

"Yes!" or "No!" Mr. Hughes?

The foremost publicists and literary men of the United States, on August first last, addressed you in the following open letter:

TO THE HON. CHARLES E. HUGHES:

The professional writers who sign this letter have small interest in parties but a very deep interest in democracy. It is our hope, through this voluntary association, to assist in the promotion of honest, educational discussion in order that fundamental issues may not be decided in prejudice and ignorance.

Mr. Wilson's beliefs have been expressed in law and in declared policies. He has made an open record by which he may be judged. Wise choice is not possible unless you yourself make equally specific statement of purposes and convictions.

Without intent to offend, we feel justified in charging that in no single public utterance have you filed a bona fide bill of particulars, nor have you offered a single constructive suggestion.

Generalities are without value. Blanket criticism is worthless. What we desire to know, what it is fair that the electorate should know, are the exact details of your disagreement with President Wilson. What has he done that you would not have done, and what has he failed to do that you would have done or propose to do? Honesty and patriotism demand that you put yourself upon record in such a manner as to permit people to judge you as they are now able to judge President Wilson. For example:

- 1—Would you have filed instant protest against the invasion of Belgium and backed up that protest with the United States Navy?
2—It is arrant nonsense to talk about action that would have prevented the Lusitania tragedy. The vague advertisement did not appear until shortly before the hour of sailing. The occurrence was one of those things that civilization has made the world regard as incredible. The only honest question is this: Would you have made the disaster the subject of diplomatic negotiations or would you have broken relations with Germany at once?
3—Would you have urged upon Congress an embargo upon the shipment of munitions to the allies?
4—Would you urge universal compulsory military service?
5—You are frank in stating that Huerta's morals were of no concern to America. Does this mean that you would have recognized Huerta?
6—As matters stand today, would you be in favor of intervening in Mexico?
7—Does your attack upon the Wilson shipping bill mean that you are in favor of ship subsidies?
8—You speak enthusiastically of the rights of the worker. Does this imply that you endorse the Clayton Anti-Trust Law and the Seaman's Bill? Or will you urge their repeal?
9—What are your specific complaints against the Federal Reserve Law?
10—As Governor of New York, you opposed the Income Tax Amendment. Does this antagonism persist? Do you or do you not believe in paying for preparedness out of a tax on incomes, inheritances and munitions?

We agree with you that it is a "critical period," by far too critical, indeed, for candidates to talk in terms of office seeking rather than in the simple, earnest language of definite Americanism.

Respectfully, (Signed)

- Sam'l Hopkins Adams, George Creel, A. J. McKeiway, Boardman Robinson, Ray Stannard Baker, James Forbes, John Reed, James Parker Butler, Frederick C. Howe, Basil Manly, John Read, L. Ames Brown, Gilson Gardner, Meredith Nicholson, Edgar Selwyn, Dante Bartsch, Fred'k Stuart Greene, Harvey J. O'Higgins, Wm. Leavitt Stoddard, Irvin Cobb, Oliver Herford, Albert Jay Neck, Lincoln Steffens, Wade'worth Camp, Prof. Louis Johnson, Charles Johnson Post, Augustus Thomas, J. O'Hara Coggrave, Richard Lloyd Jones, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, Frank Vrooman, Boughton Cooley, Peter B. Kyne, Wm. McLeod Reine, George West, William L. Cheney

Deeds vs. Talk

In the Fall of 1915 proposed woman's suffrage amendments to the constitution of New York and New Jersey were submitted to the voters of those states.

President Wilson made a special trip from Washington to Princeton to register and another special trip to vote for VOTES FOR WOMEN.

The records of the Board of Elections of New York County fail to disclose that you, Mr. Hughes, either registered or voted on this occasion.

Furthermore, the records show that since 1910 you have wholly neglected to vote—the highest duty of a citizen.

'PROGRESSIVE PARTY NOT DEAD; COUNTRY NEEDS IT'—PARKER



JOHN M. PARKER

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 15.—"Let no one make the mistake of thinking the progressive party is dead," said John M. Parker, the party's vice presidential nominee.

"Those who tried to wreck the progressive party seemed to forget I was on the ticket! It happens that I was nominated unanimously at the progressive convention in Chicago on June 10.

I have not withdrawn. I DO NOT PROPOSE TO WITHDRAW!

"There is a certainty that on the ticket there will be a list of progressive electors free to vote for any man they may see fit for president, and instructed to vote for John M. Parker as vice president."

"Why," I asked, "do you think the progressive party should be kept alive?"

"Because," replied Parker, "the progressive party is the one vital thing today in American political life.

"I have been reading over the progressive platform of 1912 and comparing that document with what has happened during the last three years.

"I find the platforms and the record of accomplishment in both parties form a wonderful tribute to the progressive movement.

"Woman suffrage, jeered at by both old parties, is now accepted in their platforms. In a very large number of states the legislatures have worked out workmen's compensation bills and other legislation of the humane character indorsed by the progressive party in 1912.

"The big thing in this progressive movement," Parker went on, interrupting himself, "is that this party was the first really to stand for human rights as against the exclusive rights of property and special privilege.

"This is the party which brought to the front child labor laws, workmen's compensation measures, the regional bank plans, rural credits, old age pensions, mothers' pensions and all kinds of legislation looking into the betterment of the lot of the working man and woman.

"For too long both old parties have been dominated by big business and have worked for the particular benefit of corporate and large interests.

"It was time the affairs of the country should be looked at from the point of view of the 65 per cent who die, leaving no property and who work to try to get a sufficiency of daily food and shelter.

"When I left the old party I did not leave for personal advantage or momentary advantage. I went into this movement for the big future and for my children and their children.

"A party which stands for im-

portant fundamental things can well afford to look to the future for ultimate power."

Pajomas for Housework



Close on the heels of a discovery that women's overalls are being sold in a Tacoma store, comes the news from the east that "Pajomas" are the last word in housework attire.

Toss your gingham wrapped into the rag bag, Mrs. Housekeeper, and toss your kimona in after it!

These garments are no longer worn when an attack is to be made on a high hung cobweb or when a washing of clothes is to be hung.

The "pajoma" will make its bow at a fashion show in Chicago soon.

It's a two-piece garment—kimona and "divided things" like pajamas. They are made of broad-cast silk—also of flowered sateen, inexpensive, but pretty enough to start all the neighbors

Finish Great Tunnel

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 15.—Hereafter Canada's new five-mile double-track tunnel under Selkirk mountains, now on eve of completion, will be known as "Connaught tunnel." Permission has been granted Lord Shaughnessy, president of Canadian Pacific, by his royal highness Duke of Connaught to rename the bore. On recent trip out west he was only a few weeks before the tunnel will be put into operation, lowering the Canadian Pacific's mountain grade by 500 feet. The work was begun less than three years ago. It is the longest double-track tunnel in the western hemisphere.

Approve Revenue Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The administration revenue bill, which leaders say will yield \$205,000,000 annually, has been approved by the democratic caucus and will be reported to the senate by Wednesday.

As amended by the senate finance committee, the measure is increased \$7,500,000 over the estimated revenue as it passed the house.

After a vigorous fight the caucus sustained the amendment to the wine schedule, increasing the house tax rates.

Answers U. S. Protest

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The British embassy has presented to Secretary Lansing an explanatory statement of the action of England in holding up neutral mails in reply to the American protest.

The statement expresses regret that the examination of neutral mails was delayed at the outset, but declares that unforeseen obstacles were met with, such as the appearance of matter to an enemy country secreted in sacks supposed to contain mail for neutral countries only.

To Support Lake Fair

The rural development committee of the Commercial club decided last night to endorse and give financial support to the American Lake fair this year, rather than to a Stellacoom-Bay-Island fair, because of lack of time to make arrangements for the latter. The committee agreed to endorse such a fair at Stellacoom next year.

Hop Yield to Be Big

PUYALLUP, Aug. 15.—The hop yield in Washington this year will reach last year's mark of 38,000 bales, according to the estimate of T. L. McNeill, one of the most extensive dealers on the coast.

According to the latest reports hops will start at 10 cents a pound this year, he said.

IN MUTUAL MASTERPIECE



Helene Rosson and Alan Forest, featured in the big combination vaudeville and photoplay bill at the Hippodrome. They appear in the Mutual masterpiece, "The Sign of the Spade."

HERE AND ELSEWHERE

- First hospital train to be built by U. S. is completed in Chicago and leaves for border.
During thunderstorm Austrian naval aeroplane squadrons bombard fortifications of Venice.
Eyes tested, Registered optometrist, Plaff, optician, 1147 Broadway.
Mexican band crosses over to American side and gives concert in El Paso plaza.
Tacoma Baptists turn out in large numbers to hear Hughes, who is a Baptist.
Walter Berg Stationery Co., Kodak Films, Main 2237. adv.
Lower house of Danish parliament votes in favor of selling Danish West Indies to U. S.
Dr. Harry E. Smith, assistant professor of economics at University of Washington, will head department of commerce of University of Montana.
F. W. Feeney, formerly The Argonaut Cafe, now located at 1017 Pacific ave. adv.
Oregon public service commission demands that Southern Pacific take immediate steps to relieve car shortage on its lines.
Mrs. F. Benston reports her home ransacked by burglars and wedding ring stolen.
COMMERCIAL BINDERY & PRINTING CO., Main 417. adv.
Renewal of New York street car strike is threatened unless company reinstates 70 employees discharged.
John Weingut, Wheeler-Organizer, injured when mo-sorry, but he must stick "at his

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post of duty." Thank you, Will, for remaining.
Births.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert John Brenner, 1913 Division ave., Aug. 9, boy; Mr. and Mrs. John G. Schroeder, Tanglewood station, Aug. 2, boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costello, 1217 South 59th st., Aug. 3, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kimbell, 1917 South Almsworth ave., July 23, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, 1121 South 15th st., July 2, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sears McCord, Tidehaven, July 26, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, St. Joseph's hospital, July 30, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart H. Short, 4618 North 43d st., July 30, girl; Mr. and Mrs. John Magnus Bowman, 3624 North



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