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WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1916. "America First and America Efficient"

CORNWELL ON RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

UNDER the heading, "The Mistakes of Railway Employees," Mr. Cornwell, in the Hampshire Review, issue of October 21, 1914, published a lengthy editorial in opposition to the full crew measure then pending. In this editorial Mr. Cornwell asserted: "The 'Full Crew Law' has one object and only one, viz: to compel the railroads by law to employ more men. The result of such legislation," Mr. Cornwell continued, "would be disastrous to the railroads should they be compelled to expend this additional sum for unnecessary labor." Continuing this frank discussion of the motives of the railway employees, Mr. Cornwell unwittingly, but accurately forecast the temptation that befell Mr. Wilson a few days ago. Again quoting Mr. Cornwell, note the prophesy in his words: "We fully understand the temptation these labor organizations are able to bring to bear, the TEMPTATION OF CANDIDATES (see Wilson and the Brotherhood leaders) TO MAKE PROMISES UNDER DURESS WHERE IT MEANS VOTES. The railroads are ever without friends these days in a legislative body, or at least without friends with courage to speak out, these (the main body of the people) should speak out. They should give candidates and members of the legislature to understand that they must not be INTIMIDATED into sacrificing their interests at the DEMAND OF THE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES, for a law compelling the employment of thousands of men NOT NEEDED, at big wages."

SOUTH AMERICA GAINS IN TRADE BALANCE.

OUR trade with South America for the past fiscal year does not justify the tall amount of bragging indulged in by Secretary Redfield, and passed out for political consumption. It is true that the volume of trade has been larger, but the balance of trade against us has grown to significant proportions. Our total trade with South America for the fiscal year 1913, the last year during which the Republican tariff law was in operation, was \$364,000,000, and the balance of trade against us was \$72,000,000. We have all along purchased from these countries vast amounts of coffee, cocoa, rubber, minerals, fruits, hides, etc., while they have made their purchases of manufactured goods largely from Europe. We were gradually evening up the score, under Republican trade policies, when the Wilson-Underwood tariff disaster overtook us and gave us a setback. For instance, for 1910, the first year under the Payne law, the balance of trade in our trade with South America was \$103,000,000 against us, the total volume being \$289,000,000. In 1914, under the Democratic law, with a total volume of trade of \$348,000,000 the balance against us was \$98,000,000. In 1915 the total volume was \$360,000,000, and the balance against us was \$162,000,000. In 1916, just past, with a total volume of trade of \$672,000,000, the balance against us was \$212,000,000. Nor has our trade with the Central American

States shown that improvement which would warrant the trade trumpeter of King Wilson sounding a note of triumph. Our total trade with these six States was \$56,000,000 in 1913, which netted us a favorable balance of \$24,000,000. In 1914 it was \$57,000,000 and our favorable balance was \$21,000,000. In 1915, \$55,000,000, favorable balance \$12,000,000. In 1916, \$68,000,000, and we were but \$16,000,000 on the right side of the ledger. It should be borne in mind that during the past two years the Latin American States have been compelled to purchase from us many commodities for which they formerly sought the European markets. This has been one of the indirect effects of the war in promoting our temporary prosperity. But the things which they have sent us will continue to come, in greater volume than ever, if we are to continue under a policy of near-free-trade, while the cessation of the war will find them again heavy purchasers in the European market. They will sell to us and spend the money in Europe. Dr. Pratt, of the Department of Commerce, publicly announced some time ago that if we would seek concessions in South American markets, we must grant South Americans concessions in our own. The trouble is we have no concessions to grant. Without requiring anything of them, we have given them a free market in the United States. Protective duties would put us in a position to make concessions, if it were found advisable to do so. Another thing which would help us immeasurably in our trade with the Latin Americas would be the investment of American capital in those countries, and the establishment of American banks. But before the American financiers and bankers will invest in those countries they must have assurance that their rights will be respected. Mr. Wilson will give them no such guarantees. According to his idea, if they don't like the way they are treated they should get out and come home. All of which goes to show that we need a red-blooded man at the helm and not an anemic pedagogue.

DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY AT HOME.

AS a comparison between these progressive days and that Gilded Government of the time of MacCorkle, the annual expense account of Marion county, the home of the Democratic National Committeeman and prodigal patron of the Cornwell candidacy, is instructive. In 1896 it cost \$70,000 to conduct this county's affairs; in 1916, \$650,000. It was Democratic managements in both these years and in most of the years in between. With Marion as a sample of economical and efficient Democratic government before them, it is hardly likely that the voters of the State will cast their ballots in favor of expending that system of government to take in the other fifty-four counties of the commonwealth.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

EXTENDED statistics showing the growth of high schools in West Virginia during Republican rule cannot be given because the previous administrations had but little to report on this subject and the small facts given are not reliable and are based on low standards. The Biennial Report of the State Superintendent of Schools for the year 1897-98 (page 16) says: "Although West Virginia is credited with twenty-four or twenty-five high schools, she must for the present content herself with the reputation of being one of the very few states without a first class high school." Instead of such apologies being necessary at the present time, we are in a position to boast of a high school development and high school condition hardly equalled for rapid progress and high standards in a State of the Union. West Virginia can now boast of 164 public high schools, almost a hundred of which are four-year high schools, forty-six town and city high schools, and one hundred and fifteen district high schools. Most of the district high schools serve rural communities and take the advantage of higher education to the very doors of the boys and girls in the small villages and on the farms. In 1915-16 the total enrollment in the public high schools of the state was 13,691, of these 1,873 graduated. This development is not due to mere chance. A good classification law, bringing all these schools up to the standard, was passed and backed up by State aid (\$400, \$600, \$800, to third, second and first class, respectively), amounting to \$85,000 in 1915-16. The Republicans are not afraid to give substantial aid to institutions of direct service to the people.

The German official statement admitting reverses in the Somme region is reported to contain the statement, "But before all we must think of our heroic troops." What a pity that thought did not occur to the great General Staff before those infantry attacks in waves at Verdun occurred.

Dispatches from the Mexican border say guardsmen who are taking practice marches are suffering from sore feet. That is painful for the guardsmen, but so long as the complaint is not cold feet the country will not worry.

If the weather man wants to earn the everlasting gratitude of the American public he will save a sufficient quantity of the present glorious weather for use during the world series. And if he can arrange it so that the last week of the campaign is nice his efforts will be appreciated.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

A new book entitled "Plain Foods, How to Cook Them, How to Eat Them," contains no chapter on how to buy them at a reasonable cost.—Wheeling Register. The position of premier of Greece might be described as being nearly as popular as that of a baseball umpire in this country.—Bluefield Telegraph. An educated Eskimo says that neither Cook nor Peary reached the North Pole. Which opinion is shared by quite a few.—Wheeling News. We haven't any "tank" cars in this country, but any number of our ordinary cars are deadly enough for all practical purposes.—Charleston Mail. The next President of the United States speaks in Pittsburgh tomorrow. Run up and hear him.—Wheeling Intelligencer. With steel stock at \$117 it looks as if there was growing confidence in the future of the business.—Connellsville Courier. The Russians and Roumanians have Mackensen in straits according to the allied war news. But he is used to being in close quarters in the London and Petrograd dispatches.—Parkersburg State Journal.

Through The Political Periscope

Lookin' em over as they are warnin' up for the tap of the bell, that Sutherland boss sure does have an easy, quiet but ground-devourin' stride. Looks like he would come in under the wraps.

Feeling the public pulse is a figure of speech which is by no means such in the case of Dr. Godby, the leading congressional candidate in the Charleston ballwick.

Col. Jimmy Wier, the writings little fellow press-agent in advance of Watson and Chilton's Combined and Consolidated Circus puts out a story that Governor Hatfield and Judge Robinson no longer speak as they pass by. Thus the great paramount issue of "Hatfieldism" dies by the hand of one who helped to create it.

Indianapolis seems to have been right glad to have Charley Hughes in her midst.

When Governor Hughes comes into West Virginia he will start a job which the colonel will finish a week or so later when he arrives.

The time is fast approaching when the Huntington Herald Dispatch will start quoting back at its neighbor, the Advertiser, what the latter said about Chilton and Watson before Postmaster Jerry Dingess was forced out of the job and it was given over to appease Editor J. Harvey Long.

The 1916 views of Watson and Watsonism and J. Cornwell's close coupling up with the same are politely requested by the subscribers of the papers edited by Albert Sidney Johnson of Monroe and Col. Tom Dennis of Greenbrier.

The innocuous desuetude in which the late Democratic State Chairman has dropped himself since he collided with the Big Boss and his gubernatorial candidate, suggests that he change his name to Clam Lewis.

Republican clubs are organizing in every county in the state, which is a necessary preliminary state to making the victory in November thorough and complete.

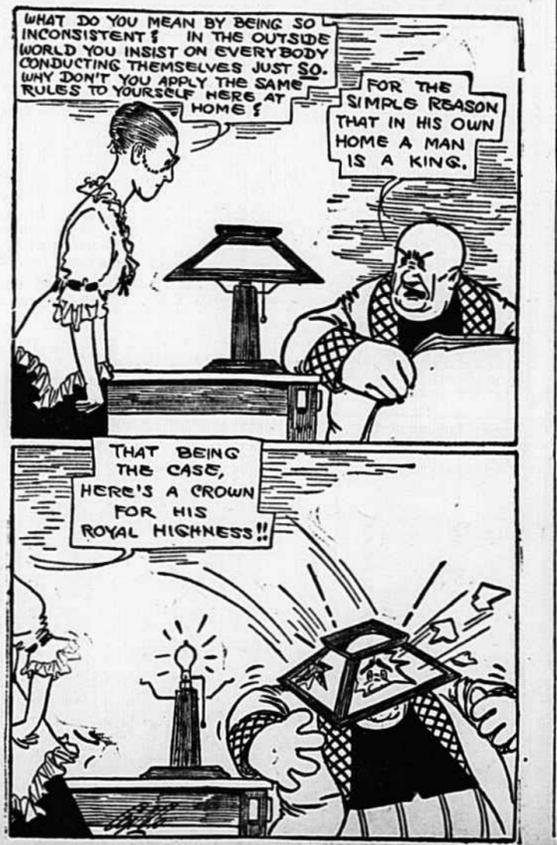
General Charley Elliott has been heard from at Mount Morrison, Colorado. His whereabouts became known to anxious public by reason of the dissemination of a letter by the Democratic party's campaign management. In this letter, Charley says his "conscience" will not permit him to support Governor Hughes. This is most important if true because it is the first time that the public has been indirectly asked to believe that Charley has one.

John Cornwell is paving the way these days for a front up place in the Annapolis club. He is talking too much on heresy.—Exchange. That Hampshire county farmer of whom it has been told he was such a prevaricator that he had to get some body else to call his hogs before they would come up to the fence, finds himself suddenly facing strong competition in the home market.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

THE HIGH COST OF PROHIBITION From Colliers. A Seattle judge rebuked the district attorney because no cases were ready and the court was idle two days. The district attorney replied that there were no cases to get ready. When asked why, he had to admit that work for criminal court had fallen off about 50 per cent since the prohibition law went into effect. Of course there were some bootlegging cases. (We mention this to save any-

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO.)



one who is opposed to prohibition the trouble of informing us.) But of crime there was a real dearth. It's dreadful the way prohibition cuts in to some home industries, including wife-beating, desertion, assault, rape, and murder.

MR. FAIRBANK'S SPEECH. From the St. Louis Globe Democrat. The speech of Mr. Fairbanks accepting the Republican nomination for Vice President is characteristic of the Hoosier statesman. It is unequivocal, courageous and fair. It deals with the chief issues of the campaign not with novelties of rhetoric but with clear insight and common sense. His habit of stressing fundamentals has led lovers of paradox and epigrams to belittle his originality. But Mr. Fairbanks has always preferred being right to being esteemed brilliant. He never sacrifices truth for the sake of a happy phrase. Some of his critics have falsely accused him of too great caution about expressing his views. But there has never been a major political question on which Mr. Fairbanks has not taken a decided stand.

Mr. Fairbanks' speech of acceptance points out the importance of a Protective Tariff, truthfully describes the workings of the Underwood act under normal conditions, condemns the foolish ship purchase venture, demands a vigorous and consistent foreign policy, sets forth the necessity for industrial as well as military and naval preparedness, and rebukes the demagogues who would try to line up American voters according to their views of the rights of the European war.

We wonder what it means when a newspaper guy says "But I have been fairly good to T. R. of late?"

We'd consider T. R. very good to us if he'd even look at us some time when he passes by.

Of course it's not true that Wilkinson is going to resign his judgeship. Nope, he positively is not, as too many resignations in the party after assessments were made caused it to look bad.

Lewis resigned fearing his rep.

RUFF STUFF BY RED.

Today's Short Story. "I am for Lilly, Honest Abe," said the Bill Poster. "His nephew Mack bought me a new felt hat when he was here giving me work posing bills. Scene II—Mountain City Corner. "I see Abe, Honest Abe, has come out for Robinson and has conceded him the election, therefore I am for Robinson heart and soul."

Scene III—Democratic Headquarters (Greenbacks scattered all about) "Robinson hasn't bought me any clothes so I'm offa him. I'm going to help the Democrats provided I can get my private affairs straightened out which might take a large sum."

Scene IV. Sum received by B. P. he says, "I'll stump the state for Cornwell."

Democratic lexicon says: Literature—A word used by the Democrats to convey the idea that coin is about to go moving. Frinstance—"Distribution of LITERATURE will be made from Democratic state headquarters."

Best place in the world for amateurs to learn how to drive fire trucks is in the city streets where it makes news each time a man gets on.

The tale that Capillo was killed in Cleveland in a Black hand fight has never been proved by the county but it insists that that is what most likely has happened to him.

Capillo was hunted from "city to city". Uh, huh, some one phoned Wheeling to look out for him.

"The Girl Next Door" which Bill Miller says is a corking picture ought to draw several of the neighbors who



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always like to know what "The Girl Next Door" is doing. We're gonna see that show although we know positively that it'll be over our head. One difference between Wilson and Hughes is that Hughes is not ashamed to face Fairmonters during the campaign. One sends coin the other uses his brains. Any one voting in a state that can boast of Chilton ought never open his jaws about Borah. A and Muggsy McGraw made it 22 straight. "Calac arrives at Buckhannon. He's the guy that's gonna rip Rogers apart. We'll tell you more after the Thanks giving game. Last time Lyman Howe was here the pictures of snow covered mountains gave several people in the audience the sniftles. STRAY SHOTS FROM THE TRENCHES. By Tuff Stuff. Contributed by a Reader with Apologies to Ruff Stuff. It is said that Ira Smith is a connoisseur on sewers. His thoughts run deep. B. V. D. Barrackville. The term "deserting Democrat" is not now sanctioned by W. J. B. It will be rigour after the election. It is rumored that there are several

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