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The Campaign Managers.

Vance McCormick, who will conduct Mr. Wilson's campaign, and William R. Wilcox, who will conduct Mr. Hughes', are now introduced to national life. Each enjoys an excellent local reputation. Neither is a novice in politics. Mr. McCormick is rich, and probably in touch with other rich men. He should be able to fill the democratic strong box to the top. Mr. Wilcox, being a New Yorker and former office-holder, must have an acquaintance with men of position and substance, and should be able to call upon them for assistance in his present undertaking. Neither party need put up a poor month this year, and if either should it will probably be laughed at.

But behind these men, capable as both are, will stand two men each in his way of a masterful spirit, and of a disposition to bear a hand in the management of affairs. As President Mr. Wilson has had a say in nearly all his party's matters; and as the principal matter now in his eyes is his re-election he may be expected to give it all the time he can spare. He will offer Mr. McCormick a good many suggestions.

Mr. Hughes when Governor of New York was very much his own man. He investigated all important matters for himself, and followed his own chart. He proved to be a very capable politician. So now that he is trying for the greatest prize under the government, nothing is more likely than that he will keep in close touch with all the leading details of the contest. Mr. Wilcox is an old personal and political friend, and frequent and intimate conferences between them should be easy.

There is promise in the standing of the candidates and their managers of a campaign pitched in a high key. The topics are large. Whether foreign or domestic policies are considered, discussion should be kept on an intellectual level. Both candidates possess the gift of expression in an unusual degree. Both will be heard, and after they have spoken those who follow will have no excuse for departing from the lines thus and then laid down.

There will be roorbacks aplenty. They inhere in all campaigns, and particularly of a national character. But the trick has been so much overplayed of late years, it has lost much of its former peril. Where yarns are very tall, they topple of their own height and weight.

As a student of ratios, Col. Bryan would contribute valuable advice if he could show how to place in the field without delay sixteen well equipped soldiers to one Mexican.

The soap box orator now has something to talk about that will not suggest to the patriotic mind the desirability of police interference.

Local pride may have caused Carranza to be in more fear of his neighboring brigands than of United States authority.

One of the most important letters of acceptance was Col. Roosevelt's letter accepting the inevitable.

A General Allied Offensive. All the European dispatches indicate that the long-expected general drive of the allied armies is at hand. The tremendous Russian offensives in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukovina, followed shortly by a renewed Italian attack against the Austrians, are about to be supplemented, it would appear, by a British offensive on the western front, coupled probably with a French attack south of the Somme.

Apparently the purpose of the allies is to force the Germans to a strictly defensive campaign. Thus far since the war began, except at the outset in East Prussia, the Germans have conducted an offensive fight. As a result of the new Russian drive, however, the fighting on the east front is now chiefly defensive, although a counter offensive has been begun by the Germans north of Pinsk.

The Italian offensive has followed quickly upon the relaxation of the Austrian drive which was forced by the tremendous pressure on the eastern Austrian front. Apparently the Italians, having lost considerable territory in the Austrian Tyrol, and part of their own lands, are now carrying things before them sweepingly, and will probably force the line back to the barrier forts that safeguard Trent. The Austrian offensive, it is understood, was ordered from Berlin for the purpose of sweeping the Italians in the Tyrol and the Isonzo regions off from Austrian soil so that it might be proclaimed that at no point did the enemy occupy Teutonic soil. This would perhaps have an important factor in any subsequent peace movements.

That the German line has been weakened in the west by the withdrawal of forces to meet the Russian offensive is assumed, but quite lately indications are given that the German line is being

artillery westward through Belgium. Nobody knows how the two forces compare at present in numbers. Germany's losses at Verdun have been extremely heavy. France also has lost, though it is claimed at Paris that the actual French casualties have been far less actually and proportionately than the Germans. The British have not been engaged in any movements for a long time and have probably maintained recruiting at a more rapid rate than the losses. The British army in Flanders is now estimated at well over a million men.

Russia has demonstrated in the east the possibility of sweeping over entrenched ground just as France has demonstrated the possibility of holding such ground in the face of tremendous attack. Whether the difference between the Austrian and French defenses is a matter of personal quality, or equipment, or loyalty to the cause cannot be determined. It is, however, significant that the Russians have succeeded where the Germans have failed. Whether the allies can break the German line in the west in a grand offensive remains to be seen.

Four States.

While the republicans plan to wage their fight with vigor all along the line, in four states we shall see them exert themselves to the very utmost. For victory in New York, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois will mean a great deal to them this year and later.

In New York it will mean a New Yorker in the White House, with good prospects of his remaining eight years. It will mean the re-election of Gov. Whitman, with continuation of republican control at Albany. It will mean also the choice of a republican colleague for Mr. Wadsworth in the Senate. So fortified in high office, New York should be very much in the picture in 1920.

In Indiana a governor and two United States senators are to be elected. Should those three prizes fall to the republicans, and the vice presidency into the bargain, they will have a stronger grip on the state than in some years, and should be able to trench themselves for a long time.

In Ohio a governor and a United States senator are to be chosen. Normally republican, Ohio has jumped the fence several times in the past fifteen years, and Mr. Pomeroy is in the Senate as the result of one of those excursions. Should the republicans retain the governorship and give Senator Harding a colleague of his own faith, Ohio under a republican President will probably take her place in the safe column again.

Illinois does not elect a senator this year, but Roger Sullivan has his eyes fixed on the Senate, and republican success will mean putting a crimp in his hopes and prospects. Moreover, a heavy republican majority in the state will add to the prestige of James R. Mann in the national equation. In all probability he will be Speaker if his party controls the next House; and a decided swing to Hughes this November by Mr. Mann's home state will mean as pronounced a swing to Mr. Mann in the House in December, 1917, or sooner if Congress should be called in extra session.

With the Empire state and the three leading middle states again strongly republican, and the effect continuing until 1920, the democrats would face a discouraging situation; and should Missouri also fail them, the result might tell on the fortunes of Mr. Clark, who is today one of the most popular democrats in the country.

Some of George Washington's men, though ill provided for, gave a wonderful account of themselves. This fact does not lessen the responsibility of furnishing proper equipment.

Insurance rates would go up if fire departments were no better prepared to answer a hurry call than some of the soldiers.

Developments in Mexico lead to a suspicion that before long there will be no difficulty in locating Villa.

Neither treachery nor the heroism required to meet it waits for a formal declaration of war.

Europe continues to demonstrate that "war lord" is a difficult title to defend.

A Needed Street Extension.

An amendment to the District bill is pending in the Senate which illustrates in a peculiar way the somewhat haphazard manner in which local suburban street extensions have been carried on in the past. This amendment proposes to grade and improve 16th street north-west from Montague street to Alaska avenue. For this work, including a viaduct over the Military road, \$90,000 is to be appropriated. This is not an ordinary street extension and does not merely carry a bit farther the great highway that runs north from the White House and eventually will reach the District line. It is in a peculiar way a connecting link, and the necessity for its provision arises from a singular lack of system in the matter of suburban street and road improvements. From the present terminal at 16th street to the District line the necessary lands have been designated. The owners of these lands have been waiting for a long time, upward of fifteen or eighteen years, while the work of improvement has progressed somewhat slowly from the city end northward. If this comparatively short stretch of improvement proposed in Senator Martin's amendment is provided for, about a mile in extent, it will be possible to relieve greatly the traffic now centering upon Georgia avenue between Brightwood and the District line. The Beech drive, following the windings of Rock creek to the northern boundary of the park, runs eastward to Kalmia road, which joins Georgia at the Dis-

trict line. Most of the park traffic flows northward along the Beech drive and Kalmia road and returns by Georgia avenue to Brightwood avenue, passing back into the city by the Military road, or Colorado avenue. The Military road, however, does not reach the improved portion of 16th street. If the stretch provided for by the Martin amendment is improved it will be possible to make this return from the junction of the Kalmia road and Georgia avenue by way of Alaska avenue, which at present is a no-thoroughfare leading southwestwardly through improved and rapidly developing territory. As a matter of justice to the property owners in that section 16th street should be carried through to the District line. The cost of the improvement would be more than met by increased property valuations in that section in two or three years. Meanwhile the public will be very greatly accommodated by increased means of access to the northern portion of Rock Creek Park and by the relief of upper Georgia avenue from a congestion which is now dangerous. The adoption of this amendment by the Senate and its retention in the appropriation act will be justified by every consideration of public welfare.

A Tactless Partisan.

The zeal of the friends of Justice Brandeis to correct an impression which may or may not have been caused by his entirely proper and strictly courteous call upon Justice Hughes the day on which the latter was nominated for the presidency is hardly to be commended, whatever the motive of the statement just issued by Mr. Norman Haggood. For in declaring that the new jurist's call was simply perfunctory and only by a coincidence chanced to occur on the day of the nomination Mr. Haggood goes to the point of virtually quoting Justice Brandeis' opinions on the merits of the two candidates, greatly, of course, to President Wilson's advantage. As a campaign document this is but a sorry performance, and has doubtless caused the justice and the President serious distress of mind. The so-called Supreme Court issue was promptly side-tracked by Mr. Wilson, and most properly and wisely. To have it thrust into the campaign by an ill-advised partisan publicity promoter, in the form of a virtual interview with a justice of the court, is not calculated to favor the President to look with favor upon volunteer assistants in the promotion of his political fortunes. Only embarrassment to Justice Brandeis and annoyance to the President can possibly come from this publication. The new democratic chairman evidently has a heavier job on his hands than was at first indicated, for apparently one of his tasks will be to suppress Mr. Norman Haggood.

The Latin Americans doubtless recognize the fact that if Uncle Sam had desired to possess Mexico it would have been his long ago. Again Col. Tom Taggart displays the spirit of a man who does not believe in trifling with an emergency. A few of the bull moose still resent the idea of countenancing a political merger. As usual, the colored troops fought nobly. SHOOTING STARS. BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. Tribute to a Genius. "How did you come to buy all those books?" "I was charmed into it by the salesman's talk. Sometimes I think the books would be more interesting if the book agent had written them himself." Censorship. Our facts we cannot pick and choose. Nor hide them altogether. We might suppress the weather news. It wouldn't change the weather. Compulsion. "If that bad boy insists on carrying a chip on his shoulder, you shouldn't notice him." "I didn't," replied the square-jawed youngster, "so long as he kept it on his shoulder. But when he took it off and bit me in the eye with it, I had to do something."

Making Observations. "Of course, as a prudent statesman, you keep your car to the ground." "No, sir," replied Senator Sorghum. "I feel called upon to stand up straight and keep both eyes on the horizon."

Promoter of Patriotism. "Have you done anything to promote patriotism?" "I have. My efforts to hold down compensation for an enlisted man enable him to prove his unselfishness."

Submerged. The little things that fretted us—How trifling they appear—The overcrowded omnibus! The rainy day so drear! The sneer that thoughtless envy flings! The luckless games we play! We have a lot of other things To think about today.

How we disdain the trifling ills That hurt us in the past—When once the call of Duty thrills Across the country vast. The small success—the vain regret—'Tis like an idle dream. The things which used to make us fret—How frivolous now they seem!

Orthographical Frightfulness. From the New York Sun. The Russian offensive has introduced some new geography that is at least pronounceable. Kutly and Kimpolung are a welcome relief from Frasmyn. But the bitter must be taken with the sweet.

Funston! From the Louisville Courier-Journal. The Mexicans will soon begin to wonder why any one should be expected to

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