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**GLUM OVER HUGHES, LEADERS ADMIT HE HAS HARD TASK**

NO WILD RUSH TO HIS BANNER BY THE PUBLIC—HE HAS NO ONE OUTSTANDING ISSUE AND HIS COURSE AROUSES NO ENTHUSIASM. G. O. P. MEN CONCEDE—SORE AT RECOGNITION OF PROGRESSIVES.

Republican leaders who predicted an easy victory over President Wilson as the result of the nominations of Justice Hughes are beginning to revise their opinion, says Louis Seibold, Washington, D. C., correspondent of the New York World, in a recent article reviewing the national political situation. Now the more candid of them admit the probability of rough weather ahead of their presidential candidate instead of the plain sailing expected for him.

Still of the belief he was the best man to nominate in the circumstances, they are constrained to admit that his selection has not been followed by the general movement expected among voters of all classes in his direction. Pinning their faith to his skill and ability as a political student and campaigner, there are, nevertheless, many embarrassments that have convinced his most ardent champions that his greatest value will be in "dressing the Republican window" for the benefit of local Republican candidates.

The chief trouble with the Republican campaign, as it is analyzed in advance of the speeches of acceptance of Hughes and Wilson, is the lack of one outstanding issue which will serve to crystallize popular support for Hughes as compared to the dozen or more effective features in the Democratic program.

**Sizing Up Hughes' Assets.**

The sum and substance of Hughes' assets at this time are admitted by his supporters to be confined to his unmistakable respectability of character, his fine record as a justice and his established orthodoxy as a Republican. The best things claimed for him by Republican leaders are that he can provide the things Wilson has accomplished and will not do any of the things Wilson has not done.

Republicans who were prone to criticize the foreign and the Mexican policy of the president do not now delude themselves with the belief that their eminently reputable presidential candidate will be indiscreet enough to declare he would have favored a contrary course in any instance.

The leaders of Hughes' party who expected he would jump right into the political arena with a platform of his own that would sweep the record of Democratic achievement into oblivion are wondering what prevents him from doing so. Since his first utterance following his nomination he has not turned on the light which that utterance forecasted. Some of the leaders are of the opinion that Hughes should not have made so palpable a bid for the support of the disintegrated Progressive army before satisfying the men who brought about his nomination that he was in sympathy with the purposes of the convention that nominated him to the exclusion of any other party.

The truth is, many of the Old Guard leaders have come to view Hughes in something of the light of an opportunist. They accepted him at Chicago—even when they didn't want him—to head off Roosevelt, and for no other purpose. They believed he shared their unfavorable view of the Colonel and could be depended on to establish without loss of time the fact that he was the "straight goods Republican" candidate.

**Won't Get Recognition.**

Their view of the possibilities for securing recognition at Washington if Hughes should be elected is not unlike that always held by Tammany Hall of a Democratic federal administration. Consequently, the "straight goods" Republicans are not so keenly interested in the individual fortunes of Hughes as in his value to them of winning the local offices which they can control.

There is a full appreciation among the more practical of the Republican leaders of Hughes' tendency to "run off the reservation," although they resented charges to the same effect made by the New York Republican leaders who undertook to shed light and instruction on the political character of the candidate during the early stages of the "straight goods" national convention.

If this impression should continue, it will have the same effect of making two tickets, or at least of splitting the one, because the whole Republican party would not then be fighting for Hughes, but Hughes would be fighting for the whole Republican ticket. This situation would be in direct contrast to that which prevails in the Democratic party, where the whole party is fighting for

Woodrow Wilson and against both Hughes and the Republican ticket.

**Much Explaining to Do.**

The Republican leaders, while expressing confidence over Republican prospects, admit the probability of being called on to explain to their party followers the charges of apostasy made against their presidential candidate, his record as a Wall street lawyer and his use of the supreme court in promoting his presidential aspirations.

A majority of the Republican leaders would like to see Hughes ignore Roosevelt during the coming campaign. They are apprehensive that in his zeal to recruit Progressive supporters to his cause he will permit the Colonel to dictate the conditions under which the campaign will be fought and to have rather too much to say in the administration in the event of his election.

There is no question that the Progressives expect much from Hughes, and for a reason directly the opposite from that controlling the minds of the "straight goods" Republicans. The old leaders of Armageddon cannot forget the 4,119,507 votes polled by Roosevelt four years ago. They do not mean that Hughes shall forget it, either. Hence, the Progressives make no secret of their purpose to demand the lion's share of everything in the way of political perquisites.

The Progressives assume, of course, that all the votes Roosevelt polled four years ago can be turned over by the organizations that supported him to the Republican candidate this year.

This claim is not justified by the facts. An analysis of that vote shows that more than 1,100,000 Democrats—or about one-half of the Taft-Roosevelt majority over Wilson—voted for the Progressive candidates. These votes were distributed in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Colorado, New Jersey, Louisiana and in most of the big cities of the country, particularly New York, Chicago, Louisville and New Orleans.

**Progressives for Wilson.**

Since the nomination of Hughes, many Progressive leaders in California, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey and Missouri have indicated their purpose to work and vote for Wilson.

The Democratic managers admit the probability of the German vote going to Hughes. As a matter of fact, many of them are inclined to concede it to him, as there is a well defined impression Hughes will make a direct bid for it.

The Democratic managers have been digging back through the records to get some line on Hughes as a vote getter. He was candidate for governor of New York in 1906 and again in 1908. In the former election, which was an off year, he beat Hearst by 57,897. Two years later, when he was nominated at the request of President Taft and Roosevelt "to save New York," Hughes was re-elected over Chanler by 69,000. Mr. Taft carried it by 202,907.

Hughes ran behind every other candidate on the Republican state and local tickets. He lost Brooklyn, New York and other centers by a larger majority than ever returned against a Republican candidate. The leaders did not support him. William Barnes, the Albany leader, who opposed his renomination, gave a fair exhibition of his power by electing his own candidates by an excess of 6,000 majority and giving Hughes only 2,589.

**No Life in Campaign.**

"What is the matter with the Hughes campaign?" the World asks in another article two or three days later, continuing with the following statement of the situation:

The announcement of the personnel of the Republican campaign committee failed to inject life into the campaign. The absence from the committee of old Republican war-horses caused much anguish in Republican organization circles. This disappointment was not to the Old Guard, who gave up when they learned Mr. Hughes would not let them manage the fight. The disappointment permeated into the ranks of party workers, who looked askance at the large representation in the campaign management which Colonel Roosevelt, through Mr. Hughes, had been able to command for returning Progressives.

Some of the returning Progressives, having been stirred four years

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Dr. P. Woerner, state bacteriologist, suffered a temporary mental derangement Monday afternoon and is reported to have been in a very nervous condition for a while, though he has since recovered. He has told friends he had recently attempted to get passage to Germany on the returning submarine, Deutschland, but had been refused, and it is thought that worry over domestic affairs was responsible for his breakdown.

A woman giving the name of Dinah Johnson and acting queerly appeared at the Knox garage early Monday evening and was detained there until taken in charge by the authorities. Investigation developed that she had wandered away from friends in Tillamook, Oregon, who were notified and came after her.

Fred E. Levee obtained a divorce by default this week from Mildred Levee, on the ground that she had a bad temper, a sharp tongue, had thrown dishes at him and made life unbearable for him.

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