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I'M SORRY; I WAS WRONG. There may be virtue in the man who's always sure he's right. Who'll never hear another's plan. And seeks no further light; But I like more the chap who sings a somewhat different song. Who says, when he has messed up things, "I'm sorry; I was wrong." It's hard for any one to say that failure's due to him— That he has lost the fight or way. Because his lights burned dim. It takes a man aside to throw the vanity that's strong. Confessing, "Twas my fault, I know; I'm sorry; I was wrong." And so, I figure, those who use this honest, manly phrase, Hate it too much their way to lose. On many future days, They'll keep the path and make the light. Because they do not long To have to say—when they're not right— "I'm sorry; I was wrong." —Exchange.

MR. HUGHES, THE CRITIC

MR. HUGHES, who would be president, in his speech of acceptance of the republican nomination qualifies as a critic but little else. His whole address was scarcely more than a diatribe against the present administration.

It is easy to criticise. Any one can do it and almost everyone does do it more or less. But there are critics and critics, and those to whom we grant the most consideration are those who criticise with intelligence and fairness. The honest critic is as quick to point out merits as he is to find fault.

Mr. Hughes' speech can hardly be said to contain any compliments for President Wilson, and yet there is no one, no matter how biased, who will refuse to concede that some notable achievements have marked the present administration. However, the republican candidate's speech was purely political and, of course, his criticisms are entirely partisan. They cannot, therefore, be accepted as the best available.

There can be no particular objection to him criticising the president, for that is the most natural thing for him to do inasmuch as he wants the president's job. But he should not have stopped with criticism of the other man. He should have offered to the people something better. He should have supplemented his criticism by defining a constructive, definite policy of his own. He should not have contented himself with damning the president's course of action but should have stated very explicitly what would have been his course and what will be his course. Before asking the people of his country to cast out a man who is a known quantity, he should advise them as to what they may expect from his successor.

"Those who can, do; those who can't, criticise." Mr. Hughes has not had the opportunity to do, but he can at least tell us what he would have done and what he will do. Whatever the faults he finds with the president's diplomacy, it has at least kept us at peace in the midst of a warring world. We are entitled to know the brand of diplomacy Mr. Hughes intends to use, or whether he is to use any diplomacy at all.

A BIG TUNNEL

FOR more than a hundred years the idea of a tunnel under the channel between England and France has been entertained, says the Boston Post. For a long time it was regarded as an impracticable fancy; about 50 years ago, borings and soundings were made, which showed that it could be done so far as natural obstructions were concerned. But the government stopped the preliminary work undertaken by private interests, on the ground of international and military complications. It is notable that the late Lord Wolseley strongly opposed the opening of such a convenient passage for the entrance of a French army into British territory.

But the world has moved since that day, and the alliances of the present war have encouraged the idea that such a means of communication between the British islands and the continent would be desirable rather than dangerous. In fact, it is now seen that such a tunnel would have been of great practical service, both military and commercial, during this crisis.

"You know who the critics are?" once wrote Beaconsfield. "The men who have failed in literature and art." He might have included politics.

Frontier shows come and they go but the Round-Up grows on forever.

Now that the Deutschland has started for home and Casement is no more Old Man Politics may find easier access to the front page.

Pendleton excursions to La Grande, Baker and other outside fairs are very commendable but the business men should not overlook the celebrations in Umatilla county. A big fair is to be held at Umatilla early in September.



A. Ghent of Helix was in town yesterday. W. A. Brown of Meacham, passed yesterday in the city. G. L. Larsen of Echo, was in the city over night yesterday.

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