

REASONS WHY HUGHES NOT TO BE NOMINATED

Roosevelt Not Friendly to Hughes—Hughes Does Not Like Roosevelt and Would Not Accept His For-God-and-Country Platform—G. O. P. Not Ready for Hughes.

(By Gilson Gardner.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—There are four reasons why Justice Charles E. Hughes will not be nominated at the republican national convention as the party's republican-progressive harmony candidate for president. They are:

(1) Roosevelt does not like Hughes and would not support him.
(2) Hughes does not like Roosevelt and would not accept the latter's for-God-and-country platform.
(3) Hughes would not like to leave a life job as justice of the supreme court on the chance of getting the presidency or defeat—unless the chance of getting the presidency can be made more attractive than it is likely to be made.

(4) The republican convention "arrangers" are probably not ready for Hughes, but are using him as a stalking horse in the belief that they can trade and dicker for some "eminently satisfactory" man of their own brand of statesmanship.

There are several other reasons why Hughes will not be nominated, but these will accomplish the result.

Progressive Record

One of the most remarkable things about the Hughes boom is the fact that it has gone ahead on the assumption that Hughes would have the support of the progressives. That Hughes has no claim on progressive confidence is indicated by the following facts:

(1) He was appointed to the supreme court by President Taft, who is not famed for appointing progressives to responsible judicial jobs.

(2) He was nominated to the position of attorney in the insurance investigation by Strong, Cadwallader & Co., from which firm Taft took his attorney-general, George W. Wickersham.

(3) The insurance investigation which made Hughes famous, was subsequently discovered to be merely an incident in a battle royal between two financial groups each seeking possession of the vast capital of the insurance companies. The exposure in the public interest was a weapon used against the Harriman group. The Ryan group won.

Record as Governor

(4) As a reform governor of New York, Hughes made popular primaries his one slogan, and went out of office with no primary law enacted, and the Barnes-Murphy bi-partisan control still all-powerful.

(5) During the years when the progressives of the country were fighting for such things as popular election of senators, regulation of railway rates, restraints on overcapitalization, income-tax amendment, strengthening the anti-trust law, and all the program of labor legislation, Charles E. Hughes was not heard to endorse or otherwise aid in any way any of these causes.

(6) As justice of the supreme court Hughes handed down decisions "dissolving" the Standard Oil and Tobacco trusts. These decrees were empty forms as the court must have known and might have since discovered by their operation on the retail prices of Standard Oil products and the profits and stock values of that concern. In the case of the Tobacco trust, the emptiness of the decrees was pointed out to the court in a brief by ex-Attorney General (now an Associate Justice) James C. McReynolds, and by Louis D. Brandeis; but Mr. Justice Hughes declined to act on the suggestion of the brief, and has shown no evidence of a desire to make the Standard Oil decision anything more than a well-sounding legal theory.

Final Reason for Refusal.

For these reasons Mr. Justice Hughes would fail to poll the votes of the forward-looking wing of the republican party.

A final reason why the nomination cannot be made attractive to Justice Hughes is the authorized announcement that the progressive convention will be held in Chicago June 7, and the equally authoritative announcement that his body will name T. Roosevelt as the party's candidate for the presidential office. With Roosevelt in the running and Hughes put forward on an unwritten platform as the choice of Pentose, Crane, Barnes and Hiles, the prospect would hardly be one to tempt the honorable justice from his more obscure but comfortable life job as one of the 500 men who really rule the U. S. A.

COUNTIES' SHARE OF LAND GRANT IS CUT TO 30 PERCENT

WASHINGTON, March 30.—As the Oregon & California land grant bill was submitted to the house the land grant counties will get 30 per cent of the net receipts from the timber and land sales, the state of Oregon will get 20 per cent for its school fund, 40 per cent will go to the reclamation fund and 10 per cent to the federal treasury, holders of outstanding exequutory contracts being denied any rights.

A new provision provides that homesteaders taking cutover lands will be relieved of the payment of \$2.50 an acre, and need only comply with the requirements of the homestead law.

Land grant counties are to be paid delinquent taxes at once.

Representative Ferris introduced the bill on which the committee has agreed, and as soon as printed this bill will be referred to the attorney general, secretary of the interior and secretary of agriculture for comment and suggestions. It is not expected they will now propose material changes of policy, but the committee before reporting the bill to the house wants the approval of the three departments.

The committee first voted down an amendment giving 40-40 to state and counties; then 20-30, then 25-25. Mr. Sinnott then offered an amendment requiring the reclamation share to be used on Oregon projects.

This was defeated, and a like fate met an amendment requiring that half the reclamation share be spent in the state.

It was the general opinion of the committee that the bill is privileged in character, but if the speaker holds otherwise a special rule will be asked to expedite its consideration in the house.

RUMANIA WANTS CONSULS AT SALONIKI

SALONIKI, via Paris, March 29.—The suggestion that the American, Spanish and Rumanian consulates here be abandoned owing to the insecurity of the situation, has not met with the approval of Rumania, which has schools and other important interests in Saloniki. Spas has consented to the closing of her consulate. If the American consul should leave, the interests of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria, with which he is charged, would be unprotected.

MAJORITY OF SERBS PERISH DURING FLIGHT

BERNE, via Paris, March 29.—Of 20,000 Serbian refugees who, following the invasion of their country by the Teutonic allies, headed southward, only 5000 succeeded in reaching Saloniki, all the others having perished of cold and hunger on the way, according to a report just received from Mile. Comte de Geneva, representative at Saloniki of the Swiss Red Cross.

NINE-REEL FEATURE PLAY AT THE STAR THEATER TODAY



"An Allen," featuring George Bell, shown at the Star today is a nine reel photoplay. The story is adapted from the famous vaudeville act, "The Sign of the Rose." Phil Griswold induces his friend Robbins to steal from his employer in order to finance a night of revelry in celebration of the reading of the will of Griswold's father. Next morning Robbins' employer plans to start for Europe and the stolen money must be replaced. Griswold in the will of his father is left penniless, and finally appeals to his elder brother, William Griswold, but on being refused a loan, and having noted the visits of an Italian, Pietro, to the home of William, he is led, in desperation, to write a black-hand letter, demanding ransom for Dorothy Griswold, whom he kidnaps. Dorothy's father immediately suspects the Italian who had called, and lays a trap for him in his flower shop. At this point the film version of the vaudeville act with which everyone is familiar is brought to a gripping climax on the screen.

DISCOVER WAY TO MAKE DIAMONDS

GENEVA, via Paris, March 29.—The synthetic diamond, long sought for by science, appears at last to have been discovered, says the Geneva Tribune today.

"Research work is being carried out at the Geneva laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry," adds the newspaper, "on the separation of carbonic anhydride in the form of snow by chlorophyllous pyridine in solution and other nitrous organic liquids. In the residue, besides free carbons of varying weight, have been found very hard and very heavy white tetrahedral and octohedral crystals which burned without leaving ashes and were insoluble in aqua regia, possessing, as far as the analyses made up to the present show, all the properties of the diamond."

ANOTHER AIR RAID ATTEMPTED AT SALONIKI

PARIS, March 29.—A Havas dispatch from Saloniki says that another aeroplane raid on that city was attempted by the Germans. French strikers engaged them and compelled them to turn about without accomplishing their object. Several bombs were dropped on Orfani, but did no damage.

BROUGH NOMINATED BY ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 30.—With incomplete returns from 70 of 75 counties, Dr. T. H. Brough of Fayetteville is 7000 votes ahead of Judge L. C. Smith of Dewitt, his nearest opponent, in the democratic primary for governor. The democratic nomination in Arkansas is equivalent to election.

POLITICAL CRISIS SHAKES CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont., March 30.—The government was waiting today to hear from General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, now in England, regarding charges of favoritism in connection with the awarding of munitions contracts. A message advising him of the charges has been sent General Hughes, it was declared today.

Members of parliament stated today that as an outcome of the allegations an insurgent element has been created in the ranks of the conservatives the government party and something resembling a political crisis has arisen.

Middlemen's profits, aggregating more than \$1,500,000, are alleged to have been obtained through the awarding of contracts by the Canadian shell commission, G. W. Kite, member of Richmond county, Nova Scotia, declared in a speech in parliament. He said that the profits were divided between Colonel J. Wesley Allison, who was connected with the militia department; B. F. Younkman, American railway magnate, and Eugene Lignault, formerly leader of a hotel orchestra in Montreal.

GERMANS CUT CABLE BRITAIN TO HOLLAND

LONDON, March 30.—Complete suspension of telegraphic communication between Holland and England is reported by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Copenhagen Politiken, whose dispatch is forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph company. It is rumored the cable has been cut by the Germans, the correspondent says. No press dispatches have been received here from Holland since Tuesday.

ASHLAND ELECTS SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR COMING YEAR

ASHLAND, March 30.—The school board at a meeting held Tuesday evening, March 28, elected teachers for the year 1916-17. George A. Briscoe, as superintendent, holds over. With a few exceptions, the positions to be filled later on, the list is as follows, the full complement of the city schools being thirty-two teachers:

High school—F. E. Moore, principal, physics; Winnette Hussinger, latin; Laura McCormick, mathematics; Helen Van Housen, domestic art; Irene Ringbein, domestic science; G. M. Rueh, science; Delmar Harmon, manual training; Charlotte Kennard, English and German; Vern Moffatt, physical training; L. T. Hodge, commercial department; Miss Callie Vogell, librarian and clerk.

West school—Gertrude Engle, principal; Ha M. Myers, Alice Thompson and Irene Johnson, teachers in the newly organized junior high school, which is located in the west building. The grades are filled by Irma James, fifth; Claribel Morehouse, fourth; Hazel Clark, third; Vernon Pyland, second; Evangeline Poley, first.

East school—S. A. McGovern, principal; Nellie B. Ross, sixth grade; Margaret Powers and Loraine Johnson, fifth; Bessie Dunham, fourth; Alice Palmer, third; Myrtle Johnson, second; Nellie Matthews, first.

Miss Anna B. Harris, music and art; Miss Elfreida Merz, English; Mrs. William D. Foster (formerly Miss Gussie Updegraff), language; and R. R. Hatelison, manual training and athletics, will sever their connection with the schools at the close of the present term. In the meantime their places will be filled. With these exceptions there will be very little change in the teachers of the various schools since the 1915-16 assignment. Four teachers have married within the past year. Their names were formerly Ethelyn Hurley, Beulah Caldwell, Gussie Updegraff and Madge Eulbanks.

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