

Hughes Sympathetic With Demands of Labor Which Are Proved to Be Just.

"I am sympathetic with every demand to improve the conditions of labor, to secure reasonable compensation for labor. I am in sympathy with every effort to better human conditions, particularly the condition of the railroad pursuants, in all great activities that are to our prosperity. But we have a proposition to make the scale of wage you have a vital proposition which requires examination. You must at least know whether the demand is a just one.

"Labor, of course, should not desire anything but what is just. I do not believe labor intends to ask for anything but what is just. What is just can be examined and will survive investigation. Nothing is lost by having the process of reason applied if only that which is just is required."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT IS RIGHT THEN DO IT

"Our Government is based on the idea that we have Legislatures to investigate, to consider what is right and to do what is right. It is based on the idea that public opinion is formed from discussion of questions, and that we can come possibly to right solutions. It is not based on the idea that the Government must act without knowing the justice and merits of the cause in which it acts."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

THERE SHOULD BE NO ACTION UNDER PRESSURE, UNDER DICTATION.

"We have one priceless treasure in this country, and that is the reign of good judgment after public discussion. In the long history of the people, victory after victory has been won over tyranny and force. We have a free press, we have a free form of public discussion, to the end that there may be a general understanding of our activities and a general appreciation of what is necessary to the improvement of our conditions. We may disagree about this measure or that, but we have confidence in the public judgment in the long run. Hence there is one thing which we must always maintain, and that is that there shall be no action on the part of our elected representatives, taken under pressure, under dictation. We must know what the facts are and what justice requires."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

SURRENDER TO FORCE WOULD TEND TO DISASTER.

"That kind of virus in our life—surrender to force—would bring us no end of disaster. If we let capitalists or workingmen, any interest, learn that the way to get what is wanted is by applying pressure and if we continue in that course for a few years, democracy will be a failure, and we might as well give up our form of government."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

DEMAND WAS NOT FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

"It is said that the judgment of society has demanded the eight-hour day. This was not an eight-hour day, and the judgment of society had nothing to do with the proposition laid before Congress and passed by Congress. The proof of this is found in the bill itself, which proposes an investigation to find out whether Congress had any business to do the thing which it did do."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

PUBLIC OFFICER SHOULD STAND LIKE A ROCK

"Government under pressure is not American Government. Whenever pressure is applied to any public officer he ought to stand like a rock and say: 'Here I stand until we substitute reason for force. It is not an American doctrine to legislate first and investigate afterward.'"—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

FINNEGAN'S PHILOSOPHY BALAAM.

"Well do I mind the story," said Finnegan. "Balaam was a highbrow that knowed less than his Jackass. He took an office to curse the people. The Jackass saved them. 'Tis all in Number Twenty-two, Och, hone! 'Tis different these times. The Jackass knowed better till Balaam tamed him. 'Lave me ride ye, says Balaam, an' I'll make ye the biggest Ass in the world.'"

"Great," says the Ass; 'what d'ye feed?'
 "Pork," says Balaam.
 "Me savior," says the Ass.
 "So Balaam mounts. But soon the Jack balks.
 "Phwat is it?" says Balaam.
 "Snakes," says the Ass; 'Ut looks like the jawbone uv me mother.'
 "G'wan," says Balaam, hittin' the Ass a clip, 'tis me furren' policy,' he says.
 "Phwat's ut for?" axes the Ass.
 "Ut defends the nashun," says Balaam.
 "How?" says the Ass.
 "Faith," says Balaam, 'ut takes a bigger Ass than you to know that. Lave it to Brine, says Balaam to the Ass; an' the Jack walks on mediatin'."

"Hee, haw," says the Ass, balm' an' kickin'.
 "What now?" says Balaam.
 "Divil a Jackass ever seen the like," says the Ass. 'Ut could be a frog, says he, 'for ut stands up in front, and sits down behind; an' 'tis mostly mouth,' says the Ass. 'Ut has white feathers,' says the Jack, 'wid yellor streaks, that changes,' he says, 'to Very Crooz Red, or Niagary Blue, an' now they're Carrysall Yeller again,' says he. 'Hivins, have I been drinkin'?' screams the Ass to Balaam.
 "Saints be praised," says Balaam. 'Me Watchful Waitin' can still change its mind,' he says. 'G'wan, where glory waits,' he says. 'G'wan, in the service uv Mankind,' says Balaam to the Ass, touchin' him up. An' the Ass shuffles ahead, wavin' his ears in admiration.
 "Hee-haw! Hee-haw!" says the Jack, rearin' up wid his eyes bulgin'.
 "Phwat's grippin' ye now?" says Balaam, impashunt like.
 "I dunno," says the Ass. 'Ut looks like the Flyin' Dutchman with a Socialist Crew,' he says.
 "'Tis me Ship Bill,' says Balaam. 'Side step to the right,' he says; 'side step to the left,' says he, well-tin' him. 'Back up,' says Balaam, near wrenchin' off the Jack's jaw. 'Now forward for the Merchant Marine an' fifty millyun pork,' says Balaam wid a shower uv blows; an' the Ass goes on thremblin'."

"Wah-hee! Wah-hee! Wah-hee!" says the Jack, shyin' so he near threw his rider.
 "Til learn ye to shy at me Naval Bill," says Balaam, lar-rupin' the baste so he cud scarce stand.
 "Ye can't pass ut widout wearin' Republican clothes," says the Jack in a coarse whisper.
 "Ye Ass," says Balaam. 'Don't ye know that anny cloes is better nor nakedness?' G'wan, says Balaam, in tones uv thundee. So the poor baste lopes on, limp'in' wid pain.
 "I've not time to tell ye all the adventures they had, but they kep' on over rough roads, now an' then crossin' a ditch on a wan fern plank, which made even Balaam unaley. Ivry time the Jack kicked, he got short rations an' a wallop. So when the journey was near over, the poor baste was all in, and far too proud to fight. Any Jack-Ass can be that when he's llected.
 "Wan stormy night, the Jack bloopes into a harmony like a Dimycrat Tariff Hymn played on a gaspipe wid the feet.
 "Phwat ails ye now?" calls Balaam, clubbin' him wid both hands.
 "Nivver did I pass the like," yells the Ass, sweating and thremblin'. 'Ut says ut's an eight hour law. Oh, phwat is ut?' screams the Ass to Balaam, feebly waggin' his ears.
 "I dinno phwat ut is meself," says Balaam, 'but I know phwat ut's got,' Balaam says.
 "Phwat?" axes the poor Ass.
 "Five hundither thousand votes?" says Balaam, wid a pious air. 'G'wan, ye big Ass, an' don't ye argue wid an Idyalist,' says Balaam to the Ass.
 "We can't pass ut in the dark," pleads the Ass. 'Lave us wait for light,' means the Ass, weepin'.
 "Nix," says Balaam. 'There's a hot time comin' an' the votes'll spile. Do ye thirst for sixteen more years in the wilderness?' Giddap, says he, 'purgin' y'er heart,' says Balaam, 'iv ivry thought that's selfish,' says Balaam, 'or personal,' chants Balaam to the poor Ass ticklin' the Jack's stas wid a couplin' pin.
 "By this time the Ass was so wore out wid his ardyous labors, that he knew no more than Balaam himself. So, wid one desparin' cry, he dropped his ears, as he an' his master stumbled forward into the dark."

"It All Depends.
 "If Hughes wins an Oregon town will get a new shingle mill employin' fifty men," says the Olympia Recorder, "according to an announcement of the individual who took an option on timbered land. If Wilson wins the option will be allowed to lapse. That's the way with a thousand and one enterprises, all waiting to see which way the wind blows. The moment it is assured that Charles E. Hughes is elected, just watch the wheels of industry spin and listen to the hum of business."

LABOR VOTE NOT DELIVERABLE.

This is the Outstanding Fact Which Political Philosophers Deduce From the Defeat in Maine of Representative McGilllicuddy.

From among the numerous lessons or conclusions which the political philosophers can draw from the Maine election one lesson or conclusion stands out more sharply defined than any other. It jumps at you.

The labor vote, for the sake of which the Politron Congress tarred and feathered itself with its own hands only a dozen days ago, is not deliverable by the traders who pretended to sell it.

This salient fact of the election is illustrated conspicuously in the Second Congress district. There are few pieces within the confines of our republic where labor is relatively stronger than in the city of Lewiston, the home city of Representative McGilllicuddy, and he has made a specialty of it in his own political practice. In the Second Maine, if anywhere, would there be indications of any return, in the shape of votes, for the surrender of Congress to the four Brotherhoods. After a campaign which might almost be called desperate in its effort to save McGilllicuddy and one Democratic seat in the House from the Republican onset, Mr. McGilllicuddy was defeated by an adverse plurality of nearly 400, whereas he had been elected to the Sixty-second Congress by a plurality of 1,389 and to the Sixty-third by 1,281.

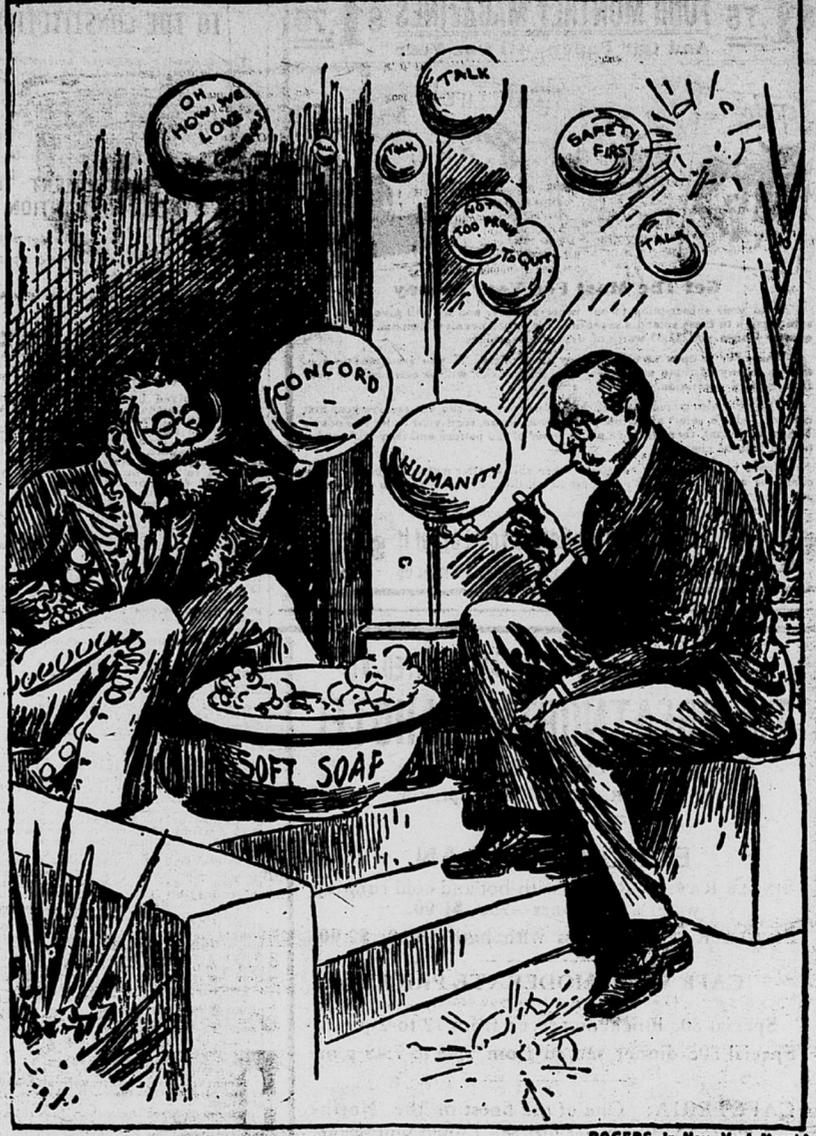
NOT AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Recent Hold-Up Legislation Does Not Shorten Workday a Minute.

As a matter of fact, it is not an eight-hour law at all. It does not curtail the trainmen's workday by a single minute. If an engineer has been receiving \$5 for working ten hours a day, this law will raise his pay to \$6.25; but it will not shorten his workday even the tenth part of a second. This is no more like the true eight-hour principle than chalk is like cheese.

The reason why people call this an eight-hour law is because it says that in the case of railroad trainmen they shall get their day's pay for the first eight hours work, and all the rest is to be considered overtime.

Do not tell me that this strike could not have been called off or postponed if President Wilson had shown that he meant business. I do not for one minute believe that those four brotherhood leaders started the blaze going without knowing how to put it out. One of them admitted that he could put it out so far as his own brotherhood was concerned, but that his followers would think that he were going back on them, if he were to do so.—Statement of Congressman A. P. Gardner.



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