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FROM THREE SPEECHES.

We have heard in recent days that the alternative of the policy of the present Administration is war. I think the alternative of the policy of the present Administration is peace with honor.

The alternative of a weak and vacillating policy is not war; it is a firm insistence upon known rights in a world where all nations desire for friendship and a cordial friendship of all, and where only the most inexcusable blundering could drag us into strife.

In the greatest crisis that we have seen since the Civil War, in the greatest crisis of the world as a whole that the world has seen since the Napoleonic wars, it is our duty and privilege to stand once more for the principles for which the men of the early '40s stood.

If Mr. Hughes is made President, we can count with absolute certainty that not the least of our responsibilities in the land, nor yet the captain of the most powerful labor leaders in the land will be able to get one thing at Washington by threats or in any other way.

Have we been kept out of war? In the treatment that we have given Mexico one that assures peace? Had we allowed Mexico to work out her own salvation, as we have been told in the Indianapolis speech we ought to do, then we should not be responsible.

EXPLANATION MAKES IT WORSE. The more President Wilson explains his action in permitting the railroad brotherhoods to force the Adamson law through Congress, the worse he makes his case.

TETANUS AND THE SANE FOURTH. Owing to the fact that it takes time to compile statistics that are of value, the true significance of the "sane" observance of the Fourth of July last year is only just becoming known.

That there is still much to be done, however than is shown by the figures as to Fourth of July accidents, is not accompanied by tetanus. It is estimated that there were 4449 deaths and accidents not causing death in 1913.

change will be in the rate of wages paid. A commission is to ascertain what additional cost will be imposed on the railroads, with the implied intention of compensating them with advance in rates.

Taft and Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft met and shook hands at the Union League Club in New York, in the presence of many hundreds interested and expectant onlookers.

What might be. The difficulties encountered by Oregon shippers in obtaining railroad cars suggest a question as to what the situation would be under Government ownership and operation of the railroads.

Simplified City Government. The taxpayers have learned that it takes a great deal of money to run a city—as cities are now run.

James J. Hill's Early Life. The story of James J. Hill's early life, as told by Joseph Gilpin Pyle in his book, "The Life of James J. Hill," is a most valuable preparation for his great achievements.

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