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PATRIOTIC HYPOCRISY.

Strange the tone of certain stand-pat republicans and stand-pat republican papers since the situation has become sufficiently acute along the Mexican border that anything like the "aggressive policy" threatened at the republican convention in Chicago renders war seemingly inevitable.

The president seems to be "between the devil and the deep sea"—he is "damned if he don't and he's damned if he does"—by these gold-plated apostles of a patriotic hypocrisy.

Locally, however, and with especial reference to the press, we would be derelict to withhold a compliment. Likewise numerous individuals of republican faith.

There ought to be something else to American patriotism besides politics and the itch for office. "Good God!" said the first Napoleon, "how rare men are. There are 18,000,000 in Italy, and I have with difficulty found two—Dandolo and Melzi."

"THEY AIN'T NO SUCH ANIMAL."

Speaking of the retirement of Mr. Justice Charles Evans Hughes from the supreme court bench to enter the race for the presidency, the continued efforts of the republican lawyers, the republican press, and republican politicians so poorly applied in his defense, almost moves us to tender them our assistance.

We are always glad to assist our republican friends in every way that we possibly can. In their bias, we realize that they are more likely to overlook occasional things that might appropriately be used to good advantage, even in their favor, and this case of Mr. Hughes and the charge of his violating the non-political ethics of the bench, is merely one of them.

mented by the effrontery that Mr. Hughes has merely called the bluff, his friends would have a case pretty well made.

Notwithstanding that this is the first case of record of a member of the supreme bench resigning to enter the race for political office, whether under conditions proving previous interest or not, it is generally well recognized that politics has played a considerable part in the makeup and deliberations of the supreme court, even from the days of Chief Justice John Jay, and especially since Chief Justice John Marshall made no bones of it.

Neither is modern history exempt. Take the income tax case and the insular cases decided by the bench over which Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller presided. In the first of these a changed opinion by Mr. Justice Brown unmade that law over night, back in the early nineties, along absolutely political lines, republicans being in the majority.

This condition of things is what gave rise a few years ago to the agitation for the recall of judges. As to questions involving the constitutionality of a law, Theodore Roosevelt four years ago championed the recall of judicial decisions as a remedy.

And from the bar of that court there lies no appeal. Mr. Roosevelt proposed an appeal to the bar of humanity, but that would be cumbersome and we doubt if it would be practical.

Prof. Taft excoriates the Rooseveltian remedy—the recall of judicial decisions,—and believes a more patriotic, politically colorless, open-minded personnel, with certain amendments to the rules of the court, would be sufficient for all purposes.

In the face of these conditions, our mistake, if any, in criticizing Mr. Hughes as we have, has been due to our worshipping a fetish, same as his republican defenders have been doing—presuming the supreme court to be an ethical body in keeping with the spirit of the federal constitution, rather than the non-ethical body, so far as politics goes, that it really is.

It was a fine thing for the democrats at St. Louis to invite Mr. Bryan to address them. Even finer was the manner and the method of his response. If in fact, loyalty and generosity his remarks left nothing to be desired, the favor with which they were received by the representatives of a great party was alike creditable to them.

Whatever may have been the motive of Mr. Bryan in retiring from the cabinet, there can now be no doubt of his sincerity. At that time his protestations of friendship for the president were openly questioned.

Speaking of Ford jokes—the annual tax on a Ford car in England is now \$90 a year, and going up. And that's no joke.

The higher instincts lead to many a dire pass in the Indo-Austro mountain campaign.

The Velvet Hammer

By Arthur Brooks Baker

E. LOUIS KUHN. We're glad that thoughtful Nature didn't make him thin and small.

We hold him in demand which is so widespread and profound. That if the quality were less, it wouldn't go around.

He serves the Commerce Chamber as its high and mighty front. In solid business enterprise or fiery social stunt.

He has a voice as big as he—it fills the largest room. And in the public welfare he delights to make it boom.

But public enterprises may, and often do, perchance. Fall down or stumble badly in the region of finance.

STATESMEN GREAT AND NEAR-GREAT

By Fred Kelly.

WASHINGTON, June 24—A friend of Rep. Scott of Michigan, named Hicks was working one winter in a Michigan lumber camp.

Hicks read aloud the letters from the wife to the husband, for the latter was no more adept at reading script than he was at writing same. Hicks couldn't always read them himself, for the wife had a system of shorthand that was her own.

"I thank," says he, "that I'll go see mah wife. He miss me so." Hicks went to hear of him getting killed when he got home, but he didn't. To the contrary, that Swede and his wife were the most devoted couple in all northern Michigan.

Somebody asked Sec'y Lane if he thought Dr. Waite, the New York multi-murderer, was crazy. "I don't know whether he was crazy or not," replied Lane, "but it seems to me that he had let himself get into a bit of a rut on the homicide thing."

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Time may not have justified the fears which caused Mr. Bryan to abandon high office, but it has shown that he was honest, and assuming that he was mistaken, that he has the courage to admit his error.

THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

THE PUBLIC SERVANT.

"The sun is back upon the job, and underneath his glow The little birdies chirp and sing, the leaflets burst and grow;

For well he knows his fellow men ere yet it be too late To lead them forth to conquer all the hosts of wrong and sin, And gather up an office he may serve the people in.

For well we know he does not seek a joblet for himself; No dreams of empty prominence, no lust of horrid pelf; Corrupts or clouds the vision of the honest candidate;

Uphold his clean and honest hands with solid blocks of votes.

A. B. R.

WHY IS IT?

Every time you see recruits drilling you recall the story of the fond mother who, witnessing a company of which her son was a member drilling remarked: "Everybody's out of step by Johnny."

Said Gen. Trevino to Gen. Pershing: "Don't move south or east or west." Said Gen. Pershing to Gen. Trevino: "I'll move my troops as I think best."

"I don't know him," she said. "I only danced with him."

Apparently there is a lot of satisfaction in predicting what's going to happen next in a movie picture show. "He's going to move the clock back" a woman next to us whispered. And he did and she said: "He, he, he."

Some of our best known humorous publications are made bright occasionally by a tale with a point—clipped from some exchange.

Seriously speaking, the funniest thing we know is a humorous magazine trying to be serious.

No man can tell what will happen in Mexico. Gauging the Mexican mind is impossible.

Villa, if alive, has played dead for a long while.

A scribe at Terre Haute calls our hurler "Paris" Heute. We call our reason unless it be that "Paris" reason is hard to down.

"Roosevelt," said the baseball fan, who forgot batting averages in order to talk politics, "is an individual player. He will either fail in the pinch or knock a home run. You'll never catch him sacrificing."

A recipe for cleaning marble is requested by a correspondent. We suggest he see some reliable barber.

With Other Editors Than Ours

ELEPHANT TRUMPETS FOR THE MOOSE.

(Logansport Pharos-Reporter.) The republicans have been put to sorry straits in their attempt to get back where the fire burns bright on the old home hearth and the buck-wheat cakes and juicy pork chops of political preferment adorn the table.

In the first place it hadn't a man outside of the prison bars of the supreme court, where they don't dare to say anything, that hadn't talked himself "in bad" with the whole country. No man in the republican party who had opened his mouth but had put his foot in it, and not his mother's son of the fellows outside the bars, and there were plenty of them with their foot on the brass rail, but had allowed his sentiments to be known and were anathema with the people of the country.

GAINING IN SEA POWER.

In speed, displacement and guns the new battleship Pennsylvania, which went into commission Monday at Norfolk, marks a step in advance over the Oklahoma, which was delivered to the navy on May 2. The Pennsylvania's speed is 21 knots, displacement 32,000 tons, and she carries 12 14-inch guns, as against the Oklahoma's 20.5 knots, 27,000 tons and 10 14-inch guns.



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A National Authority on the Subject of PURE GOODS and the ART OF COOKING.

In an interview on baking powder, Marian Cole Fisher, Chautauqua lecturer and at that time special chairman of the Saint Paul Housewives' League and an active member, stated as follows:

"I find many, in fact, very many women woefully uninformed on the subject of baking powder. Evidently the housewife does not appreciate the value of baking powder in her kitchen and in her baking, or she would have informed herself. This is a subject that is quite important.

"A great many of the housewives today have followed their mothers or grandmothers in the use of baking powder, which in some instances is a mistake. There has been just as much improvement in baking powder as in other commodities. I am glad to find that baking powder has kept up with the times.

"Some housewives have been led to believe that the cream of tartar powders are the best goods to use. This is a mistake, resulting no doubt from the constant efforts of the Twenty Million Dollar Baking Powder Trust to create a prejudice against all goods save their own. Their goods should be least desirable on account of the large quantities of Rochelle Salts remaining in the food.

"The other extreme is the cheap and 'Big Can' baking powders, which sell all the way from ten cents a pound to a cent an ounce. These are even less desirable than the high-priced goods. I can say nothing in their favor. They are never economical; frequently leaving the baking bleached and acid, sometimes yellow and alkaline, and often unpalatable. They are not dependable and represent false economy at any price.

"The most simple way for the housewife to check baking powder is by price. The trust goods that retail for 4c or 5c a pound are usually the cream of tartar powders, and are of the old school; and the cheap and 'Big Can' kind that sell all the way from ten cents a pound up to a cent an ounce should also be avoided.

"The last word in baking powder is the happy medium, a combination powder that sells at a moderate price and when properly prepared gives the consumer full value for the money. The result in baking is pure, wholesome food, without any harmful residue. There is no reason why any housewife should pay 4c or 5c per pound. The best baking powder made can be manufactured so as to retail at about 3-2 this price.

"On being asked what baking powder she used in her work, Marian Cole Fisher frankly stated that for more than seven years she had used Calumet Baking Powder with the most satisfactory results in every particular.

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