

THE TROUBLES OF A NEUTRAL.



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

FLEETING PROSPERITY IS FOOL'S PARADISE

Don't Let Smoke From Munition Factories Cloud Your Brain With Belief It's Abiding.

PROTECTION OUR BULWARK.

Forget Not the Dire Conditions Which Depressed This Country Under the Democratic Free Trade Tariff Prior to the War—They Will Return to Plague and Hunger Unless the Republicans Are Restored to Power.

"When we contemplate industrial and commercial conditions," says Mr. Hughes, "we see that we are living in a fool's paradise." This is the condition to which the administration and its supporters have deliberately closed their eyes. When the war cloud broke over Europe this country was experiencing the most serious depression it had known since 1860, when the Democratic party and its policies were in full control of the United States. Suddenly there came from over the sea a demand for munitions of war, clothing, food, supplies, everything needed by vast armies and by countries whose sons were taken from the field and the workshop, never to return.

As a result our exports and the balance of trade in our favor have reached figures far surpassing any ever before known. Temporarily, especially in the east, there is no lack of work at high wages, for Europe must pay whatever price America asks. No thoughtful person would imagine that this condition is anything like real prosperity. How false it is we in Oregon, who have the clearer vision, because not clouded by the smoke from munitions factories, have fully felt and fully appreciated.

What the Republican candidate for president says about it the Democrats know to be true:

"Our opponents promised to reduce the cost of living. This they have failed to do, but did reduce the opportunities of making a living. Let us not forget the conditions that existed in this country under the new tariff prior to the war. Production had decreased; business was languishing; new enterprises were not undertaken; instead of expansion there was curtailment, and our streets were filled with the unemployed."

The suspension of these conditions is not nation wide, only sectional, and depends upon the duration of the war. Those who think otherwise are indeed living in a fool's paradise.—Portland (Ore.) Telegram.

At the annual meeting of postmasters in Washington recently the first assistant postmaster general lauded the postal savings system. That must have been a bitter pill for Postmaster General Burleson, who sat on the same platform with his assistant. When the postal savings bill was passed Mr. Burleson, then a congressman from Texas, voted against it. Every vote cast against it was cast by a Democrat. Not one Democratic congressman voted for it. Yet President Wilson says the Republican party has not had a new idea in thirty years. Whose idea was it?

It was the instinct of a lawyer for Hughes to support his damning charges against Wilson by calling Wilson's own secretary of state as a witness to prove them.

It strikes one that instead of wildly bustling for the state of Maine Vance McCormick might do better work by taking his wrecking crew to the west to repair the Democratic bridges that are being dynamited by Justice Hughes.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS.

At that, however, from beginning to end this has been more of a "you kick me and I'll kiss you" administration.

Vance McCormick says the Progressives are stampeding to Wilson, and it's a ten to one bet he wishes he could believe it.

The Democrats are finding out that pork comes home to root out their standing.

The men and women who prefer a man who does things to a man who writes notes about them will vote for Hughes. Government by correspondence takes too long to get anywhere, but government by deeds is always on the job.

Those who are concerned to know what Mr. Hughes would have done had he been in Mr. Wilson's place may rest assured he would not have done as Mr. Wilson has. And that is answer enough.

Mr. Hughes is not only going direct to the public, but the public is going direct to him. A genuine American fifty-fifty!

President Wilson's alarm clock is ringing at 5 o'clock these mornings. He can reach out of bed and turn it off the morning of March 5.

Postmaster General Burleson is too foxy a politician to adopt for his department the McAdoo rule forbidding treasury department employees participating in politics. Mr. Burleson realizes that voters are entitled to some exercise of the money.

There are no strings or mental reservations to the public pledges of administrative reform given by Charles E. Hughes. His record as governor of New York guarantees the fulfillment of every promise.

Democrats are now convinced that Charles Evans Hughes is a warm proposition.

It is gratifying, indeed, to find that Mr. Wilson still stands on the suffrage question where he stood at the beginning of his administration. He has changed on about everything else.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Mr. Hughes says there should be firm dealing in Mexican affairs. Maybe so, but we have had enough of the firm of Wilson, Carranza & Co.

According to the week's latest work of fiction, the Democratic campaign book, the wage earners of the country received during the Wilson administration \$3,000,000,000 more than they received under Taft. And all it cost them to keep something in the dinner pail was \$6,000,000,000 more.

FARMERS SIZE UP HUGHES AS "PRETTY GOOD FELLOW"

Fargo, N. D.—Charles E. Hughes campaigned for the first time among the sturdy farmers of the eastern part of North Dakota and left behind him the reputation of being a "pretty good fellow."

He was forced to undergo a critical scrutiny before the verdict was given.

Mr. Hughes preached the doctrines of government efficiency, Americanism, tariff as protection to the farmers and preparedness, and in each instance won applause, despite the fact that the farmers are not the strongest advocates of the last named issue.

They cheered for preparedness the loudest when Mr. Hughes told them that it meant not militarism, but ability to uphold national honor.

As they cheered for Mr. Hughes one broad shouldered old farmer said, "It's because there's something about him that makes you believe he's telling the truth."

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The Dwarf Palm of Algeria.

The dwarf palm, which furnishes considerable quantities of fiber, grows in great profusion in Algeria and is one of the principal obstacles to the clearing of the land, so thickly does it grow and so difficult is it to pull up. Its roots, in shape resembling carrots, penetrate into the ground to the depth of a yard or more, and when its stem only is cut it sprouts out again almost immediately. As its name indicates, this palm is very small and can only attain a certain height when protected, as in the Arab cemeteries, for example.

Here and Now.

Nowhere is the sky so blue, the grass so green, the sunshine so bright, the shade so welcome, as right here, now, today. No other blue sky nor bright sunshine nor welcome shade exists for you. Other skies are bright to other men. They have been bright in the past, and so they will be again, but yours are here and now.—David Starr Jordan.

Isaiah Walton, Please Write—
Hook, Texas.
Line, North Carolina.
Sinker, Idaho.—Detroit News.

ATTRACTS BUSINESS MEN.

Mr. Hughes has not tried to scare anybody, but has merely portrayed the errors of the present administration and set forth certain principles on which the affairs of the country should be managed in the future.

There is a political logic in his portrayal, the culmination of which in the mind of the voter is expressed by the frequent remark: "He is the kind of man we want to steer us through."

This has been said by many a business man. The qualities seen in Mr. Hughes are poise, a strong, sane mind, sincerity and a willingness to sacrifice life, physical or political, to the good of the country. Nor is there any question as to the quality of nerve to meet the emergencies of the four years beginning March 4, 1917.

THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS DO NOT STOP AT THE COAST LINE.

"When I say that I am an American citizen I ought to say the proudest thing that any man can say in this world. But you can't have that pride of American citizenship is a cheap thing, if it is not worthy of protection this wide world over. There is no man who could successfully present to an American community the platform that an American citizen's rights stop at the coast line and that beyond that American life is to be the prey of any marauder who chooses to take it."—From a Speech of Mr. Hughes in the West.

"Moose Drift to Wilson Approaches Stampede."

(Headline—Weekly bulletin issued by Democratic Campaign Committee.)

For Hughes. Theodore Roosevelt, Bainbridge Colby, Raymond Robins, Francis J. Heney, Oscar S. Straus, Ole Hanson, Gifford Pinchot, John Seymour, Hiram W. Johnson, Matthew Hale, James A. Garfield, Chester H. Rowell, Albert J. Beveridge, William Allen White, George W. Perkins, Harold L. Ickes, George L. Record, Henry J. Allen, Charles J. Davenport, Stewart Macdonald, Horace S. Wilkinson, Nephth Morris, H. P. Gardner, Elton H. Hooker, F. P. Corrick, Clarence P. Dodge, Raymond McFarland, Charles S. Bird, W. W. Seymour, William Hamlin Childs.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

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West Stayton

Bertha Bouck visited at the R. J. Kusy home Sunday.

Guy Griffin and wife went to Salem last Friday.

Lloyd Dively who is working at Geer, came home Saturday for a few days visit with home folks.

Chas. Peters and wife visited at the Barnch home Sunday.

Mr. Latham and wife of Salem visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Will Davis and family the first of the week.

Geo. Brown has a crew of men at work in his peppermint patch pulling weeds.

C. F. Loose and wife were Stayton visitors Tuesday.

M. A. Alsman and wife of North Santiam and Mrs. George Brower of Washington visited at the R. VanNuys home Wed.

Earl Wells of Molalla is visiting at the H. B. Condit home.

Roxie Gunsaulds and Venita Lewis called on Hilda Davis last Friday afternoon.

Kingston Kinks

Miss Edith Walker and cousin of Salem were week-end visitors at the J. T. Follis home.

Clare Vanderbeek of Alma, Mich. is visiting at the home of his uncle, T. W. Creech and family this week.

Curtis Cole and Loyde Harold were Salem visitors last Sun.

Mrs. Vilas Philippi and son, Glen were Stayton visitors Monday.

Marie Henkel visited at the O. M. Baker home Sunday.

Ralph Cole returned to his home in Jordan last Sunday after helping his brother, Curtis, a few days.

Wm. Ortman and family, who have been visiting at the Adam Schleis home, have returned to Junction City.