



HUGHES DEMANDS AMERICAN POLICY

Unflinching Upholding of Rights His Keynote.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES OUTLINED

Firmness and Consistency Declared Essential in Foreign Affairs.

NOMINEE IS NOTIFIED

Constructive Work Urged to Prepare Nation for Crisis Coming After War.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Charles E. Hughes tonight outlined in his speech of acceptance the issues upon which he will conduct his campaign for the Presidency.

Mr. Hughes assailed the Administration for the course it has pursued with reference to Mexico, maintenance of American rights during the European war, preparedness and other great questions of the day. He declared for a new policy of "firmness and consistency" toward Mexico, for "the unflinching maintenance of all American rights on land and seas," and for adequate National defense, adequate protection on both our Western and Eastern coasts.

Alien Intrigues Condemned. "We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation," Mr. Hughes said. "Utterly intolerable is the use of our soil for alien intrigues. Every American must unreservedly condemn them and support every effort for their suppression."

The nominee assailed the Administration for its "direction of diplomatic intercourse" from the beginning, declaring that where there should have been conspicuous strength and expertness there had been weakness and ineptness. He cited Santo Domingo as an instance where appointments had gone to "deserving Democrats" and to the failure to continue Ambassador Herrick at his post in Paris after the war had started as "a lamentable sacrifice of international repute."

Vote for Women Indorsed. "I indorse the declaration in the platform in favor of woman suffrage," Mr. Hughes declared, and he added: "Opposition may delay, but in my judgment cannot defeat, this movement. I favor the vote for women."

One-fourth of the speech was devoted to Mexico. Step after step taken by the Administration with reference to Mexico was assailed, from the days of Huerta to the note sent the de facto government by the State Department June 20 last, part of which was quoted in the speech. The seizure of Vera Cruz, the nominee said, was "war, of course."

Truth About Mexico Out. "Later we retired from Vera Cruz," he continued, "giving up the noble warfare. Recently the naked truth was admitted by a Cabinet officer. We are now informed that we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag. We are told that we went there to show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demand that Huerta must go."

"America," Mr. Hughes continued, "has no policy of aggression toward Mexico, no desire for any part of her territory, but wishes her to have peace, stability and prosperity. The conduct of the Administration as created difficulties we shall have to surmount," he said. "We demand from Mexico the protection of the lives and property of our citizens and the security of our border from representations."

Brave Words Not Enough. Safeguarding American rights abroad had not been accomplished by the Administration, he said. There had been "brave words in a series of notes," but "what does it avail to use some of the strongest words known to diplomacy if Ambassadors can receive no impression that the words are not to be taken seriously." The nominee reiterated his declaration that had this Government left no

DEAD IN ONTARIO FOREST FIRE 184

HEAVY RAIN SAVES LARGE SECTION FROM DESTRUCTION.

One Town Obliterated, Another in Ruins; Hundreds Homeless. Relief Work Is Pressed.

TORONTO, Ont., July 31.—With one town wiped out, another almost in ruins and a score of small settlements obliterated, Premier Hearst announced tonight that 184 persons lost their lives in the forest fires in Northern Ontario. Only a heavy rainfall, early today saved a great part of the province from destruction. Hundreds are homeless and the Dominion government has taken extraordinary measures to provide for the refugees.

Where the town of Matheson once stood tonight there are only smoldering ruins and ashes. The country surrounding it is as barren as a desert. Only a few structures in the village of Cochrane remain standing. The greatest loss of life occurred at Nushka and Monteith, partly in ruins, where 98 persons were burned to death. At Matheson 35 perished. In Quebec Falls, where great paper mills are situated, was not entirely burned, as reported last night. The paper mills and one store were saved from the flames.

"The relief work throughout the district is well in hand," said the Premier tonight. "Everything possible is being done. We will spare no expense to give the necessary relief."

TWO DROWN IN JOHN DAY

Wyatt and Theodore Tutman, of Fossil, Lost While Bathing.

FOSSIL, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Wyatt, aged 24, and Theodore, aged 17, sons of J. H. Tutman, of this place, were drowned in the John Day River 20 miles west of Fossil, at Clarino Bridge Sunday.

A large swimming party went from here for a day's sport at the bridge. Theodore, who was unable to swim, got beyond his depth and went down. Wyatt, his brother, went to his aid and was also lost.

Wyatt was a former Oregon Agricultural College student and Theodore was a high school student of this place. Scores of people went to the scene in autos to assist in searching for the bodies.

SOLDIERS' LOT LIGHTENED

Knights of Columbus to Establish Station Along Border.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 31.—With two recreation stations for American soldiers already in operation at Brownsville and El Paso, the Knights of Columbus will establish 13 more along the Mexican border, it was announced today.

This action was taken at a meeting of the board of directors in advance of the meeting of the supreme convention, which opens here tomorrow.

The quarters will be provided with shower baths, light refreshments, reading matter, facilities for correspondence and special entertainment for the troops.

PACKERS' STRIKE SETTLED

Concessions Affecting 4500 Men Accepted by Workers.

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—Striking employees of the three large packing houses in East St. Louis today voted to accept the concessions made by the employers and to return to work Tuesday. About 4500 men are involved.

The packers agreed that no discrimination should be made against union men and that in the plants of Armour & Co. and Morris & Co., a grievance committee shall be maintained on each floor.

POPE ADDRESSES YOUTHS

Failure of Appeals for Peace Admitted by Pontiff.

ROME, via Paris, July 31.—The failure of the Pope's appeals to the warring nations for peace was admitted by the Pontiff in addressing a delegation of the youth of Rome yesterday.

The delegation prayed for peace in accordance with the Pope's appeal to the children of the whole world to appeal to God on the last Sunday of the second year of the struggle to end the war.

OKUMA MAY RETIRE SOON

Japanese Press Forecasts Formation of New Ministry.

TOKIO, Japan, July 31.—Japanese newspapers intently forecast the retirement of Marquis Okuma from the Premier's office and the organization of a new Japanese Ministry, probably presided over by Lieutenant-General Count Terauchi, the Governor-General of Corea.

General Terauchi is at present in Tokio conferring with the elder statesmen.

ALLIES GET PART OF GERMAN LAST LINE

Gain Most Important Since Drive Began.

GREAT DEFENSE IS IMPERILED

Move Is Counted On to Flank Enemy Positions.

COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

Foch's Troops Now Across Narrow Gauge Railroad Used by Germans as Supporting Point of Their Main Defense.

BY FRED B. PITNEY.

PARIS, July 31.—(Special.)—Two days' fine weather have permitted the Anglo-French forces to take up once more the offensive on the Somme front. With one great bound they have pushed forward to the outskirts of Comblis.

They are up to the last German line of defenses here, and at one point on the tip of the Monacu farm are in possession of a piece of the last line.

Step Most Important of All. This is the most important step the allied troops have yet achieved in their double drive on Bapaume and Peronne. Comblis is the last great German defensive position between the present allied lines and the Peronne-Bapaume Railroad. Its fall would permit the British and French troops to sweep forward to the road between Ranocourt and Sully, or to thrust north to Morval.

Such a move would flank the German position at Peronne and Monte St. Quentin and force their immediate evacuation. The drive on to Bapaume would then become an extremely simple operation when compared with the almost insuperable difficulties already overcome by the soldiers of Haig and Foch.

Attackers Beaten Back. Two weeks ago the French captured the Monacu farm. It was not until nightfall last night that the Germans gave up their desperate attempts to take the position. Attack after attack the German officers led against the coveted lines, but the French machine guns, placed in position in the nick of time, poured a raking fire on the advancing columns and the fortress which the Germans built to hold the French back was too well constructed to yield to their own assaults.

At sundown the French not only had consolidated their grip on Monacu, but had also swept on toward Clercy and opened a breach in the German last line defending Comblis at that point. All along the front to Hill 139 Foch's troops are now across the narrow gauge railroad running from Comblis to Peronne, which the Germans use as the supporting point of their main defense line.

Work at Crossing Captured. Simultaneously work at the crossing of the Ginchy-Hardcourt roads fell to the hands of the Allies.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Life Lost When Playmate Is Believed to Have Fired Blast.

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The fire is believed to have been started by a neighbor's boy, aged 4, who is said to have been playing near the barn.

FRANCIS JOSEPH HAS CHILL

Austrian Emperor Reported as Being Confined to His Bed.

LONDON, July 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria caught a severe chill while inspecting his troops, says a Vienna dispatch forwarded to London by the correspondent at The Hague of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

His Majesty is described as being exceedingly ill and confined to his bed.

ATTACK BY AIR IS MADE ON ENGLAND

SEVERAL GERMAN CRAFT APPEAR ALONG THAMES.

Coast Crossed Along Southeastern and Eastern Counties—Attack Is Proceeding, London Says.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The eastern and southeastern counties of England had a visitation from German airships late last night, and at this hour the attack is still proceeding. An official communication just issued says:

"An attack by several hostile airships developed before midnight. The raiders are reported as having crossed the coast line along the eastern and southeastern counties. Bombs were dropped off the Thames estuary."

"The attack is proceeding." Another official communication says: "The raid appears to have been carried out by a considerable number of airships. The raiders seemed to have spent time cruising over the counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex, Kent and Huntingdon."

"Bombs were dropped somewhat indiscriminately over localities possessing no military importance. Our anti-aircraft guns came into action, it is believed with good effect. Full details of the raid are not yet at hand."

"LETTERS HOME" PROBED

Soldier Writers Must Prove Charges of Neglect.

EL PASO, July 31.—Correspondents attached to the various militia units in this district were made uneasy today by the news that copies of their articles to home papers dealing with the treatment of the men have been submitted to the various commanding officers for investigation.

It is learned that at the orders of the War Department, these officers have been instructed to get at the truth of the charges of mismanagement, incompetence and neglect made in these articles.

It is proved that the men have in any cases been made to suffer needless hardships the blame will be fixed. But if it can be shown that there was no basis for charges that caused the relatives of the guardsmen great mental anguish, then the guilty writers will shortly see themselves homeward bound.

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SHIPS WILL AID DEUTSCHLAND

These ships will not, of course, aid the Deutschland in any way. Their duty will be merely to see that no hostile force is within American waters.

There is still another difficulty in the way of the Deutschland's departure than that of lack of water outside the Chesapeake capes. The navigation laws of the United States include a provision forbidding the placing of obstacles in the way of navigation and imposing penalties therefor.

Should the Deutschland submerge in the channels employed by vessels of the United States, a patrol of naval and coast guard vessels has been established in the vicinity of the capes.

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Submerging Within Territorial Limit Difficult.

PROTECTION ASKED FOR

State Department Gives Little Encouragement; Preparations Indicate Intention to Depart Within 24 Hours.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(Special.)—The Deutschland is finding it far easier to enter American waters than it is to leave them. An appeal has been made to the Treasury and Navy departments to guard the submarine so long as she is in American waters. The State Department has replied with an inquiry as to the extent and kind of protection desired.

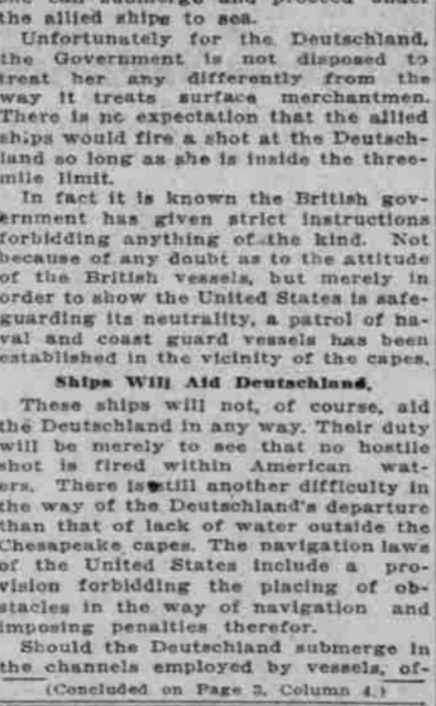
The master of the Deutschland is afraid his ship will be "accidentally" rammed by a vessel hired for that purpose by the British government, but the greater danger lies in the inability of the underwater merchantman to submerge in the vicinity of the Chesapeake capes.

Depth Is Insufficient. There is not a sufficient depth of water between the capes and the three-mile limit for the Deutschland to utilize in order to escape observation by the watching allied men of war. What the Deutschland desires to do is to move out of the capes and steam north or south within the three-mile limit until an ocean "deep" is found in which she can submerge and proceed under the allied ships to sea.

Unfortunately for the Deutschland, the Government is not disposed to treat her any differently from the way it treats surface merchantmen. There is no expectation that the allied ships would fire a shot at the Deutschland so long as she is inside the three-mile limit.

In fact it is known the British government has given strict instructions forbidding anything of the kind. Not because of any doubt as to the attitude of the British vessels, but merely in order to show the United States is safeguarding its neutrality, a patrol of naval and coast guard vessels has been established in the vicinity of the capes.

OLD MAN OREGON WELCOMES THE PYTHIAN GRACES.



CITY'S FREEDOM IS GIVEN TO PYTHIANS

Friendships of Other Conventions Revived.

HUM OF POLITICS IS HEARD

Vice-Chancellorship of Order Is Big Plum.

EIGHT IN RACE FOR OFFICE

Fred Wheaton, Who Has Life Job as Keeper of Records and Seal, Wants Minneapolis Chosen as Convention City in 1920.

BY THEODORE W. BROWN.

Pythian activities remain in the ascendency. The pre-convention enthusiasm continues to gain momentum. The joys and the pleasures of the preliminary informality remain everywhere evident and are not to be dissipated until the three big meetings initiate the more formal proceedings this morning.

All yesterday delegates to the two international conventions and to the Oregon state convention continued to enter the city's welcoming gates. Old friends renewed acquaintances and the convention novices learned to make new friends.

Lodge Matters Discussed. The more or less subdued discussions over lodge politics persisted in the hotel lobbies and in the meeting halls or wherever two or more Pythians met.

Of prime interest among the delegates to the Knights' convention is the contest over the election of supreme vice-chancellor. Eight candidates are in the field for this honor. They are: Charles S. Davis, of Denver, Colo.; William Ladew, of New York City; Fred J. G. McArthur, of Winnipeg, Man.; Robert F. Burns, of Oakland, Cal.; Edgar M. Harber, of Kansas City, Mo.; Richard S. Witt, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank M. Beckford, of London, N. H.; and William F. Browning, of Baltimore, Md.

Progression Is Rule. The principal contest at every Pythian convention rages around this particular office because it is the unwritten rule of the organization to elevate the supreme vice-chancellor after one term of service to the office of supreme chancellor, which is the highest place within the gift of Pythianism.

This year John J. Brown, of Vandalla, Ill., will be elected supreme chancellor to succeed Brig S. Young, of Ada, O., whose term expires.

It was the universal understanding among delegates on the ground last night that the race for supreme vice-chancellor has narrowed down, for the present, to Mr. Davis and Mr. Ladew.

Mr. Davis has official aid. Mr. Davis is said to be the "organization" candidate. That is, he is supported, apparently, by Vice-Chancellor Brown and by many of the other high officials of the order. It was thought, also, that Chancellor Young was favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Davis, but his attitude since arriving in Portland on Sunday night seems to have dispelled that notion.

Mr. Young has expressed a determination to remain entirely neutral in the contest, but the Davis supporters believe that the present supreme chancellor ultimately will cast his strength with Mr. Ladew.

Vice-Chancellor's Help Sought. The managers of the Davis campaign, on the other hand, find much cause for encouragement over the support given them by Mr. Brown, who will be the supreme chancellor during the next two years. The aspirants for place and appointment usually align themselves with the new supreme chancellor. Mr. Brown's personal vote, therefore, is counted on to carry with it the votes of numerous other ambitious delegates.

However, Mr. Ladew seems to have the solid backing of the New York delegates, those from New England and from various other Eastern states.

Mr. Wheaton Has Clear Field. There is no opposition to Fred Wheaton, of Minneapolis, for supreme keeper of records and seal. The delegates say that Mr. Wheaton can have the office as long as he wants it.

Mr. Wheaton, moreover, is carefully nurturing a boom for the 1920 convention for Minneapolis. He proposes to

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