
events. Mr. Wilson, inconstant and
vacillating himself and unable to learn
from experience, can obtain neither
inspiration nor support from his Cab-
inet, which is the weakest that any
President has called together since
the civil war. The policy of the Demo-
cratic Administration is not so much

watchful as fearful waiting. It is
flabby, timid, procrastinating, always
undecided.

So anything may happen to the na-
tion, any disaster, any disgrace. Mr.
Hughes is right; we don't know
"in what particular sort of mess we
shall find things in March next." The
country is helpless to prevent blunders
and imbecilities which may involve
it in an unwelcome war or tarnish
its honor; but the people can see to
it that an American President with
character and stamina as well as with
brains is in the White House on March
4 to pilot the country through the
rapids, and the people can give him
a Republican Congress to provide the
legislation he asks for to carry out
his policies. The people can be in no
doubt that the Cabinet Charles Evans
Hughes selects will contain only able
and efficient men, the best the coun-
try affords.—New York Sun.

The people of Vera Cruz who have
erected a monument in the plaza to
the Mexicans slain in battle seem to
be ignorant of the fact that Mr. Wil-
son kept this country out of war.

The Democrats complain because
some Republican campaign orators pay
so much attention to the President.
What else has the Democratic party
to talk about?

SOLILOQUY AT SHADOW LAWN

Where are they gone, the old familiar
faces?

I had a friend—McCombs, but he left me,
Left me slowly but surely, when I did not
need him.

All, all are gone, the old familiar faces!

Once I had Bryan; he was my friend
in my hours of struggling in that great
convention.

But now he's gone. Left me with "God
bless you!"

Upon his lips. Gone, are the old familiar
faces.

I had a friend; a truer friend had no man.
Like an eagle, I wounded my friend
acutely;

And he, good Colonel Harvey, left me.
Left me

To muse on the old familiar faces!

At my right hand sat my friend
Who was the strong arm of my Adminis-
tration—

Garrison, upright and honest but he too
has left me;

Left me, when I deceived him—gone are
the old familiar faces!

At Shadow Lawn, where new friends
swarm around me,
Earth seems a desert I am bound to tra-
verse.

Seeking to find the friends who've left
me;

But all, all are gone—the old familiar
faces!

CHARLES LAMB, 54,
in New York Sun.

Editorial Comments

If the Democratic leader who advo-
cates putting dyes on the free list to
encourage the industry were a surgeon
his method of setting a broken limb
would be to amputate the patient's leg
at the neck.

Optimism is what makes the Demo-
cratic party, which has fooled some of
the people only three times in fifty
years and has never yet fooled all of
the people some of the time, think that
it can now fool all of the people all of
the time.

President Wilson hasn't been able to
figure out yet whether he is going to
be on the stump or up one.

If the paper shortage becomes much
more serious the first thing we know
the machinery of the State Depart-
ment will be coming to an abrupt stop.

Then, too, according to the Demo-
cratic campaign book that among the
more important enactments of the
Wilson Administration may be men-
tioned Magna Charta and the Ten
Commandments.

Secretary Redfield converses glibly
in terms of billions until it comes time
to make a campaign contribution,
when it is disclosed that all he really
knows about mathematics is \$100.

Job work at The Argus Office.

V. B. STAPLES

Republican Nominee for
COUNTY CLERK

I have resided in Malheur county
for eighteen years; have had a busi-
ness experience with the farmer,
merchant, stockman and banker of
the county; have the best of recom-
mendations from my former employ-
ers; have just finished a four year
term of clerical work as Postmaster
of Vale, and have recently received
a statement from the post office de-
partment showing my account cor-
rect. This should demonstrate that
I can also keep the County Books
Correctly. I know that I can make
you a Competent County Clerk. Will
you give me the opportunity.

V. B. STAPLES,
No. 58 on the Ballot

Saturday, Nov. 4

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Address will begin at 8:30 and will be preceded by one reel of
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Learn the truth concerning the momentous events of the past
two years.

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COUNTY CLERK

Deputy Clerk for Over Three Years.