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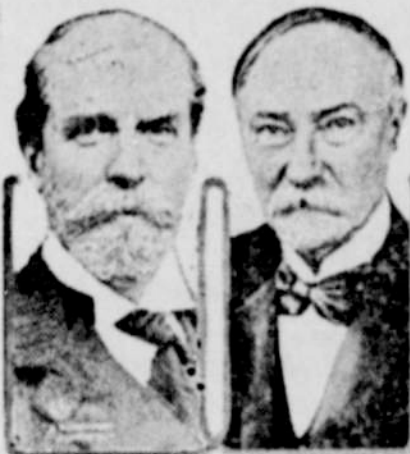
We do not see why there should have been any stir in the senate over the discovery that President Wilson has completely reversed himself in the matter of the proposed child labor law. Senator Borah was able to show that Mr. Wilson described this legislation in his "Constitutional Government" as unconstitutional, an "obviously absurd extravagance," carrying the congressional power to regulate commerce beyond the "utmost boundaries of reasonable and honest inference," and making it possible, if sustained, for congress to legislate over "every particular of the industrial organization and action of the country." That, we must confess, has also been the Evening Post's view. But the Evening Post and Senator Borah are old fogies, dating back to the time when it was the custom to have fixed beliefs and principles and stick to them. The senator has evidently not read Mr. Wilson's letter in explaining his change of front on the tariff commission—that it is only a narrow man, whose mind is stupidly closed to new ideas, who does not alter his opinions. By this test, Mr. Wilson is obviously one of the broadest minded men this country has ever produced, for he has changed his mind, to date, on the initiative, referendum, recall, woman suffrage, the tariff commission, tariff for revenue only, a permanent diplomatic service beyond politics, the merit system in the civil service, the proper place of Tammany Hall in the scheme of the universe, child labor legislation, preparedness, Bryan, a continental army—but why continue? It is a long enough list to prove that Mr. Wilson's political views are not fossilized by any fear of inconsistency.—New York Evening Post.

AN ADMINISTRATION TOO CONTENT WITH LEIS- URELY DISCUSSION.

I do not put life and property on the same footing, but the Administration has not only been remiss with respect to the protection of American lives; it has been remiss with respect to the protection of American property and American commerce. It has been too much disposed to be content with leisurely discussion.—From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

WILSON'S POLICIES BLOWN UP.

Charles Evans Hughes did have explosives with him when his motor car was searched by a Canadian soldier, but they were under the candidate's hat. Mr. Hughes will set them off on his Western tour and some of Mr. Wilson's policies will be blown up.—New York Sun.



HUGHES and FAIRBANKS.

WOMEN SHOULD BE FOR CHARLES E. HUGHES, SAYS ROOSEVELT.

"Mr. Hughes has unequivocally taken the right position, and as regards all other positions he, and not his opponent, is entitled to the support of both men and women, and therefore the women in the enfranchised states who do not in this election support him forfeit the right to say they have done their utmost for their sisters in the non-enfranchised states."—From a letter of Theodore Roosevelt to Miss Alice Carpenter.

Need of Constructive Legislation.

Just before the European war broke out we had a million skilled mechanics out of work and nearly half a million railroad men were idle, together with nearly half a million freight cars. The railroads were suffering from lack of freight to carry to market, and industry was gradually becoming stagnant. In Louisiana two hundred thousand acres of sugar land were plowed up because of Democratic changes in the tariff law. It is generally conceded by all save the blind that the country was not progressing. Attempts were made to keep courage up by the predictions made by Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield and President Wilson of the great trade booms which were soon to appear but which failed to materialize until the outbreak of war on the continent.

THE AMERICAN WORKING MAN SHALL NOT SUFFER

The Republican Party stands for the principle of protection. We must apply that principle fairly, without abuses, in as scientific a manner as possible; and Congress should be aided by the investigations of an expert body. We stand for the safeguarding of our economic independence, for the development of American industry, for the maintenance of American standards of living. We propose that in the competitive struggle that is about to come the American working-man shall not suffer.—From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

WE WANT THE AMERICAN FLAG UNSULLIED.

"Now, my friends, we want not only American efficiency in business, in efficiency in the organization of business, in the protection of the factors of human industry and commerce, we want the American flag unsullied and the American name honored throughout the world."—From Mr. Hughes' speech at Chicago.

MANANA

Manana, which is Mexican for "watchful waiting," is the Democratic keynote in the campaign. The Wilson drive is to begin "sometime" after September 1; but no definite engagements have been made. It is announced, for him to commence making political speeches. He has tentative engagements to make some Western visits about the middle of September but nothing positive. Plans are being formulated for carrying on a campaign to capture the woman vote of the country, but who will make the speeches on this phase of the controversy has not been determined. It had been expected that Mr. Bryan would speak in the Maine campaign, but it is now believed he cannot do so, but will make some speeches later. And so it goes. Watchful waiting will prevail while, in the meantime, Mr. Hughes is carrying on a positive campaign and arousing the entire Western country.



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