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Two futile invasions of Mexico and six separate and distinct policies on the question of permitting arms and ammunition to be sent into that country are included in the performance of the Wilson administration in its dealings with our southern neighbors in less than three years. It is this characteristic instability of the government that makes people want a change.

When Charles E. Hughes said: "The dealings of the administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders," he gave an explicit characterization of the Wilson administration's policy in one sentence.

Just as it is now obstinately shutting its eyes to the need of industrial preparedness, for three years the Wilson administration refused to see the need of adequate military preparedness. With war on our southern border it was content to rely on a regular army that could only muster 40,000 available men and refused to continue the established policy of building up our navy. When the time came for action, the country had not sufficient troops to police the border and this force has been supplemented by a trifle more than one third the war strength of the national guard. If the national administration had had the ability to interpret the signs of the time military preparedness would have been well under way instead of barely begun.

Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, recognizes an important fact that Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic president, appears to have overlooked—that the United States is big enough to help Mexico out of the condition of anarchy in which that country is plunged and, by securing order in Mexico, insure peace on our border.

The insuperable handicap of the Democratic party in this campaign is its record.

If the Democratic national administration had left on the statute books in 1894 the federal corrupt practices act placed there by the Republicans there would be no occasion for the present administration's campaign publicity measure which, at best, is a very poor substitute for the law repealed.

President Wilson's campaign managers are entitled to all the comfort they can get out of calling the roll of Progressives who are going to vote for him. It would be an endless task to call the roll of Progressives who are not going to vote him.

For every reason that can be advanced why Progressives should vote for Wilson, ten can be advanced why they should vote for Hughes and the beauty of it is that they know the reasons without having to be told.

The Wilson administration went into Mexico to punish Villa for his outrage on American soil. The only punishment inflicted has been on American soldiers who were shot down at Carrizal by order of First Chief Carranza.

Pointed Paragraphs From Speech of Acceptance of Charles E. Hughes

It is apparent that we are shockingly unprepared.

When we contemplate industrial and commercial conditions, we see that we are living in a fool's paradise.

Not only have we a host of resources short of war by which to enforce our just demands, but we shall never promote our peace by being stronger in words than in deeds.

We are neither deceived nor cumbered by abnormal conditions. We know that we are in a critical period, perhaps more critical than any period since the Civil War.

The Administration utterly failed to perform its obvious duty to secure protection for the lives and property of our citizens. It is most unworthy to slur those who have investments in Mexico in order to escape a condemnation for the non-performance of this duty.

It is only through international co-operation giving a reasonable assurance of peace that we may hope for the limitation of armaments.

We have determined to cut out, root and branch, monopolistic practices, but we can do this without hobbling enterprise or narrowing the scope of legitimate achievement.

We demand a simple business like budget.

I believe it is only through a responsible budget, proposed by the executive, that we shall avoid financial waste.

We have had brave words in a series of notes, but despite our protests the lives of Americans have been destroyed.

THOMAS CREEK JOTTINGS

Mr La Grippe has left us and everyone is able to work again, which makes us feel quite happy as it is a little out of season and fashion to have the grip now.

E Wendt and wife were Albany visitors Saturday. Having sold their farm here, they went to look for a new location.

K M Chronic went to Salem Monday to have some special dental work done.

Miss Nora Calavan returned to Albany Tuesday after spending a few days of her vacation at the home of her brother, J M Calavan.

Herbert Shelton tried his luck at slinging milk cans a few days this week while Clyde Rodgers entertained Mr Grip.

Mr Ferguson purchased several head of cattle in this section last week, mostly cows and calves.

Mrs Watson and children of Salem are enjoying a visit, also a camping out spell, with her brother Eli Delong.

Mrs K M Chronic spent Thursday with Mrs Jake Weidman.

Mrs O E Eichinger is enjoying a visit with her sister and brother from Portland.

Singing at Grandma Fleming's Sunday evening was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Lola Westenhouse visited Mr and Mrs Tommy Fleming the latter part of the week, and assisted in cooking for threshers.

Mrs C L Rodgers spent Monday and Tuesday with home folks.

Mr and Mrs Ed Fleming spent last Sunday with their son Tommy and wife near Stayton.

As items are scarce Nibbs and Chatter Box write together this week.

Word wanted on subscription at this office.

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