

EMPTY PHRASES INSTEAD OF CONCRETE ACTION. Not once has President Wilson squarely placed before the American people the question which Abraham Lincoln put before the American people in 1860, What is our duty? Not once has he appealed to moral idealism, to the stern enthusiasm of strong men for the right. On the contrary, he has employed every electioneering device to lull to sleep our sense of duty, to make us content with words instead of deeds, to make our moral idealism and enthusiasm evaporate in empty phrases instead of being reduced to concrete action.—From the Speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Delivered at Lewiston, Me., in Behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

REPUBLICAN THRIFT IS SQUANDERED BY WILSON

Built Panama Canal Out of Current Revenues, Patriotically Hoarding Bonds in Treasury Which Democrats Filch to Hide a Deficit.

CARNIVAL OF DEBAUCHERY IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

Senator Penrose Believes the Lamentable Condition of the Treasury Will Necessitate the Withholding of Contracts For Battleships and Delay the Whole Scheme of Preparedness—Nation's Money Frittered Away to Finance Hare Brained and Ill Advised Projects.

William R. Willcox, chairman of the Republican National committee, has received from Senator Penrose a brief but positive summing up of the extravagance of the Wilson administration during the session of congress just about to close. The senator says: "When the country realizes what this congress has done in the way of appropriations it will be dumfounded. Already it has been shown that over a billion, seven or eight hundred million dollars have been appropriated—more money than was ever appropriated in any one year in the history of the American government. The total will reach nearly \$2,000,000,000 before the end of this carnival of debauchery in public expenditures is reached, because no account has been taken of the \$25,000,000 for the Danish Islands, the \$30,000,000 which the government will probably have to refund as a result of the 5 per cent rebate allowed on importations brought across the seas in American bottoms, and other matters which are likely to come up.

Telling Tariff Points

Let these telling points on tariff and protection in the speech by Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican candidate for President, delivered in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, be fixed permanently in your mind and memory during the remainder of the campaign. We are desirous of having strong and sure the foundations of our national greatness in this pursuit of competition among the nations which is sure to follow the cessation of the present struggle.

I propose that the Republican party as the national party, according to the constitution of the United States, within the national sphere, shall proceed wherever it is practicable to build up and foster and encourage American enterprise and open the doors wide for honest American achievement.

Then came the Underwood tariff bill itself. What was the result? Enterprise halted and there was a contraction of trade throughout the land, and America, instead of going ahead, stopped. That is what happened. Three hundred thousand were unemployed in the city of New York. There was not a city in this land where the jobless man anxious and able to work did not walk the street. They were fed by our charitable organizations, which were taxed to the utmost limit to provide for those for whom American enterprise could no longer make provision. It was a sad spectacle. Americans have not forgotten it. It is not forgotten here or anywhere. It cannot be forgotten. It is too recent.

If you are going to have the basis for prosperity in this country, if you are going to protect the American wage scale, if you are going to have American enterprise able to meet the competition which will follow the ending of this war, you must have an honestly devised, wisely framed tariff law to protect American industry.

No; the Democratic party will not be saved by the European war. If you would know what our condition will be when that war ends think of what our condition was before that war began if you think these nations are so impoverished that they cannot again turn to work. Those millions of men now fighting are better able to work than ever before in their lives. Their factories are there; their plants are there; they know themselves better than ever before. They are stronger, better physically, than ever before in the main, and they are ready to turn great national energies into the pursuit of peace to pay their war bills, to produce up to the limit, to send their goods throughout the world.

I propose that we shall study this out, applying a principle that we believe in, and secure intelligently and honestly adequate protection to American industries in every part of this land.

WHY HUGHES IS NEEDED IN THIS TREMENDOUS CRISIS.

Against Mr. Wilson's combination of grace in eloquence with his fulfury in action against his need, and of words unbacked by deeds, or betrayed by deeds, we set Mr. Hughes' rugged and uncompromising straightforwardness of character and action in every office he has held. We put the man who thinks and speaks directly and whose words have always been made good against the man whose adroit and facile elocution is used to conceal his plans or his want of plans. The next four years may well be years of action against his need. Which of the two men do you, the American people, wish at the helm during these four years—the man who has been actually tried and found wanting or the man whose whole career in public office is a guarantee of his power and good faith? But one answer is possible, and it must be given by the American people through United States.—From the Speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Delivered at Lewiston, Me., in Behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

Mr. Wilson now virtually admits that all his own ideas were wrong four years ago. He has changed his mind on every public question. On some of them he has changed twice or even three times. Even if his friends could satisfy the public at this time he is exactly right, what assurance could be given that he would be right a year hence?

Democrats are now convinced that Charles Evans Hughes is a warm proposition.

Editorial Comments

The Democrats continue to ignore Mr. Hughes' speeches to the extent that all they do is to sputter and gasp.

Let it be conceded there are really strong grounds for the opinion that President Wilson may carry Texas next November. If these indications are taken at their full worth some enthusiasts will soon be going out to bet that the tide will sweep on until Mississippi and Alabama are also enrolled in the Democratic column.

Many big Democrats willing and ready to speak for Wilson are careful that their money shall not say anything on his side.

President Wilson says he is utterly indifferent as to his re-election. Perhaps that explains a good many things nobody has heretofore been able to understand.

"Help me, Cassius, or I sink!" For "Cassius" read "congress."

The notion seems to be that the Democratic national chairman is claiming more than he will get, but not any more than he will need.

As further evidence that he is warm hearted and intensely human, Mr. Hughes likes apple pie.

No man is going to be elected—or re-elected—to high office by votes gained from states' rights declarations this late in the game. The states' rights question was settled some fifty years ago to the evident satisfaction of a considerable majority.—Kansas City Star.

"Adequate preparedness is not militarism. It is the essential assurance of security. It is a necessary safeguard of peace." Candidate Hughes has left nothing to be said on this subject. He has snuffed out counter argument at the very outset.

"Are we Americans a nation of bunglers?" asks the New York Sun. It would be very harsh to answer this in the affirmative—and, anyway, we elect a Democratic president only every once in a while.

Charles E. Hughes cannot get so far away from Washington that the men in charge of the chariot of government there do not feel the jolting of his criticisms. In fact, the Democratic leaders at the capital city show symptoms of seasickness from the way in which the ex-justice of the supreme court has shaken them up. Mr. Hughes is pursuing the only proper method, which is first to take the deadwood out of the way so that the path to righteous and praiseworthy government may be made clear.

THE NEUTRALITY OF PONTIUS PILATE

But as soon as the need for deeds arose Mr. Wilson forgot all about "the principle he held dear." He promptly announced that we should be "neutral in fact as well as in name, in thought as well as in action," "feeling the small, weak, unfeeling nation and the large, strong nation which was robbing it of its sovereignty and independence. Such neutrality has been compared to the neutrality of Pontius Pilate. This is true. Just to Pontius Pilate, who at least gently urged moderation on the wrongdoer.—From the speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, delivered at Lewiston, Me., in behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

The president gets up early during the hot spell, and there are some who think he may have to continue the practice until November if that man Hughes continues to be so undignified.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

WILSON'S IGNOBLE, UNSUCCESSFUL LITTLE WARS.

President Wilson took Vera Cruz in 1914, as we were officially informed at the time, to get a salute for the flag and to prevent the shipment of arms into Mexico. He did not get his salute. He did not prevent the shipment of arms. But several hundred men were killed or wounded, and then he brought the army home without achieving either object. President Wilson sent an army into Mexico in 1916, as we were informed at the time, to get Villa "dead or alive." They did not get him dead. They did not get him alive. Again several hundred men were killed and wounded. Again President Wilson is bringing the army home without achieving his object. Of course it is a mere play upon words to say that these were not "wars." They were wars and nothing else—ignoble, pointless, unsuccessful little wars, but wars. They cost millions of dollars and hundreds of lives, squandered to no purpose. They accomplished nothing, but they were wars.—From the Speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Delivered at Lewiston, Me., in Behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

Mr. Wilson's administration must confess itself incompetent in one respect or the other. It either has appropriated for an unneeded navy or it has neglected a needed navy. It can select its fault to suit itself. In one respect or the other it must be wrong.

"I believe in efficiency in politics just as much as in anything else," says Mr. Hughes. Efficiency is an excellent watchword, and its use in the campaign is merely a forerunner of its use in the White House when he gets there.

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