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HUGHES IN FIELD TO BEAT HEARST

Says Decent Government Is Vital Issue.

CALLS OPPONENTS MASKERS

Will Apply Roosevelt's Principles to State.

WILL YIELD TO NO BOSS

In Speech of Acceptance, Republican Candidate Exposes Pretensions of Independents and Promises Government for All People.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—With the declaration that the issue in the forthcoming campaign in the State is not to be one of Republican principles or Democratic principles, or a partisan issue at all, but the vital issue of decent government, Charles E. Hughes, of this city, tonight formally accepted the nomination for Governor, which was brought to him by a committee from the Republican State convention, recently held at Saratoga.

The ceremony of the notification of Mr. Hughes and of the other candidates was held at the Republican Club in West Fortieth Street, and followed a dinner at which Mr. Hughes met the members of the new Republican State Central Committee, which has been in session here today. Among the other guests at the dinner were ex-Governor Odell and ex-Governor Frank S. Black, and they were among the first to congratulate Mr. Hughes on the conclusion of his brief speech.

Inspiration From Roosevelt.

Mr. Hughes spoke as follows:

Highly appreciating the honor you conferred and realizing keenly the responsibility to be assumed, I accept the nomination. As a life-long Republican, as one loyal to the principles and best traditions of the party, I respond to the unanimous call of the convention.

We enter upon the campaign inspired by the example and fortified by the achievements of our great leader, Theodore Roosevelt. The National Administration, with a record of established reforms, has strengthened its hold upon the confidence of the people. The activities of Congress in the interest of all the people has been attested by the passage of the railroad rate act, the meat inspection act, the pure food act, and the employers' liability act.

State Issues Paramount.

In referring to this record of the Federal Administration I should not be understood to imply that this is a campaign of National issues. The paramount issues in this campaign are State issues. But in the matters which I have mentioned we find a notable record of achievement which presents a striking contrast to the noisy pretensions of the hour.

Our State administration has also accomplished many genuine reforms.

Here Mr. Hughes enumerated the reforms with special reference o life insurance companies. He then proceeded:

What do we find in opposition to us? A masquerade. An Independence League whose independence has been betrayed, and a so-called but spurious Democratic party which has violated every principle of Democratic government.

Parade in Virtue's Livery.

Vain is it for our opponents to parade in the livery of virtue. Empty are their professions and hollow their declarations and promises.

If you would know the sort of administration we would have in event of their success, look at the Buffalo convention; for there you will find their motives and their methods mirrored; their motive, selfishness, and their method intrigue.

We test the sincerity of their independence by their efforts to procure the Democratic nomination. We test the sincerity of their appeals to American ideals by their despotic proceedings.

We test the sincerity of their attacks upon the question of money in politics by their use of money in politics. We test the sincerity of their devotion to the interests of the people by their efforts to foment disorder and exploit ignorance in the interests of selfish ambition.

Decent Government the Issue.

What then is the supreme issue of the campaign? It is not an issue of the Republican record. It is not an issue of Republican principles or Democratic principles. It is not a partisan issue at all. It is the vital issue of decent government. The question is whether the unholy alliance that succeeded at Buffalo shall capture the State of New York.

In my message to the convention I stated that, if elected, it would be my ambition to give the State a sane, efficient and honest administration, free from taint of bossism or of servitude to any private interest. This is my position in a nutshell.

Will Recognize No Boss.

It will be an unbossed administration. I believe in party organization—in clean, efficient organization. I promise all members of the party fair treatment and just consideration. No individual or group of individuals and no private interest will be permitted to dictate my policy.

I shall decide and act according to my conscience and as I believe the public interest requires. I promise an honest administration. It will be my aim to make the administration of the government efficient and economical. I am not committed to specific measures. I promise an examination, careful and impartial, of all matters within the scope of my authority and such action as my honest judgment shall approve.

Every practical measure for the real benefit of labor will have my cordial support.

Insurance Reform Effective.

I shall spare no effort to make effective the reforms in the business of life insurance so essential to the interest of policyholders.

I promise the enforcement of the law with equal severity and in equal justice to all, rich and poor, corporations and individuals.

We make our appeal to the common sense of the American people, which has never failed to express itself decisively in a great crisis. We are pledged to achieve reforms in the American manner, in accordance with the genius of our institutions and with love of truth and evenhanded justice.

It is in this spirit and with these pledges alone that I accept the nomination.

DENOUNCE BOSS OF THE STATE

Rhode Island Democrats Name Higgins to Fight Aldrich.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 3.—James H. Higgins, Mayor of Pawtucket, was nominated for Governor by acclamation by the Democratic state convention today. The ticket was completed as follows:

Lieutenant-Governor, Charles M. Sisson, Providence.

Secretary of State, William Palmer, Providence.

Attorney-General, Edward M. Sullivan, Cranston.

State Treasurer, John K. Archabault, Warwick.

Mr. Higgins, in his speech of acceptance, said that in Rhode Island "the money and rights of the people have been bargained away for individual profit and the good name of the state dragged in the mire," and that "a brutal boss with a warped conception of public morality and hideous disregard of even the outer forms of political decency has sold our laws and offices from an auction block in the State House."

The platform adopted denounces the "Boss system," which it declares dominates National and state affairs. "The Government of the state," it asserts, "has passed to the boss, has robbed Rhode Island of millions of dollars' worth of franchises and privileges and bestowed them on men who have contributed out of their ill-gotten wealth to the support of the system, not out of gratitude, because that system exempted from taxation that wealth it has so corruptly given them. Under this system the people of the state have been deprived of a revenue from taxation of millions of dollars and a portion of this money so unjustly withheld from the state has been used to corrupt a controlling element in communities where the forces of civic honesty could be overcome by the forces of organized corruption."

The establishment of the eight-hour day for all state and municipal work is demanded, as are the calling of a constitutional convention with representation based on population and the enactment of a corrupt practices law applicable to elections and primaries.

The platform also favors the election of United States Senators by direct vote.

Bryan Speaks at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 3.—W. J. Bryan spoke in St. Joseph tonight to 10,000 persons. His train was late in arriving and it was nearly 10 o'clock before he began his address. Many sat five hours in the tent in which the speaking occurred, waiting to hear Mr. Bryan. The Nebraskan was introduced by C. F. Booher, candidate for Congress, as the next President. He thanked the chairman, saying the announcement was very pleasing to him.

Bryan Starts on New Tour.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 3.—William J. Bryan started today on a tour of campaigning which, with few interruptions, will continue until nearly election day. After his speech tonight at St. Joseph, Mo., he will return to Nebraska and will make addresses Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The week following, and possibly longer, will be spent in Kansas, and from there the Central States will be visited.

Gillett Resigns Seat in Congress.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 3.—Congressman James N. Gillett, Republican candidate for Governor, tendered Governor Pardee today his resignation as Congressman of the First District. Governor Pardee will issue a proclamation tomorrow calling an election for the purpose of electing a Congressman for the unexpired term.

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Writes Letter of Acceptance to Independents.

STANDS BY OWNERSHIP

Promises to Clean Out Banking and Insurance Departments—Laws for Honest Elections and Against Corrupt Practices.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The Independence League, which nominated William R. Hearst for Governor, today received from Mr. Hearst his letter accepting the nomination. In his letter he says:

The great problem of the hour, the problem that the people must solve with their ballots and in legislation, is to do away with corporation control of the Government. That control is now practically absolute. It rests mainly upon our system of partisan policies, directed by boss rule and subject to trust ownership.

I accept your nomination with the full knowledge that the Independence League and its candidate for Governor are pledged in honor to the extermination of bossism by putting into operation throughout our state the system of direct nominations and open primaries.

The league has so aroused the people upon the fundamental issues of government by trusts or by citizens that already they have called forth Democratic action by the masses of the Democratic party.

Hughes Corporation Lawyer.

You see a corporation lawyer put forward as the standard-bearer of the Republican party in this campaign. You see corporation lawyers and violent partisans of monopolies held up to you as the only men fit to select your judges.

The people know that their enemies are the originators and managers of oppressive trusts. They know that these trusts are in control of the machine of the Republican party in this state. They see Mr. Sheldon chosen as treasurer to raise and spend the money for Mr. Hughes, the corporation attorney. And when they realize that Mr. Sheldon, director in 21 corporations, notoriously connected with the collapsed shipbuilding trust, is the financial reliance of the ticket which Mr. Hughes heads, they cannot look on that ticket as promising much for the prosperity of the mass of the people.

Inspect Banks Rigidly.

In regard to the violations of financial trusts and the uneasiness repeatedly caused by revelations of dishonesty in banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, such as the Merchants' Trust Company, the German Bank, of Buffalo, and the New York Building and Loan Association, there is no question that the public welfare demands drastic action. It is alarming that these instances of faithlessness and dishonesty should occur without effective opposition or rebuke from the banking department, if not with its connivance. I purpose, if elected, to remove Kilburne, reorganize the department and have it administered so as to carry out both the letter and the spirit of the law.

The corporations have juggled with the funds of insurance companies in open disregard of common honesty, contempt for the penal code and for the insurance law. There is incompetence in the state department created for the especial purpose of detecting and preventing these crimes and breaches of trust. I purpose, if elected, to remove the present incumbent and reorganize this important department.

I purpose, if elected, to exercise fearlessly, with due regard for the principle of home rule, the power of removal given by the people to the Governor.

I purpose to end control by the corporations, not only in these state departments, but in the county offices charged with laxity of enforcing the original laws of the state. I purpose to put a premium on the enforcement of the law instead of encouraging its violation by tolerating in office officials who grant immunity to powerful and influential offenders.

Honesty in Elections.

I advocate making the public officials' term of office so short that he will not have time or inclination to forget who it is that elected him and that ought to control him. In particular I favor undoing the mistake that lengthened the term of office of the Mayor of New York from two to four years, and I advocate a material shortening of the terms of office for all judges.

An honest election law, an efficient corrupt practices act and especially a measure that will make it possible to have a judicial review of an election upon proof of fraud or mistake must be enacted as part of that campaign against corporation domination upon which the people have entered so enthusiastically.

I stand for irreconcilable hostility to the appropriation by Congress of property belonging to the community.

Stands by Public Ownership.

I shall continue to work for the enactment of a statute empowering cities to acquire and operate all public utilities at their option.

Railroad rates must be reduced and New York must be placed in line with other progressive states that are enforcing a maximum rate of two cents a mile to every railroad not specially chartered to exact a greater charge.

I accept the nomination and pledge myself to strive in the future, as I have in the past, to retain for the people the rights they still have and to restore to them the power of government which they have lost.

WILL CAMPAIGN IN BOX-CAR

Ownership Candidate Will Pursue Hearst Through State.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The state and municipal ownership party held a convention today and nominated a full state ticket, as follows:

Governor, J. W. Cody, New York City; Lieutenant-Governor, C. Stienke, Buffalo; Controller, Herman Robinson, New York City; Secretary of State, George E. Sands, Troy; Attorney-General, Fred W. Clifford, Stapleton; State Engineer, Horace Seymour, Utica; State Treasurer, Samuel Gress, Ithaca.

Mr. Cody said he would make a whirlwind campaign in a boxcar, following closely in the wake of Mr. Hearst.

TRANSPORT IS IN FLAMES

CARGO OF THE THOMAS BECOMES GREAT FURNACE.

Fire Starts in Vast Quantity of Hay and Steamer May Be Sunk to Save Her.

MANILA, Oct. 4.—The transport Thomas is on fire. The fire originated in the hold, where there are 6500 bales of hay. The flames have spread to the bunkers. The hold of the vessel has been flooded.

It is thought that the only hope of saving the vessel is in sinking her. The water at her dock is shallow.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The Thomas, on fire at Manila, is one of the half-dozen Belfast-built steel ships in the War Department's transport service. She was formerly the British steamer Minnewaska. She was first used in the Atlantic service, but six years ago was transferred to the Pacific Coast and has been in regular service from there to the Philippines. She is of 3653 net tonnage and was built in 1894.

No word of the fire on the vessel reached the War Department tonight.

LUMBERMEN TO SUE RAILROAD

Northern Pacific Does Not Supply Cars.

DISCRIMINATION IS ALLEGED

Washington Mills Are Raising a Large Sum.

TO EMPLOY KEEN COUNSEL

Interstate Commerce Commission Is to Be Shown How Manufacturers Suffer Heavy Loss Through Lack of Transportation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association will bring suit before the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Northern Pacific Railroad, alleging discrimination in the distribution of cars and holding the Hill line liable for business losses because the timber interests have not had enough equipment to make eastbound shipments. It is alleged not more than 45 per cent of the number of cars required are being furnished by the Northern Pacific.

A committee representing the millmen is working quietly to secure a fund of $8000 to carry on the prosecution of the suit against the Northern Pacific. This was authorized at a recent meeting of the lumber association but the facts have been kept quiet pending the organization of the fight.

Lumbermen say that the Great Northern has plenty of cars and that the mills on this system have been able to ship promptly. But 80 per cent of the Washington "rail" mills are located on the line of the Northern Pacific, and prosperity on the Great Northern does not help them.

Stock Jobbery Is Alleged.

It was alleged today by mill interests that the Great Northern could relieve the car shortage on the Northern Pacific if it would. Northern Pacific officials have alleged they have sent as high as two trainloads of lumber daily over the Great Northern, but the millmen insist they have figures showing the relief granted has not averaged 20 cars a day.

It was said by a high official of the Lumbermen's Association that since the Great Northern and Union Pacific are fairly well equipped with cars, the mill interests now believe that the failure of Northern Pacific to furnish enough equipment is due to stock jobbing operations and a desire to keep down Northern Pacific earnings.

The lumbermen say they have investigated and can prove that during the first eight days of September, when west-end officials of the Northern Pacific refused to haul any new shipments of non-perishables billed east of Spokane, plenty of cars were furnished in the Coeur d'Alene and Pend d'Oreille lumber districts. This, it is charged, is a direct violation of the new railroad rate bill, in that it is a discrimination in the distribution of cars.

Plenty of Cars for Wheat.

Lumbermen insist that at present the Northern Pacific is gathering plenty of cars in Eastern Washington to handle the wheat shipments. The millmen declare that wheat is not entitled any more than lumber to be regarded as a perishable commodity, and that this action is discrimination under the railroad-rate bill.

The bitterest pill in the railroad situation is the claim that Oregon lumber manufacturers are getting plenty of cars, and that the failure of the Northern Pacific to provide sufficient equipment is resulting in orders originally offered mills in this state being placed in Oregon. Washington lumbermen say they are losing to Oregon a part of the trade they spent years in building up.

Fight to Be to a Finish.

Because of the more serious situation on the Northern Pacific, the fight before the Interstate Commerce Commission is to be directed toward that road. It is said papers will be ready within a short time and that the contributions of millmen are sufficient to carry through the fight.

Northern Pacific officials have announced heavy purchases of freight cars and locomotives, but the millmen disregard these announcements.

EXTINGUISH OPIUM TRADE

Chinese Minister Proposes Plan for Execution of Edict.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The Chinese Minister at London sent an exhaustive dispatch to Pein last July advocating the abolition of the opium trade, and his proposals to this end may be taken as an indication of the shape to be given the regulations to enforce the recent governmental edict against the traffic.

The Minister counseled the gradual diminution in the cultivation of the poppy by a system of registration and licensing, under which native cultivators would reduce yearly the area under cultivation until the industry ceased entirely. He further urged a system of permits to aged opium smokers, the limiting and gradual reduction in the consumption of the drug, the prohibition of smoking to the young, the closing of opium dens and shops, the concentration of the trade in the hands of a single company recognized by the government, whose shareholders shall be the chief drug merchants of the larger towns, and that this company's license be renewed yearly and its capital reduced 10 per cent a year in order to insure a corresponding reduction in cultivation.

The importation of opium from India is to be limited to meeting any deficiency in the supply. Provision is to be made in the government workshops for the care of all those suffering physically or mentally as a result of their endeavors to forsake the opium habit, while those declining to abandon smoking, after the prohibition comes into force, are to be forbidden from taking any office under the government or in any governmental institution.

Germans Brutally Kill English Girl.

ESSEN, Prussia, Oct. 3.—A great sensation has been caused here by the murder of Miss Madeline Lake, daughter of an English army officer, whose body, terribly mutilated, was found Monday evening in the City Park.

Both the girl's temples were beaten in, her throat was lacerated by the hands of her murderers, who evidently strangled her, in addition to beating her terribly about the head, and her arms and body were severely bruised.

Miss Lake is reputed to have been related, distantly, to the British royal family. The brother of her grandmother, it is stated, married a daughter of Caroline Amelia Elizabeth, of Brunswick, divorced wife of George IV of England.

Pronounce Dreadnaught Success.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The battleship Dreadnaught today started a 20-hour consecutive steam trial. In several preliminary short trials she is said to have proved a distinct success from the point of view of handiness in maneuvering. This was in spite of the weather conditions, which were far from favorable. As the Dreadnaught is the first example of the use of turbine engines in a warship intended to maneuver and fight in company with other units of corresponding power, her success is regarded with great satisfaction in naval circles and attributed entirely to her double rudders.

Urge Soldiers to Desert.

ROUEN, Oct. 3.—A large number of posters were placarded on the walls here during the night, signed by the Anti-Military Association, summoning the new recruits to desert from the army if they believed they were "unable to endure the insults, punishments and vexation of barrack life," and concluding with an invitation to the women of Rouen to form an "international society of mothers to resist the despots of the government, which is still thirsting for human blood." The police tore down the proclamation shortly after daylight.

Indians Raid Mexican Town.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 3.—Indians in the eastern end of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec around the Town of Chinameca, having become disaffected with the status of land claims and feeling aggrieved, assembled to the number of 50 and attacked the Town of Acayucan, in the State of Vera Cruz. The only damage done in the town was the breaking of a few windows and some of the rural guards were hit with stones. The next morning, October 1, a force of 100 troops arrived and citizens resumed their usual occupations. The matter is being investigated.

Polish Agitation in Posen.

POSEN, Prussian-Poland, Oct. 3.—The police today seized 10,000 copies of an appeal, couched in fiery language, to Polish parents, urging them to make a demonstration October 17 against religious instruction being given in the German language in the schools here and in this vicinity. Measures have been taken to prevent any disturbance on that date.

Roosevelt's Trip to Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 3.—Thousands of visitors have already come to Harrisburg for the dedication of the new State Capitol tomorrow. President Roosevelt and his party will arrive from Washington on a special train at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. He will be met at the railroad station by the Capitol dedication committee and Mayor Gross of Harrisburg. The party will be escorted by the Governor's troop to the Capitol, where Governor Pennypacker and distinguished Pennsylvanians will receive the President.

SENATOR PLATT HAS COLLAPSED

Carried From Hotel to Office by Son.

WIFE'S RAGE GROWS COOLER

By Smashing Camera and Punching Photographer.

DELAYS TRIP TO NEW YORK

Old Man's Terror of Her Arrival Comes Too Soon—Denies He Will Resign or Mind Is Impaired.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Senator Thomas C. Platt, in a state of collapse, was borne out of the Hotel Gotham today and carried off to his suite of private offices in the United States Express Company's building an hour before the time of the expected arrival of his wife from the Platt estate, near Highland Mills, with the avowed intention of taking her place at the side of her aged husband.

Mrs. Platt's Wrath Finds Vent.

But he might as well have stayed in bed, for Mrs. Platt, abandoning her announced intention of yesterday, did not come to town. She was still at Tioga Lodge this afternoon, boiling mad, although she had been able to take off some of the edge of her temper by smashing the camera and punching the nose of a photographer, who tried to snap-shot her in the main street of Highland Mills.

Lawyer-Son Has Platt in Charge.

Mrs. Platt's intention to rejoin her husband was supposed to have been due to the knowledge that Mr. Platt had been disposing of his fortune, possibly to prevent her from forcing a big money settlement with him, and to exclude her from any substantial pecuniary benefit in the event of his death. Because of this state of affairs, there is probably significance in the fact that it was the Senator's lawyer-son, Frank H. Platt, the son who has never noticed the former Mrs. Janeway since she married his father, who took the old Senator away from the Hotel Gotham.

Does Not Intend to Resign.

While Mr. Platt was intrenched in his offices this afternoon, there arrived a correspondent for a Washington paper, who had come here to investigate a report that the Senator had gone to pieces mentally, and that he meant to resign his seat in Congress at once. Secretary Howe carried in the Washington man's questions and brought out this answer:

"The Senator has no intention of resigning. The Senator says his mental faculties are unimpaired."

EQUITABLE MUST ANSWER

Court Says Waste of Funds Is Good Cause of Action.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Justice Van Kirk today dismissed the demurrers of the defendants in the suit brought by Mrs. Mary S. Young, as policyholder and stockholder, against the Equitable Life Assurance Society to compel a restitution of the funds of that society, which she alleges have been wasted. Justice Van Kirk decided an interlocutory judgment that the allegations of the plaintiff constitute sufficient cause of action and that the demurrer of none of the defendants is sufficient to entitle them to a judgment.

The court also ordered that, if the defendants do not within 20 days after service of a copy of the judgment answer the complaint and pay the costs, final judgment may be entered.

BURNED TO DEATH BY GAS

Explosion in Furnace at Pueblo Costs Five Lives.

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 3.—At an early hour today a "blow-out" of blast furnace D of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's works in this city caused the instant death of two men and two others were so badly injured and burned that one died this afternoon and the other cannot live.

The explosion is supposedly due to gas. A fifth man was believed to have been caught in the falling debris and crushed, but this has not been definitely established. An eyewitness says he does not believe more than five persons were hurt. All the men are foreigners.

SIGN OF RAILROAD DEAL

Change in Chairman of Wisconsin Central Board.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—W. L. Bull, chairman of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Central Railway Company, has resigned and has been succeeded as chairman by George M. Cumming, of this city, president of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company. John Crosby Brown, James C. Colgate and Gerald Hoyt resigned as directors, but no successors to them were chosen.

BUT THERE'S NOT A WORD ABOUT GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP