

# SHALL AMERICA CHANGE IN HOUR OF GREAT PERIL?

### Famous Author Discusses Political Issues—Struggle is Between Democracy and Party of Privilege—Shall Nation in Crisis Throw Overboard Proven Pilot?

(By THOMAS NELSON PAGE.)

The fight is on once more between the democracy—the party of the people, that believes in government of the people, by the people, for the people—and the party of privilege, that believes in the government of the people by the bosses for the benefit mainly of the privileged class. The democracy is represented by President Wilson with the rich fruits of his democratic administration to speak for his accomplishments. The party of privilege is represented by an unknown quantity in Mr. Hughes—unknown at least as to the most vital questions of the day, on which he has been strangely silent or sily-line—backed by the bosses of the republican party, ranging all the way from ex-divant progressives to the most standpat of reactionaries, but whose one common interest is their devotion to the perpetuation of privilege. Mr. Hughes says that he stands firmly on their platform, and we know what that platform is—the destruction of democracy with its unequalled accomplishments. As they put forth no promise of anything constructive except the tariff—that mother of special privilege—they rest mainly on their hostility to democracy and its achievements.

### Democratic Achievements.

What are the democratic achievements? More remedial legislation than had been passed before in a lifetime. Internally, the soundest financial legislation ever placed on our statute books; the overthrow of the privilege which for so long bound the people in subjection to a class with headquarters in Wall street, who dominated for selfish interests the legislation of the country; an income tax law which helps to equalize the burdens of our expenses; and the re-constitution of a nonpartisan tariff commission, which will report as to the best way to impose such tariff duties as may be deemed necessary. And now added to its other accomplishments is the rural credits act, which will do for the farmers what the banking and currency act has done for the cities.

Externally, the powerful prosperity of a people and land kept at peace in the midst of a war which has drawn every other great power of the earth within its destroying conflagration. The emancipation of the people, the peace and prosperity of the country, and the power of the government greater than ever before, are the fruits of the democratic administration.

### Shall America Change.

The question is: Shall America in this crisis change? Shall we, in the hour of peril when the whole world is swept by the most devastating and overwhelming storm in history, change the pilot whose steady hand has guided us through all the perils that beset us and has kept us at peace and in prosperity, with power and honor. Shall America in this crisis substitute for this safe, tried, pilot, whose guiding star has been only America and America's vital interests under the aegis of international rights, an untried pilot, nominated by the bosses at the boasted dictation of the "German-American alliance," which in its allegiance put a foreign country before America?

To make a change in the midst of this crisis would be simple madness. What might follow such a change none can tell. It might be war, it might be only panic. It would certainly be the deliverance of the American people once more to the powers of Wall street and the subsidized republican bosses in league with the German alliance. "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." Will the fates betray the American people into the hands of those who would shackle them again? Shall the Samson rejoicing in his strength be betrayed into the power of those who fattened on his labor, and shorn of his strength, blinded by his captors, be forced again to grind in the mill and at their beck make diversion for his captors?

### Sober Second Thought.

That "sober second thought of the American people," on which Mr. Lincoln relied when he said that he did not believe in swapping horses in the midst of the stream, can still be relied on, and even if the disloyal, un-American German hostilities within our borders, who boast openly that they detested Mr. Hughes' nomination to punish Mr. Wilson, unite with the bosses of high tariff and privilege

to beat him, we may feel sure that the true Americans of German blood will stand with those of other blood to uphold the defender of America and American rights.

"We love him for the enemies he has made," was said of another great democratic president—so of this one; we honor him for the unflinching courage with which he has stood against the enemies of America and of the American people.

Why should they change?—and change to the republican party, the party of privilege and the bosses—and to Mr. Hughes the candidate of the bosses? See what Mr. Roosevelt, late head of the late progressive party, said of them. They are the same now that they were when he "showed them up" for the detestation of the American people.

Only Mr. Roosevelt has changed. Four years ago he damned the republican party and its leaders with every superlative of descriptive obloquy as the inveterate enemies of the people; and of Mr. Hughes he telegraphed so late as June 8 last, that it behooved the republicans to nominate one who would be "in good faith an American president and not one who would be a viceroy of a foreign government."

It is hardly possible that the republican party or Mr. Hughes could be so bad as Mr. Roosevelt described them; for the body of republicans, like most others, hold honestly enough their views, however erroneous and anti-democratic they may be; and Mr. Hughes is a gentleman of high personal character, though somewhat dilatory, and shy in facing the great issue of the hour. Mr. Roosevelt referred to him as one who might be the viceroy of a foreign government, and he was undoubtedly timid and enigmatic according to even authoritative republican journals, in coming out frankly on the issues of the hour. But the leaders of the republican party are still what Mr. Roosevelt said they were four years ago—the opponents of the rights of the people, and Mr. Hughes is the candidate of those leaders, and of those who, as Mr. Roosevelt said in June, would make America a satrapy of a foreign imperialism, while Mr. Wilson, as is shown by his record before the people, is the candidate of the people and stands for America against the world.

### Wilson's Intrepid Courage.

With intrepid courage he has main tained against every challenge, every American right, and has made them to be recognized by every power of Europe. Never has America stood so strong before other nations as today. When, at a crucial time, resolutions were introduced in the congress to limit the freedom of Americans and forbid them to travel on unarmed merchant ships, Mr. Wilson staked his leadership of the democracy on the question, and though ninety-odd republicans, led by the republican house leader, voted in the house for the limitation, he saved unimpaired the rights of Americans to travel the high seas unhindered, save according to international law—as he had already saved their right to send their commerce on the seas.

They revile him for sending notes, as they revile him for everything else that he has done. It was better to send notes than armies, where notes secured concessions such as he got. No more sane, sound, successful diplomacy shines in our annals than that by which Mr. Wilson, following the course of our greatest presidents, has held the warring nations of Europe to respect the mandates of international law, where our rights are concerned.

It is for his intrepid championing of the rights of America and Americans, and for his wisdom in leading the party of the people, that the German alliance with the bosses of the republican party have sought to punish him by the nomination of Mr. Hughes. If Mr. Wilson shall be defeated, it will be because he has been the intrepid champion of the American people and American rights.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Results today practically assure baseball fans that the world's championship series will be fought out this fall between the Brooklyn Nationals and the Boston Americans. The former won today, while its nearest rivals, Philadelphia and Boston, lost. The standing:

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# 500 HEAR G.O.P. ORATORS ASSAIL WILSON AT NAT

Five hundred people gathered last night in the Natorium on the occasion of the formation of the local Hughes Alliance. All of that number can not be claimed, however, as Hughes supporters as in the gathering were many Wilson sympathizers drawn to hear the arguments of the opposition.

According to Mrs. E. B. Hanley, who delivered the first address of the evening, the feminine voters are solid for Hughes. Women, she explained, are not to be deceived by Wilson's child labor laws, which she declared a fake, a measure with a joker which places children more than ever at the mercy of capital. The president's Mexican policy was also flayed by Mrs. Hanley, who declared him weak and vacillating and said that although she did not raise her boy to be a soldier, she would have willingly given him for the protection of this country's name in the border crisis.

Colonel R. C. Washburn and Walter L. Toozee, state organizer of Hughes Alliances in Oregon, followed and united in tearing the Wilson administration to shreds and in lauding to the skies the republican candidate. Talk was confined to generalities and the predictions of dire results to follow the acts of the administration.

Officers for the local alliance were chosen by acclamation as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Woodford; vice-chairman, L. L. Cathcart; secretary, Mrs. George T. O'Brien; treasurer, Frank C. Elliott.

Interspersed in the political program were a quartet selection with Herbert Alford singing the solo. The words for this selection were written by Holbrook Withington. Dick Posey of Ashland recited an original poem and Fletcher Fish sang a couple of Yiddish lullabies.

### WORK UPON CRATER ROAD ENDS NOVEMBER 1

When the road work being done in Crater Lake National park this season is completed only twelve miles of road will be left ungraded. This remaining twelve miles will be part of the highway around the rim of the lake.

The work this year will be carried on until about November 1st, or two weeks later than usual. At that time between forty-five and forty-six miles of highway will be graded and ready for pavement. It will extend from the top of Cloud Gap on the east to Lloa Rock on the west.

After grading of all the highways throughout the park is completed next season, paving of the entire road will be begun. It is felt certain that the remaining twelve miles of grade can be finished next year.

There are now about 100 men working and could easily use another 100. The pay is \$2 a day and board, and can guarantee work for at least another month, and probably until November 1st.

### ALLIES STOP GERMAN DRIVE

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counter attacks along the Somme front, reported last night by Paris, has been followed by comparative quiet in this region. The bad weather reported during the last few days is continuing and apparently the Anglo-French forces are awaiting its cessation before renewing their efforts to advance.

After a lapse of some days activity has been resumed by the French in the Verdun region, attacks on the east bank of the Meuse gaining them two trenches south of Thiaumont work and some ground east of Fort Vaux and in the Chapire wood.

Berlin reports that troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria are engaged in continuous hand grenade fighting with entente allied forces near Courcellette, north of the River Somme. Ground which had been gained by Germans in an attack southwest of Rancourt and in Bouclivalness, was lost, after bitter fighting.

# PLAN EXTENSION OF IRRIGATION TO 34,000 ACRES

A strip of orchard and farm land covering an area of approximately 6000 acres lies between the original north boundary line of the Ashland-Talent irrigation district and west of the Rogue River Canal Company's Phoenix segment of the latter's system. The canal company's proposed high-line ditch, covering an area of 28,000 acres, will follow the Phoenix canal line. The only relief for those in the intervening strip is to be annexed to the Ashland-Talent district. That is being done now, a sufficient number of farmers having signed up to make it legally possible. Robert Brevard is completing that feature of the work.

Included in the area under the proposed high-line ditch is an acreage of 25,000 of cultivable farm and orchard territory, which will form an irrigation district. This the company proposes to cover with irrigation at a flat rate of \$40 an acre—manifestly the best irrigation proposition ever made to the farmers of the valley. A sufficient acreage has been signed up to warrant a legal call for an election. Arrangements are now being made to do that.

The organization of this district will command with abundant irrigation a large body of the most productive farm lands in Rogue River valley. Thus accommodated, the farmers and orchardists will be enabled more than to double their output of produce. This will add tremendously to the prosperity of Southern Oregon. In addition to the initial step taken by the Rogue River Canal Company, this high-line ditch enterprise is the most comprehensive movement ultimately to make Jackson county one of the most attractive garden spots of the Pacific coast.

The desire to acquire irrigation on the fertile lands of this valley at this time has escaped from the atmosphere of doubt into that of hurry, the demonstration of its profitability having been complete. The only problem to be solved now is that of the time required to obtain it in the most permanent form.

# RAILROADS TRYING TO FURNISH CARS

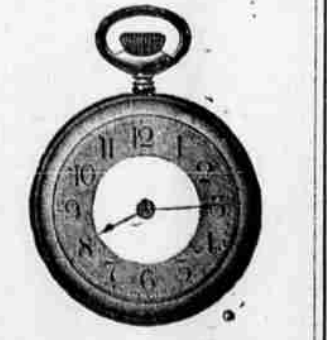
PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—Masses of statistical exhibits were submitted at today's hearing before the Oregon public service commission on the freight car shortage in an attempt to show that the Southern Pacific railroad is doing everything possible to relieve the situation.

In reply to a request for constructive suggestions, J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager of the company, stated that if the saw mills, most of which are on branch lines having no Sunday service, would operate on Sunday, he would provide them with car loading and transportation service.

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# THREE GOVERNORS PLEDGE STATE AID TO FRUITGROWERS

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—Governor Ernest Lister of Washington, Governor James Withycombe of Oregon and Governor Moses Alexander of Idaho were guests here today at a meeting of fruitgrowers and shippers of the northwestern states, at which co-operation with the federal government in promoting the consumption of apples was discussed. Each governor pledged his support to the movement and each agreed to name three members of a committee of nine to devise a workable plan. During the discussion a plan to ask the legislatures for money to conduct a joint advertising campaign was suggested.

Previous to the meeting of apple-growers, Governors Lister and Alexander addressed the Washington State Teachers' institute. Governor Alexander discussed higher patriotism and the necessity of fitting youth for a world conquest morally and commercially. Governor Lister urged greater attention to educational needs in the rural districts.

At a noon luncheon the three governors heard stockmen discuss the problem of making the forest reserves and Indian reservations more available for grazing. The executives were to speak at the state fair late today.

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