

# BALL SET A-ROLLING BY SPEAKER CLARK

## Opens Democratic Campaign in Maine With Defense of Administration.

### POINTS WITH GREAT PRIDE TO RECORD OF HIS PARTY

#### Says Nominee Hughes "Has Shot His Bolt, But Failed to Hit Bull's-Eye."

BRUNSWICK, Me., August 20.—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, opened the campaign in Maine for the democrats yesterday in a characteristic speech, in which he told of the accomplishments of the administration and Congress under the leadership of President Wilson.

He also took note of the campaign tour Charles E. Hughes is making in behalf of his candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Hughes, he said, had thus far made enough speeches to enable people to form judgment as to his opinions on current issues, and, in the Speaker's opinion, "he has shot his bolt, but failed to hit the bull's-eye."

#### Speaker Clark Attacks Hughes.

Mr. Clark said, in part: "Judge Hughes has made enough speeches in this campaign to enable intelligent persons to form something approximating a correct judgment as to his opinions on current issues. He has shot his bolt, but failed to hit the bull's-eye."

"It was universally conceded by both friend and foe that his speech at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1908, was far and away the greatest republican speech made that year. Comparing his speeches since he was nominated for President with the best republican speech, one is forced inevitably to one of two conclusions: First, that his pen and tongue have lost their cunning measurably, or second, that he has nothing worth while to urge against democratic accomplishments or to propose as republican policies, should republicans by some miracle win the House, the Senate and the presidency."

#### "Querulous Carplings."

"His speeches may be not unfairly summed up as 'querulous carplings' at the splendid record of a democratic Congress and a democratic administration. Here and there out of a vast multitude of things, he finds a few of minor character, which he deems unsatisfactory to him, which, even if wrong, have no more to do with the tremendous problems with which a mighty people are wrestling than the potato vines of Aroostook county, Me., has to do with the majestic flow of the Mississippi river.

"He endeavors to make an issue of the separation of Hon. E. Dana Durand from the pay roll as director of the census. I know Mr. Durand. He is an estimable gentleman, but he had no vested right to the office which he held.

"There are thousands of American citizens as capable, honest, industrious and patriotic as Mr. Durand is. Neither Judge Hughes nor anybody else of veracity will deny these necessary qualifications to the splendid American who was appointed to succeed Mr. Durand.

"It is not within the power of Judge Hughes or any other complaining orator to make a national issue of Durand's removal. The only issue is, national issue of who fired the Ephraim Dome? Or who struck Billie Patterson? Or who was the man in the iron mask?

"Lord Bacon, who possessed the most exquisite intellect ever housed in a human skull—the father of the inductive philosophy—warns us against deducing a general rule from too few instances—a warning which applies to all writers and speakers, including the eminent Judge Hughes.

#### Specifications Are Wanting.

"He draws a general indictment against democratic diplomatic appointments, but fails to give us the specifications or the proof to sustain the indictment.

"He says that he is in favor of 'undiluted Americanism.' So are all, God be praised! He is not peculiar in that respect. The vast mass of the American people—men and women—are too busy working at what the Germans denominate 'the bread and butter sciences' to make elaborate speeches vaunting their 'undiluted Americanism.'

"But the average American citizen—and, after all, the average American citizen constitutes the strength and glory of the republic—is as patriotic as Charles Evans Hughes, Woodrow Wilson or any other big name in the land. There is not one American citizen, native born or naturalized, in one hundred who would fail the country should the supreme test come.

"Perhaps President Wilson has made some mistakes. Perhaps the democratic Congress has made some. It is safe to say that there never was a President or Congress that did not make mistakes, and there never will be—simply because we are all human. Any astronomer with an adequate telescope can find spots on the sun, but severe criticism notwithstanding the sun continues to fight and warm and fructify the earth.

#### Hunting for Spots.

"Judge Hughes with his telescope is hunting for spots on the democratic administration and the democratic Congress. But the people realize that we have the most unbounded prosperity that has blessed the land since Christopher Columbus discovered America, and that notwithstanding the ancient and chronic enemies of the republicans that we possess no power of constructive statesmanship, we have in three and a half years placed on the statute books more constructive remedial legislation than the republicans did in twenty years—laws that should have been passed four decades ago. They are likely to conclude to let us get on with it and to continue the democrats in power.

"Our is a magnificent, wonderful record which anybody who is a stark idiot can easily and successfully defend. Upon that unequalled record we confidently appeal to the grand inquest of the nation in the impending campaign."

#### Speaker Champ Clark Enumerates Legislation of Democratic Congress

AUGUSTA, Me., August 19.—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, spoke here tonight of the accomplishments of the administration and Congress under the leadership of President Wilson.

"Here are some of the things we have done and on which we stand," he said. He continued: "We passed a great tariff bill—the best ever placed on the statute books. It contains many excellent changes from the old Payne-Aldrich-Smoot monster, and it contains one new feature—the most important of all tariff bills, even if the rest of it were as bad as the last republican tariff bill, which most emphatically it is not. That new feature is the income tax.

"The fairest and justest tax ever levied since man invented a tax system is a graduated income tax with reasonable exemptions. As long as the world spins on its axis and the sun shines, the ecletic no politician party is ever going to the country on a proposition to repeal the income tax.

"It takes men on whom they have and not on what they consume. It raises necessary revenue from the abundance with which God has blessed some of the poor.

"They may pass a law to change it, repeal it to perfect it, but to repeal it, never! It is not an experiment among legislators."

#### National Reserve Act.

"The democrats, with the assistance of patriotic progressives and a patriotic contingent of republicans, placed on the statute book the national reserve bank act, which is now praised by all business men, big and little, which provides for elasticity and provides an abundant supply of currency, and which it is believed will render possible in the future, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

"It enables farmers to borrow money from the best source in the world—tends to prevent the draining of all the money into a few great cities, retaining it so far as possible in the communities where it belongs. Does any sane man believe that we would have escaped a most destructive panic during the overseas war if we had not enacted the reserve bank law?

"We passed an anti-trust law which tends to promote a legitimate business and to crush illegitimate business. Under the old anti-trust law the then existing trusts fled like a tree planted by the rivers of water and new trusts sprang up as suddenly and as numerous as mushrooms in a damp cellar.

"We passed a bill to open to our amazingly rich Alaskan empire for the benefit of all our people and to prevent that marvelous storehouse of wealth from being exploited by the few for the benefit and behoof of the few.

#### Trades Commission.

"The trades commission law is, so far as our country is concerned, a new venture in legislation, intended to regulate late trade so that it will be fair trade—fair to all, big and little. Of course, being of recent date, we have not had time to set the machinery under it to working at its best, but much good is expected from its operation.

"The rural credits bill will undoubtedly prove a great blessing to the farmers. The most valuable features of it are the long term which the loans run, the plan for amortization, and the low rate of interest. These will give a permanency never known before on this side of the Atlantic to agricultural pursuits and will, it is hoped, induce more people to own their own homes, a great desideratum.

"The rural credits bill, taken in connection with the reserve bank bill, ought to give great impetus to the oldest of human occupations, that of tilling the soil. In America the rural credits scheme is new, but in Europe it is old, having been started by Frederick the Great at the close of the seven years' war, a century and a half ago. The rural credits bank, or landschaft, which he started, is still doing business.

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# WARREN GARD SELECTED AS AID IN THE WEST

## Ohio Member of House to Assist in Democratic Senatorial Campaign.

### Representative Warren Gard of Ohio will leave Washington today for Chicago, where he will act as aid for Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, chairman of the democratic senatorial campaign committee.

Until Senator Saulsbury arrives in Chicago Representative Gard will have full charge of the campaign to elect senators to fill vacancies occurring March 4, 1917. Representative Gard will go into the senatorial campaign at the request of Senator Saulsbury, with whom he served on the select commission to investigate the financial relationship between the United States and the District of Columbia.

Senator Saulsbury has sent out letters announcing the fact that he had chosen Representative Gard to be his aid. The selection of a member of the House as aid-de-camp in the close battle expected to take place in the senatorial campaign is looked upon by Representative Gard's friends and acquaintances as a tribute to his ability in the way of political organization. In view of the fact that Representative Gard has a stiff fight on his own hands for re-election from the district in Ohio which he represents, it can be foreseen that he will have a strenuous summer.

#### Thirty-Four Senate Seats.

There are thirty-two senators whose terms expire March 3, 1917, seventeen democrats and fifteen republicans. In addition two seats have been vacated by deaths in Indiana and Maine, making thirty-four seats to fill in the Senate, with the political balance so finely drawn that Representative Gard expects a nip-and-tuck fight from beginning to end.

"I do not think we will take it for granted that there are any sure-thing republican states or any sure-thing democratic states this fall," said Representative Gard yesterday. "What I intend to do is to get into the campaign and make the fight of my life."

#### AMSTERDAM, August 18, via London, August 19.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary has presented his autographed photograph to Frederic C. Penfield, the American ambassador, says a dispatch from Vienna.

# POLITICS HOLDS UP SALE OF DANISH WEST INDIES

## "Left" Party's Demand for Representation in Cabinet Postpones Action.

### COPENHAGEN, August 19, via London.—The decision as to whether the government proposal for a coalition cabinet shall be adopted—and, consequently, the question as to the acceptance or rejection of the treaty with the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies—has been postponed for at least a week, and probably much longer, as the result of party caucuses in the rigsdag. The last parliamentary caucus took place this afternoon.

During the day the radical, conservative and left parties signified willingness to enter into negotiations for the creation of a cabinet as desired by the government. The left party imposed the condition that that party shall have representation in any government formed in proportion to the

left's combined membership in both houses of parliament. Since the left, in the minority in the lower house, has nearly half of the entire membership of the landthing, or upper house, its demand, politicians are sure, that it would claim probably four cabinet places against two for each of the other parties. Whether the government can accept this demand is conjectural. If it cannot, general elections seem unavoidable, notwithstanding the reluctance of the king and the government to take such a step.

#### ARCTIC COPPER IMPORTANT. Industry to Profit by Discovery of Stefansson Expedition.

NEW YORK, August 19.—The discovery by the Canadian Arctic expedition, headed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, of a great field of native copper near Copper Mine river, in the neighborhood of Prince Albert island, will prove of great value to the business world, says Dr. Chester A. Reeds of the American Museum of Natural History.

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