

GERMAN LINES SMASHED NEAR VERDUN

HUGHES DECLARES HE WILL UPHOLD AMERICAN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS REGARDLESS OF COST IF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

NOMINEE IS WELL RECEIVED BY BIG NEW YORK CROWD

Candidate Asserts He Wants Vote of No One Not Ready to Champion U. S.

POLICY MUST BE FREE OF ALL ENTANGLEMENTS

Noted Republican Leader Is Greeted by Bursts of Applause During Speech

New York, Oct. 24.—Charles E. Hughes tonight told an audience that crowded Schuetzen Park hall in Queensborough, that he did not want the support "of anyone who has any interest superior to that of the United States, who would not instantly champion the rights and interest of America against any country whatever, who wants immunity for foreign aggressions, or who would have the power of this nation held captive to any foreign influence or swayed by alien machinations."

Mr. Hughes' declaration was made at the first of three meetings at which he spoke in New York City tonight. The other two meetings were held in Harlem and in the Bronx.

Exclusive American Policy.
"It is hardly necessary to say that if I am elected," Mr. Hughes declared, "we shall have an exclusively American policy in the service of American interest. I have no secret understandings, no unstated purpose. If anyone supposes that in case of my election, the right and interest of American citizens will be subordinated to any ulterior purpose or the interest of the policies of any foreign power, whatever, he is doomed to disappointment."

Free of Entanglements.
"I am an American, free and clear of all foreign entanglements. We propose to have an administration, an American administration, while dealing with all nations on a basis of the most absolute fairness, will maintain unshakably American rights on land and sea."

"We shall not tolerate the use of our soil for foreign intrigue. We shall not permit threats from any quarter or any foreign influence to swerve us from our action. I believe that the great mass of American people are sincerely patriotic."

Opposed to Government Hold-Up.
"I am opposed to government hold-up. I am opposed to surrendering the power of the executive or congress to the demand of force, whether labor or capital."

Favors Jewish Rights.
Mr. Hughes came out explicitly for the rights of Jewish citizens of the United States. In this regard he said: "I heartily endorse the following plank in the Republican platform: 'We reiterate the unequalled approval of the action taken in December, 1911, by the president and congress to secure with Russia as with other countries a treaty that will recognize the absolute right of expatriation and present all discrimination of any kind between American citizens, whether native born or alien, and regardless of race, religion or previous political allegiance. We renew the pledge to observe this principle and we unite in the cherished hope that the war, which is now desolating the world, may come to an end with all due rapidity and a lasting restoration of brotherhood among the nations of the earth and full and equal rights be effected.'"

"The settled American doctrine confirmed by many treaties is that when a citizen of a foreign country swears his allegiance to that country and is naturalized here, swearing allegiance to the United States, he is henceforth to be treated throughout the world a citizen of the United States and his rights as such must be respected. I agree with the declaration of the Republican platform that we should secure a treaty with Russia which will recognize the absolute right of expatriation and prevent all discriminations between American citizens, whether native or foreign born, and regardless of race, religion, previous political allegiance, are devoted to the principle of civil and religious liberty and we cannot recognize any racial or religious discrimination with respect to the privileges of our citizens, whether at home or abroad, the

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INTERVENTION FOR HELPLESS COUNTRIES ONLY.

Cartoon by ELMGIER

REDUCED VALUES PROBABLY WILL STAND FOR STATE

Cut in Equalization Justified by Governor—Increase Would Not Be Popular

COMMISSION HAS POWER TO DECREASE ITS LEVIES

Although the state tax commission has discovered a clause in the North Dakota statutes which might nullify the recent action of the state board of equalization in making a flat 10 per cent reduction on farm lands and certain other classes of property, it is highly improbable that the tax commission or any other agency, individual or public, will endeavor to press the advantage by asking the supreme court to mandamus the board.

First and foremost, the reduction in taxes is by no means unpopular with the class principally benefited—the farmers. It means that their contribution to the expenses of operating North Dakota will be cut more than \$80,000 this year, and this decrease is very welcome in a season when crops have not been up to the general standard.

Board Has Right to Reduce.
In the second place, even if, as the clause upon which the state tax commission bases its stand would tend to indicate, the board has overstepped its authority in making a reduction which would exceed 1 per cent upon the whole assessed valuation of all the property in the state, there would seem to be no man whereby the equalizers can be made to back down, as, if they cannot reduce the assessed valuation, they have absolute authority

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No Flaw In President's Armor-Lane

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 24.—With the approach of the campaign's end, the Republicans have failed to "find a flaw in Woodrow Wilson's armor," declared Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, in an address here tonight. When Charles Evan Hughes was nominated, he said, he felt a bit nervous as to the outcome of the election, because he felt that if there had been any great mistakes by the administration, Mr. Hughes would reveal them.

"He was the Republicans' strongest man, and he has failed," the secretary said. "The greatest men that the Republican party has drawn to it, not only Mr. Hughes, but Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, and your own state leader, Mr. Root, have been challenged by circumstances to prove their right to the title of statesmen, and each has done his best. But I ask you what plan, what program, what policy have they presented to the American people more worthy, more practical, more American, than that which has been pursued by Mr. Wilson?"

"They have done their best, but they have failed, not only because they were without ability or statesmanship or without an intense desire to serve this country; they have failed because with all their genius they could do no better than that plain, unassuming gentleman, who four years ago was in derision, called a schoolmaster, but who has now risen to be recognized as one of the master minds of the world."

HERE FROM WING.
J. B. Granville, Ben McClusky and Elmer Josephson, members of the Wing school board, were in the city yesterday conferring with Superintendent C. L. Vigness.

THINKS M'CUMBER STATE PACEMAKER

Lieutenant Predicts Senator Will Carry State by 25,000—Here Soon

That McCumber will prove the pacemaker for state and national candidates in North Dakota on November 7 is the opinion of one of the senator's lieutenants, ex-United States Marshal Jim Shea of Wahpeton, who dropped into Bismarck last evening to size up the local field.

"It's hard to say just what McCumber's lead will be," said Mr. Shea, "but you may safely put it down anywhere from 15,000 to 25,000. We've sent out thousands of return cards over the state, and we haven't received a reply unfavorable to the senator yet."

Working Westward.
Senator McCumber is spending the present week in the eastern part of the state, speaking yesterday in LaMoure county. Next Monday he will leave Wahpeton for a western tour over the Milwaukee line, gradually working back to Bismarck, where he will spend the entire day Saturday, November 4. A great reception is being planned for the senator here.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF MANDAN DIES

Mandan, N. D., Oct. 24.—A telegram received here yesterday announced the death at Duluth of William Watson, an old time resident of Mandan. Mr. Watson came here in the early eighties with the construction crew of the Northern Pacific and had a grading contract. Later he was engaged in the draying business. He left here several years ago and has made his home in Duluth.

AMERICANS AND REBELS CLASH; SEVERAL KILLED

Mexican General Batista Goes Down in Engagement Near San Domingo

TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES UNKNOWN

U. S. Captains Low and Atwood Numbered Among Dead in Late Report

San Domingo, Oct. 24.—In an engagement between American troops and rebel forces today, General Raymond Batista was killed. Several Americans also are reported killed, and one American officer was wounded.

The names of the American officers killed are given as Captain William Low and Captain Atwood. Lieutenant Morrison was wounded.

The American commander attempted to arrest Batista, who resisted and ordered an attack on the American forces. Fighting continued for a considerable time, but the rebels were eventually defeated.

The engagement took place opposite Santo Domingo City and caused somewhat of a panic in the capital. Reinforcements were sent there to aid the American troops in maintaining order. The number of killed and wounded in the fight is unknown at present.

A revolt occurred in the Dominican army several weeks ago, but American marines and bluejackets soon had control of the situation. They were reinforced with American troops from Port Au Prince, Haiti.

The available naval list makes no mention of Captain Atwood, who is reported as having been killed. Captain William W. Low was attached to the first brigade of marines stationed recently at Port Au Prince.

Lieutenant Victor I. Morrison is listed as attached to the first brigade of marines.

CLAIM DIAZ COMPLETED CONQUEST OF MEXICO

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 24.—Felix Diaz, four days ago, when he entered Toluca, the capital, according to a message received here today by a Mexican identified with the Diaz movement, completed the conquest of the state of Mexico. Diaz was said to be but a short distance from Mexico City with a force of several thousand men, well armed and amply provisioned.

A letter from General Barron, a partisan of Diaz, received here today, said he was in complete control of the state of Colima, having 3,000 men under his command. He said he had ample funds for the prosecution of his campaign, and had sufficient arms and ammunition for 60,000 men.

EMMONS COUNTY MAN RESTRAINED FROM RUNNING

Judge Nuesse handed down an order restraining Henry H. Hanson of Emmons county becoming a candidate for the superintendent of schools of that county. An injunctive order restraining Hanson's name from being used on the non-partisan school ballot was brought by Lester H. Pringle against the auditors of the county. Pringle and another candidate were nominated for this position during the primaries, and the name of Hanson as a possible candidate was only recently considered.

Divorce Granted.
An absolute divorce was granted Mrs. Ida White of Bismarck from Nelson White, by Judge W. L. Nuesse on Tuesday.

Wheat Shoots Skyward Due To Enormous Export Sales; Other Grains Have Bulge

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Huge export sales of wheat caused prices today to advance to an extent that made any previous quotations since the beginning of the European war look cheap. The market closed strong, 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 net higher, with December at \$1.78 1/2 to \$1.79 1/2 and May at \$1.73 1/2 to \$1.74 1/2. Other leading staples, too, all scored gains, corn 1 1/2 to 2 1/2; oats 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 and provisions 7 to 140. Country bulges in the value of wheat were preceded by a weak start and a series of nervous fluctuations before the market took the upward grade in earnest. A big falling off in the European visible supply as compared with a week ago, gave an advantage to the Bulls and later was emphasized by

Walkout On C.P.R. Road Is Ordered

London, Ont., Oct. 24.—Preparations were being made here tonight by Canadian Pacific railway trainmen for a strike. Orders were said to have been given them to walk out at 5:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Representatives of the union have been sent to Winnipeg with instructions to confer with the delegates at the convention there. Trainmen in this district voted in favor of a strike in the event the company declines to meet the demands of the Winnipeg meeting.

ROOSEVELT MAKES URGENT PLEA FOR AMERICAN YOUTHS

Declares Universal Military Training is Necessary for Proper Development

ADVOCATES REPEAL OF HAY MILITARY BILL

Denver, Oct. 24.—Pleas for universal military training and criticism of President Wilson for "debauchery of the civil service," characterized the address here tonight by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the principal one of a trio of speeches made in the course of his one-day stay in Denver. Col. Roosevelt urged that compulsory training would rebound to the benefit of the nation by increasing democracy, developing American youth, physically and mentally, and aiding the country's social and industrial development. His criticism of President Wilson included a declaration that the executive had "exchanged offices for political support."

Col. Roosevelt advocated repeal of the Hay military bill, and the restoration of the militia to its former status. He cited Switzerland's development as an instance of what compulsory military training would do in developing a country "physically, mentally and morally."

Makes Appeal for Hughes.
The colonel divided his afternoon speech, which primarily was to the women of the state, between an appeal to them to vote for Charles E. Hughes, as president, and a sharp criticism of the administration's foreign and Mexican policies. He declared the passage of a constitutional amendment enfranchising women was the most practicable and speedy goal for the suffragists now, and asserted Mr. Hughes would maintain his announced stand in favor of this amendment.

Late this afternoon, he spoke briefly to the members of the "Hughes Women's Special" campaign party, which arrived late today.

"Strict Accountability."
The colonel told the women's meeting that if he had been president and had said President Wilson's "strict accountability" message to Germany, "there would have been no more ships sunk, unless there was a fight after the Lusitania was sunk with its 1,334 deaths as a consequence, because other nations believed as we'd welcome being kept out of war. If I had been president then, I'd have seized every German interned ship, and would have said to Germany, 'Now, we'll see now what you are going to give us as compensation for this, but what we are going to give you.'"

Abhors Wanton War.
"I abhor an unjust wanton war. But if it were necessary to protect our

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OFFENSIVE IS SWITCHED FROM SOMME REGION

Teutons Are Driven Back Two Miles; Fort Douaumont Falls in Attack

3,600 PRISONERS AND WAR MATERIALS TAKEN

Russians and Roumanians Continue to Retreat From Black Sea To Danube

London, Oct. 24.—Switching their offensive from the Somme region in France—possibly as a counter to the advance of the Teutonic allies in the Dobruja region of Roumania,—the French have smashed the German line north and northeast of Verdun, over a front of four and one-third miles, penetrating it along its entire length, in the center, gaining a distance of nearly two miles.

When night fell, the village and fort of Douaumont in the center were in the hands of the French, while on their left wing, the Frenchmen had pushed beyond Thiaumont and captured the Haudromont quarry, and taken up positions along the Bras-Douaumont road. On their right wing considerable progress had also been made from Douaumont and Damplou. More than 3,600 prisoners and quantities of war materials were captured by the French.

Allies Retreat Steadily.
In Dobruja, region of Roumania, the Germans, Bulgarians and Turks are giving no rest to the Russians and Roumanians, who continue to retreat all along the entire front from the Black sea to the Danube river, although at some points they are vigorously opposing the advance of the invaders.

Constanza Falls.
Rachovo, on the river a short distance below Tchernavoda, and Medjidie, on the railway midway between Tchernavoda and Constanza, have fallen into the hands of the Teutonic allies. More than 6,700 prisoners have been taken.

Turk Submarine in Black Sea.
Constantinople reports the operation of Turkish submarines in the Black sea off the Roumanian coast in the sinking of a 3,000 ton Roumanian transport and sailing supply ship bound from Constanza with provisions.

On the Austrian-Italian front, the Austrians and Italians, at several points, especially at Isago plateau in the Sugana valley, in the Plava sector of the Middle Isonzo, and on the Carso front are vigorously bombarding opposing positions.

Serbs Put Down Attack.
The Serbs, in the Cerna region of the Macedonia front, have put down a German-Bulgarian attack, and themselves delivered a thrust which was rewarded by the capture of several trenches. In the Dolain sector, the British also captured a Teutonic allied trench. Floods are interfering with the operations on the Struma.

Four British and four Norwegian steamers have been sunk by submarines or mines. The tonnage of the British steamers aggregated 12,291 tons.

M'CORMICK INVOLVED IN SECOND LIBEL SUIT

New York, Oct. 24.—Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, was served late today with a summons and complaint in a second suit for libel, brought against him by Jeremiah A. O'Leary, one of the heads of the American Independent Conference. The action, which is for \$100,000, is based on a statement Mr. McCormick is said to have given to the newspapers Monday. This statement, it is asserted, was in connection with charges by the Democratic committee that a secret agreement was made between O'Leary and his associates and Chas. E. Hughes, by which Mr. Hughes made speeches to conform to "demands" of the American Independent Conference.

JUICE FOR FLASHER

Mandan, Oct. 24.—Harry Thorberg and John Bunting, well known young men of Mandan, have secured a franchise from the village of Flasher for the installation of an electric light plant there. They are now at Flasher preparing to install the plant. Some 75 of the business houses and residences of the thriving little city will be wired and the plant will be in operation in about six weeks.