

WHAT HUGHES WOULD HAVE LEFT UNDONE

That Is Campaign's True Angle and Not the Trite Question with Which Hecklers Are Nagging the Republican Standard Bearer.

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BLUNDERING IS NO HABIT

Wincing Democrats Trying to Run Away From the Record of the Administration and to Inveigle the Voters Down Rhetorical By-Paths, All in the Thinly Disguised Effort to Change the Subject.

When Mr. Hughes criticizes the record of the Administration the spokesmen of Mr. Wilson cry: "What would you have done?" They forget that it is Mr. Wilson and not Mr. Hughes who is on trial. They forget that four years ago Mr. Wilson criticized Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt throughout the campaign and that Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt defended their respective records, instead of crying "What would you have done?" They forget these things or they refuse to confess them. They are trying to run away from the record of the Administration and induce the people to follow them down some by-path of rhetorical hypothesis, all in the effort to change the subject.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." When Mr. Hughes was Governor of New York he did not pay political debts by filling the public offices with unfit men. He did not champion certain principles during his campaign and repudiate them after he entered office. As Governor, he did not resort to brave and beautiful words as a substitute for firm and consistent deeds. He was careful in his use of words but he backed his words with deeds. He did not promise what he could not perform. He did not plaster the people with compliments they did not deserve. He was not a rhetorician, he was not a flatterer, he was not "too proud to fight" for labor or for capital, for the strong or the weak, when the right was on their side.

Mr. Wilson's spokesmen seek to divert attention from the attacks Mr. Hughes is making upon the record of the Administration by asking him: "What would you do?" they are unconsciously helping Mr. Hughes. They are recalling to the memory of the people the record he made throughout his two terms as Governor of New York. It was then that he first said "public office shall not be a private snip under my administration," and made performance square with promise. There is this about Mr. Hughes that makes him so different from Mr. Wilson: "Hughes means what he says." So it is that the campaign is really a contest of character between two men, with sincerity as the differentiating and deciding factor.

FIERY WORDS.

"Direct violations of a nation's sovereignty cannot await vindication in suits for damages—the nation which violates those essential rights must be checked and called to account by direct challenge and resistance."—From Woodrow Wilson's speech accepting the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

BUT—

The American flag is still unsaluted at Vera Cruz. Villa is still uncaptured and unpunished.

Carranza still slaps the United States. There still has been no accounting for American lives and property destroyed in Mexico.

The whole question of reparation for invasion of American rights by various warring nations is still sleeping in a pigeonhole.

AND—

All the "direct challenge and resistance" noticeable to the average American is included in a series of not so subtle to possess high literary quality, if nothing else in particular.

Wabbling Woodrow.

Opportunism has claims that every statesman must respect. But never has there been an opportunist in the White House of greater willingness to change than the present incumbent. The country feared it had placed power in the hands of a doctrinaire schoolmaster incapable of bending. It finds that it has a man of remarkable pliancy of judgment, who one moment stands for states' rights and the next for nationalism, who one day is a pacifist, and the next is out-shouting Col. Roosevelt for arms and ships, who one week is for a barren neutrality and the next for war in behalf of general righteousness, who one night is for collective wage bargaining and arbitration of industrial disputes and the next is waving the flag of decreasing wages up or down as the votes of the larger number can be controlled.—New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser.

Gen. Pershing's army continues to fine fettle, "fit for a fight or a frolic." To its credit let it be said it went as far as politics permitted.

Hughes Sympathetic With Demands of Labor Which Are Proved to Be Just.

"I am sympathetic with every demand to improve the conditions of labor, to secure reasonable compensation for labor. I am in sympathy with every effort to better human conditions, and particularly the condition of those who toil in industrial pursuits, in railroad pursuits, in all these great activities that are essential to our prosperity. But when you have a proposition to change the scale of wage you have a vital proposition which requires examination. You must at least know whether the demand is a just one.

"Labor, of course, should not desire anything but what is just. I do not believe labor intends to ask for anything but what is just. What is just can be examined and will survive investigation. Nothing is lost by having the process of reason applied if only that which is just is required."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

SURRENDER TO FORCE WOULD TEND TO DISASTER.

"That kind of virus in our life—surrender to force—would bring us no end of disaster. If we let capitalists or workmen, any interest, learn that the way to get what is wanted is by applying pressure and if we continue in that course for a few years, democracy will be a failure, and we might as well give up our form of government."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

PUBLIC OFFICER SHOULD STAND LIKE A ROCK

"Government under pressure is not American Government. Whenever pressure is applied to any public officer he ought to stand like a rock and say: 'Here I stand until we substitute reason for force. It is not an American doctrine to legislate first and investigate afterward.'"—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

DEMAND WAS NOT FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

"It is said that the judgment of society has made the demand for the eight-hour day. This was not an eight-hour day, and the judgment of society had nothing to do with the proposition laid before Congress and passed by Congress. The proof of this is found in the bill itself, which proposes an investigation to find out whether Congress had any business to do the thing which it was asked to do, and which it did do."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT IS RIGHT THEN DO IT

"Our Government is based on the idea that we have Legislatures to investigate, to consider what is right and to do what is right. It is based on the idea that public opinion is formed from discussion of questions, and that we can come possibly to right solutions. It is not based on the idea that the Government must act without knowing the justice and merits of the cause in which it acts."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

THERE SHOULD BE NO ACTION UNDER PRESSURE, UNDER DICTATION.

"We have one priceless treasure in this country, and that is the reign of good judgment after public discussion. In the long history of the people, victory after victory has been won over tyranny and force. We have a free press, we have a free form of public discussion, to the end that there may be a general understanding of our activities and a general appreciation of what is necessary to the improvement of our conditions. We may disagree about this measure or that, but we have confidence in the public judgment in the long run. Hence there is one thing which we must always maintain, and that is that there shall be no action on the part of our elected representatives, taken under pressure, under dictation. We must know what the facts are and what justice requires."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

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