

WILSON SNUB FOR FARMERS

Hughes Shows How Tillers of the Soil Were Ignored in Railroad Discussion.

CROP RAISERS FOOT BILL TO PAY FOR BROTHERHOOD DEAL.

Democratic Nominee Levelled a Body Blow at the Interests of Our Agricultural Communities When at the Behest of an Exclusive Group of Railroad Workers He Increased Their Pay Without Investigating the Justice of the Demand.

Charles E. Hughes, who left Lincoln for his second day's campaigning in Nebraska, told a crowd of farmers in his speech there that the Democratic Administration had ignored the agricultural interests of the country in urging the enactment of the Adamson law. The nominee in support of his contention, cited a telegram from President H. N. Pope of the Texas Farmers' Union to President Wilson requesting that the farmers be permitted to submit data in arbitration proceedings between the railroads and the brotherhoods. He said:

Someone Must Pay.

"I want to say in reference to rates that it seems to me the farmers of the country were very little considered the other day when on the demand of the Administration the wages of a group of railroad workers were increased by law, in response to force. Somebody has got to pay the increased bills, and the farmers will know very quick who has to pay them.

"The farmers were not represented in this discussion, if you will call it that in this surrender—I have here a copy of a telegram that was sent to the President by Mr. Pope, the president of the State Farmers' Union of Texas, which I shall read to you:

"We ask that you make no concessions or commitments that will in any manner cause an increase in freight rates on products produced or consumed on the farm. The men who pay the freight have an equity in this dispute, which neither the railroad trainmen nor the railroad managers have authority to represent. If it is your intention to personally dispose of the matter we ask that you postpone further consideration until a committee of farmers can prepare information and data to present their side of the case. If you conclude to settle by arbitration, then the organized farmers should have representation on any arbitration committee that may be formed to dispose of this question; for the men who pay should have representation as well as the men who receive it.

"We again urge that all questions involved be settled by arbitration, where all parties and all interests can be heard and the subject dealt with aside from haste and intimidation."

Asked to Abdicate Authority.

The crowd cheered when Mr. Hughes concluded reading the telegram.

"No regard was paid to that message," Mr. Hughes said. "The business men of the country, through the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, were at the same time and had for many weeks before been imploring the executive and leaders in congress for an immediate and prompt inquiry in order that the justice of this matter might be known. The farmers were not there except through the presence of the representatives of the people in congress, and those representatives were asked to abdicate their authority.

"I am in favor of everything that can reasonably be done for the promotion of agriculture. I am glad to note the work of the Agricultural Department. It will be continued with me, if I am intrusted with the power, to the utmost of efficiency under my administration.

A Body Blow Levelled.

"But it is idle to talk of interest in the farmer when you have action like this taken in congress overnight, against the protests of the farmer, and leveling a body blow at the interests of our agricultural communities."

Mr. Hughes again denied the declaration that a vote for him "meant a vote for war."

Mr. Wilson says the election of Mr. Hughes will mean war with Europe and war with Mexico. Why not chuck in Abyssinia and Patagonia for good measure? One is as likely as the other.

Now Ellis Parker Butler, author of "Pigs Is Pigs," has declared for Wilson. It's a great administration for pork all right.

Now that Mr. Hughes has left Missouri they're referring to it out there as the "I'm Shown" state.

A doormat leads a life of supine peace, but it has to stand for an awful lot of stepping on.

THE COUNTRY MUST INSURE ITSELF AGAINST INCAPACITY.

In his vigorous speech at Philadelphia on Monday night Mr. Hughes made an observation that should keep his countrymen thinking soberly every day until election morning, the seventh of November:

"We cannot say now in what particular sort of mess we shall find things in March next."

Here is room for disquieting speculation. The Government is in feeble hands. It is never prepared to act. In emergencies it does not know what to do, or how to begin. It is the sport

of circumstances. It waits for something to turn up with a guilty feeling of incapacity to deal with untoward events. Mr. Wilson, inconstant and vacillating himself and unable to learn from experience, can obtain neither inspiration nor support from his Cabinet, which is the weakest that any President has called together since the civil war. The policy of the Democratic Administration is not so much watchful as fearful waiting. It is flabby, timid, procrastinating, always undecided.

So anything may happen to the nation, any disaster, any disgrace. Mr. Hughes is right: we don't know

"in what particular sort of mess we shall find things in March next." The country is helpless to prevent blunders and imbecilities which may involve it in an unwelcome war or tarnish its honor; but the people can see to it that an American President with character and stamina as well as with brains is in the White House on March 4 to pilot the country through the rapids, and the people can give him a Republican Congress to provide the legislation he asks for to carry out his policies. The people can be in no doubt that the Cabinet Charles Evans Hughes selects will contain only able and efficient men, the best the country affords.—New York Sun.

The people of Vera Cruz who have erected a monument in the plaza to the Mexicans slain in battle seem to be ignorant of the fact that Mr. Wilson kept this country out of war.

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