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SOUND POLICIES.

Attorney General Gregory, who has lived among Mexicans for thirty years, recently spoke on some every day issues in which the people are interested. Among other things he said:

"The Mexicans are no cowards—they will fight for their country. Realizing these conditions, the president has attempted in every way possible to give them a chance to establish a permanent form of government and work out as best they can the national problems which confront them, and to settle the claims of our people against Mexico when a stable and financially responsible government has been established.

"The United States wants no war with the Mexican people. It would be ignoble war, the war of the strong against the hopelessly weak, a war against a people striving blindly and vaguely for freedom, for land, for education, for a place among the nations.

"Men well qualified to judge say that it will take 500,000 American soldiers to occupy Mexico and hold it until a responsible form of government had been firmly established, and that it will cost the lives of tens of thousands of boys from Maine to Texas and other states and the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, to bring about this result. Such intervention would be war and nothing less. How long the occupation of the country would last no man can say, but this we do know and the armies of Napoleon the third, under the Marshall Daxine and Maximilian found it out, that in the mountain fastnesses and in remote sections a guerilla warfare for years can be carried on and no glory or righteous reward could come to our country for the undertaking of such a task. We may have to do it some day, but no disinterested patriot in this country wants to see that day come, and here is no man who loves humanity who does not hope it will never come.

"Mr. Hughes bitterly complains of our Mexican policy, denouncing it as weak and vacillating and says that if he is elected president a vigorous and effective course will be pursued which in some vague way he seems to think will bring about some desirable result, but how this is to be done and what the result is to be he does not disclose. Strange to say, he denounces the most vigorous action this administration has taken against Mexican bandits more than he does the negotiations by which the administration has up to this time kept us out of war with Mexico as well as with Europe. To sum it all up, Mr. Hughes is for 'words' when the administration resorts to 'deeds' and for 'deeds' when the administration resorts to 'words,' but in any event he is consistent in saying that no matter what the administration says or does it is wrong, and if he were president whatever he said or did would be right, though he is particularly careful not to state what he would say or what he would do.

"A general settlement of our grievances against Mexico will ultimately be made, but let it not come in the shape of war against a people who want peace, and who as a body are as anxious to restore normal conditions in their distracted country as we are. If we are dealing with a strong, responsible and well organized government the problem would be much easier, but bear in mind that the outrages upon our border and people have been almost invariably committed by bandits and adventurers who are greater enemies of Mexico and its people than the United States."

Mr. Gregory discussed briefly the legislative achievements of the administration, and declared that the Democratic party had done and is doing more to protect the rights and opportunities of the individual man than all the administrations which have preceded it in 40 years.

He replied to the suggestion of Mr.

Hughes that the administration has failed to protect the neutrality of the country. He explained that the neutrality laws are enforced by the department of justice over which it is his duty to preside as attorney general. During the present administration, 85 men have been convicted for violating the neutrality laws by piracy, recruiting for the armies of different nations, training post-ports, organizing military expeditions against friendly nations, smuggling arms and munitions, and carrying in United States ports on the high seas and various other acts of a similar character.

"In the case of such a record as this," said Mr. Gregory, "Candidate Hughes and his party can make no logical reply except to say that when the European war is over times will get a great deal worse and that President Wilson will then be unable to deal with the new issues which would then arise. The reply is that the man who has successfully dealt with the complicated issues of the past will doubtless be able to deal with those of the future. It is for you to choose between a party of honest achievement and one of carping criticism, between a leader and a faultfinder."

MISFITS

Good, Mr. Hughes objects to the Adamson bill which saved the country from a devastating strike. He puts his feet in his mouth whenever he speaks.

Friends of Wilson earnestly hope he will keep speaking until the last minute.

Have you noticed what small crowds Hughes has at many of the stations, whereas, Wilson is greeted by brass bands and even at midnight by big crowds.

An Or. ex. claims to have the prettiest thing in its city in shirt waists. Corvallis asserts of course, that it has prettier. The Democrat knows there can be nothing prettier seen anywhere than in some of Albany's shirt-waists. This city is the beauty center.

Charles Sebastian arose from a common policeman to chief of police and then mayor of Los Angeles. He is said to have become very arrogant, so much so that he fought the newspapers and they fought him. Now he has resigned, punctured with paper pellets.

The high cost of wooden legs is becoming a serious matter in Europe.

Johnny has come marching home without a bullet mark.

Fortunate is the man who goes into a bloodless war.

The eight hour day has come to stay with everybody but housekeepers, editors, clerks, farmers, druggists and numerous others, destined to spend their lives working.

Modern News.
Mrs. Kindel and Mrs. Spragen and little son were out looking over the town Sunday evening.—Kinsley (Kan.) Graphic.

Movie Material in Salem.
Salem Capital Journal: A local couple were arrested in a rooming house last night on charges preferred by the husband of the woman, who was supposed to be absent from the city.

Tricks in All Trades.
In a shop recently, a well-known actress, who is noted for her perennial youth, asked for a traveling bag of alligator skin. The shopkeeper, who had none of that particular sort,

brought out instead one of smooth leather. "And you tell me this is alligator skin?" objected the actress. "Why, where are all its wrinkles?" "Ah, madam," replied the wily dealer, who knew his customer, "wrinkles are out of vogue. The correct alligator bag is made from the skin of an alligator that has been massaged."

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