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AND INHERITED PROBLEM.

The Republican campaigners, from the fault-finding Hughes down to the humblest cross-roads statesman, have nothing to say of the Mexican problem save during Wilson's administration. They carefully ignore everything before March 4, 1913, and one short, non-committal sentence covers all they dare say of the future if Hughes is elected.

They never mention the "humiliating" incident of the American citizen taking out a certificate of registration from the British Consulate at the City of Mexico to secure protection to his property. But this happened when Roosevelt, the Doughty, was President in 1908.

They never refer to the letter President Taft in 1911 wrote the Governor of Arizona, who had telegraphed him that unless the American government acted, the people of Douglas, Ariz., would have to vacate the town: "I cannot order the troops to cross the border, but must ask you and the local authorities, in case the danger occurs again, to direct the people of Douglas to place themselves where bullets cannot reach them."

If one finds cowardice in dealing patiently with Mexico, can he find anything more cowardly than this?

It was Senator Stone, Democrat, of Missouri, who first insisted that President Taft be authorized to employ force to restore order in Mexico, and it was Senator Root, Republican, of New York, the ablest champion of Hughes and a bitter critic of Wilson, who said then that even a threat of force would be "to reverse the policy of the United

States and take a step backward in the path of civilization." And Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts, backed him up.

The Mexican problem has been a national, not a party problem, ever since the passing of Diaz. Able and honest men of both parties have agreed and disagreed over it—have agreed and disagreed with their own party heads over it. It should be dealt with by the people as it has been dealt with by our President—thoughtfully, conscientiously, justly.

There is going the rounds of the press now an article, "The Mexican Problem an Inheritance," which gives a full historical review of the matters. It should be read by all who wish for a fair statement of the Mexican problem.

WRONG AGAIN.

Candidate Hughes in his Richmond, Indiana, speech, endeavored to show that President Wilson's Mexican policy does not square with his recent utterances regarding the rights of small nations to be free from outside intervention. This is a restatement of the argument made by Roosevelt in Lewiston, Maine. Both speakers fail to convince us. We have not intervened in Mexico. Intervention means conquest. If we had intervened we would have gone to war with Mexico and remained at war until we had gained complete control. This would have been intervention. On the contrary the President's course has been in direct harmony with his assertions respecting the rights of small nations to be free from outside interference.

Where American forces have been placed on Mexican soil the reason has been to show the revolutionists that there is a point beyond which they can not go in the settlement of their domestic questions and that this point will be reached when their acts affect the honor of the United States. The Republican candidate would surely not take the position that American honor would be greater to day if we were at war with prostrate Mexico.

GOOD RECORD ON SUFFRAGE

"President Wilson was the first President to cast a vote for woman suffrage.

"He wrote the plank in the Democratic platform recommending the States to give women the vote.

"He has declared that he would endeavor to make the suffrage plank effectual by every influence that he can properly and legitimately exercise.

"Largely as a result of this attitude the Democratic party in South Dakota and West Virginia, the two States where the question comes up this year, has declared unequivocally in favor of equal suffrage. (The Republicans in these States have done likewise.)

"During President Wilson's Administration a vote on the nation-wide suffrage amendment was obtained in the House for the first time, and in the Senate for the first time in twenty-five years. It obtained a majority in the Senate.

"President Wilson says that he hopes to keep an open mind on the question of a Federal amendment, and he has shown in other matters that he is not afraid to change his position."—From the Woman's Journal and Suffrage News of Boston.

BASE HITS.

Standard Oil naturally wants its candidate up to 100% standard, even if he has to be denatured, as it were.

If the Adamson 8-hour bill is as bad as Candidate Hughes says it is, why do not some Republican senator talk it to death? Any one of them could have done so under the rules of the Senate.

We are told by Republicans that the Germans are against Wilson and will vote against him. Probably many of the Republican Germans may do this, but no Democratic Germans will do it. And we rather think before the campaign is over, it will be found that Germans by the thousands who have heretofore voted the Republican ticket will flock to Wilson. They will learn in due time the worst enemy the Germans have in America is Hughes' chief backer and supporter, and in the event of Hughes' success, it means that the terrible teddy, the man of war and trouble, will be the next Secretary of State or Secretary of War. The country don't want him there, the Germans cannot afford to have him there.

The New York Central, with its 68% increase of net earnings for 1916, is not helping out its political attorney, Candidate Hughes, with his "temporary" prosperity argument, when it places its order for 250 locomotives for delivery in the fourth quarter of 1917. That is one year too far ahead to save Hughes and his argument.

Wall Street stands ready to pay a big price or chance a big sum, to get control of the tremendous wealth that has come to this country during the past three years. They know that it will be safe to the people and safe from Wall Street if President Wilson is re-elected.

With Hughes and Roosevelt working both sides of the street on the hyphen issue, good American citizens will hoof it down the middle of the road.



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A former United States Senator from North Dakota, H. C. Hansbrough, a Republican, has left the party and will work for the re-election of President Wilson. Hansbrough had heard Hughes speak. 'Nough said.

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