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Only 32 days until election.

It will be several years yet before the tourist business in Mexico gets back to normal.

If Candidate Hughes' voice begins to give out again, we suggest that he say more and talk less.

The gladsome season is at hand when the optimist reassures himself that there will not be many more hot days.

Taft and Roosevelt to shake hands in public? But that's the first thing the pugilists do after the gong rings.

We shall be greatly disappointed if, before the campaign is over, Col. Roosevelt and Bill Barnes don't kiss and make up.

The Ohio State Journal, a consistently republican paper since the foundation of the republican party, has declared for Wilson.

President Wilson announces constructive plans; Mr. Hughes threatens us with war and one of those old time republican tariffs.

The rulers of Europe disavow any desire for war. The men in the trenches undoubtedly disapproved of it, but it happened just the same.

The torchlight parade was well enough in its day. But it flourished before motor cars and electric lights were regarded as essential to human existence.

And have you thought of it, the republicans have entirely lost sight of their old protective tariff bunk? Have you studied out the reason why?

The farmer who hears of expensive flour and bread does not indulge in any premature rejoicing over a prospect of proportionately large prices for wheat.

Colonel Roosevelt is some political acrobat, but he must yield the palm to Hughes who has talked across the continent and back and never touched an issue.

The Mason Democrat says it's a good bet that Harding will get more votes than Hughes in Iowa. What Sack means is that it's all off with Hughes.

One of the modern inventions that have been something of a comfort and convenience to Henry Ford is a strike-breaker pay roll. He employs 48,000 workmen.

Mr. Justice Hughes, who gave the Danbury haters the worst of it, is the same man who now says the Adamson eight-hour law is all wrong. Remember that, Mr. Laboring Man.

The U. S. Civil Service commission announces an examination for forest rangers on Oct. 30. In South Dakota the examination will be held at Deadwood, Custer and Camp Crook.

Mr. Hughes denounces the eight-hour law as a cowardly surrender. He therefore denounces as cowards the 70 house republicans who voted for it, including Joe Cannon.

There will be joy to the hemisphere when Mexico becomes one of the governments to the south of us whose affairs are conducted in a manner to promote governmental decorum and commercial courtesy.

Notwithstanding the boasted efficiency of the caterpillar tractors, Great Britain continues to buy war horses in the United States. When man comes to grips with man, the horse seems indispensable.

Hon. Orville V. Rinehart, democratic candidate for governor has opened his campaign. As a campaigner Rinehart has few equals and before the campaign is over Peter Norbeck will realize he has a fight on his hands.

The war seems to be playing havoc with the self-assumed military genius of grand dukes, crown princes, hereditary generals and others born in the purple, but altogether lacking when it comes to leading in the red.

Having attacked Senator LaFollette's seaman act, Candidate Hughes feels that he has evaded things with the Wisconsin Senator for supporting the Administration eight-hour law and Underwood tariff and for attacking the Hughes platform and Old Guard control. It is evident that Hughes has kissed good-bye both the labor vote of the country and the electoral ballot of formerly Republican Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT WILSON
 (LATEST PHOTOGRAPH)



THE NATION WIDE BUSINESS BUILDER

SHOPMEN DEMAND WILSON AND FLAG

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 2.—"I am the man who ordered the flag and President Wilson's picture replaced," said H. C. Ettinger, master mechanic at the Wabash shops at Decatur, today. Over two hundred employes of the shops had threatened to walk out unless the flag and picture, which had been taken down, were replaced. Assistant Master Mechanic J. F. Green gave the order to take them down and Ettinger saved the day and prevented trouble by ordering them replaced.

A NEW SPIRIT

President Wilson, addressing the convention of grain dealers at Baltimore, said: "My dream is that the United States will take her place in the great field in a new spirit which the world has never seen before; not the spirit of those who would exclude others, but in the spirit of those who would excel others. The purpose of legislation in the immediate future in this country is going to be to remove all ingenious constructions and make it perfectly clear what the liberties as well as what the restrictions of trade are in this country."

FIFTY YEARS OF BARBAROUS BANKING

The old system was a rank panic breeder. When the prospect was bright and the hum of industry would literally be heard throughout the land, two links in the chain would suddenly snap, tearing to shreds the whole business fabric and carrying dismay to every community on the continent.

The first notable financial achievement of the Wilson administration was to revolutionize this wretched currency system, the unhappy victims of which are without number and the losses beyond human approximation. They affected not alone the financial institutions immediately involved, but the merchants whose credits were suspended; the industries whose shops were closed; the railroads whose cars were made idle, the farmers whose crops rotted in the fields; the laborer who was deprived of his wage. No business enterprise, if any individual, ever entirely escaped.

HARD TO ANSWER

Says the Council Bluffs, (Ia.) Nonpareil, one of the strongest republican newspapers in the middle west: "Democratic congresses are entitled to credit for some excellent legislation under the present administration. Without question, their purposes have been good." How will the "Nappareil" reconcile its grudging tribute to democratic legislation with Candidate Hughes' declaration that the whole democratic legislative accomplishment must be wiped off the statute books for the good of the country?

FORD SAYS 8-HOUR LAW WILL AID BUSINESS

Detroit, Sept. 27.—Henry Ford announced his reasons for supporting President Wilson, in a statement made public today:

"I'm for Wilson," said Ford, "because he is onto the interests—the 'unseen hands' that seek to control government—and is holding them off. That he is onto them and is holding them off is proven by his refusal to rush into war with Mexico, sacrificing the lives of thousands of young Americans to save the dollars that Wall street has invested in Mexico on a gamble.

"But from purely business reasons, which may appeal more directly to many men, the welfare of the country demands Wilson's re-election. The republicans are raising a great roar about the 8-hour law and how it will hamper business. I say—and I say from experience, not from guesswork—that the 8-hour law will help business. Business men and employers who are hostile to the 8 hour day do not know their business.

"We have had the 8 hour day in force in the Ford factory for three years and we have made more money each succeeding year under it. It has proved its own merit.

"The business of the United States today has a momentum that no man or group of men can stop. As for the tariff, which the republicans insist must be revised to help save our prosperity after the war, I want to say that the tariff is nothing but a hot house remedy. It may make business sprout for a little while, but its effect is artificial and it never can produce a hardy, permanent business plant.

"I know Hughes. Teddy and Wall street are behind him.

"I'm a republican, but I'm for Wilson. I'm a republican for the same reason I have ears—I was born that way. But I'm for Wilson because I believe he can do more to enhance the prosperity and assure peace for this nation than any other candidate. Anyone who does not want peace and who wants a gamble with prosperity, should vote against him.

THE ARMY AND NAVY

After hearing so much and discussing so often the weakness of the United States army and navy it is a positive relief to find something on which to base the belief that national preparedness is actually on the way of achievement. And it is difficult to refrain from undue enthusiasm over the fact that an American dreadnaught has established a few world's record for long distance gunnery, and that a new aerial bomb of unprecedented effectiveness has been adopted by the United States army. These things are not in themselves very considerable, but they are indicative of the new spirit that the public will for preparedness has inspired in the government bureaus.

HUGHES ATTACKED
 BY GERMAN DAILY

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—An editorial in Amerika, German daily newspaper, criticizing Chas. E. Hughes for his lack of candor, has given the politicians a shock.

This editorial gives probably the first inkling as to what will be the German-America attitude toward the G. O. P. candidate when the test at the polls comes. The Amerika openly admits the impression left by Hughes during his first tour was weak and that "the public has cooled considerably in its enthusiasm for Hughes."

Is Not Definite

Touching upon the humorous side Hughes' silence, the Amerika remarks that "nothing definite (concerning international trade laws imperilled by the British) has come from his sphinx-like laughing lips. It adds: "One has the impression that he does not want to 'show his color'; that, like a cat, he is walking around the hot pulp." It hints that Hughes is afraid of the man behind.

"There must be some reason," the editorial says, "why it should be so painful for Mr. Hughes to express himself clearly regarding the allies. Is it because his father emigrated from England to this country?"

Bossed by Roosevelt

"Is it in his blood that he tries to extenuate the encroachments of the countrymen of his ancestors? or, is he afraid of the man behind—Roosevelt—who has forbidden him to touch on this delicate question?"

"We are inclined to think that this latter is the case he is in full accord with Roosevelt and can only speak as he dictates if he would willfully and arbitrarily declare himself he might fall out of the saddle. His downfall probably would not be so unpleasant to Roosevelt."

FINALLY SELECTS HIS ISSUE

Justice Hughes seems at last to have settled down to a criticism and opposition to the Adamson eight hour law as the chief issue on which to hang his campaign. Having got nowhere but into hot water with the Mexican situation, international diplomacy and pork, the republican candidate is now trying to make a mountain out of a molehill, pushed up at the eleventh hour by events over which neither the democrats nor the republicans had control.

To what nutriment for his campaign Mr. Hughes can get out of the president's course in dealing with the railroads and their employes Mr. Hughes is entirely welcome. The further he plunges along with his criticism the better able will the people be to measure his unfitness for high office.

It has been characteristic of Mr. Hughes, during the sixty days or more that he has been campaigning, that he has not yet offered a single bit of constructive suggestion. All his criticism has been destructive and, in the course he indicates he would have pursued in dealing with the railroad problem, he would have clung to destruction instead of seeking to construct. Like his predecessors, Roosevelt and Cleveland, Mr. Hughes, had he been president, would have waited until the strike was an actuality, then he would have acted. And while he was acting the country would have been in chaos, people starving, suffering from lack of fuel, business at a standstill and industry ruined.

While the railroads and their employes were discussing their differences at Washington, Mr. Hughes, though importuned by interviewers, took no sides, fearful lest he be caught agreeing with the president, for then he would have had no issue. If he knew a solution to the difficulty he gave no sign, for he would have preferred that Wilson would not settle the strike, for then his issue would have been real. Wilson, with no such temerity, took the steps he deemed necessary to prevent such a calamity as the strike would have been, careless of what effect upon his political future his firmness might have. There would have been the difference between the two men—the one a politician playing politics, the other a statesman and a president seeking only public welfare.

One cannot pick up a daily newspaper nowadays without reading about some prominent republican or progressive deserting Hughes and declaring for Wilson. On the other hand we have failed to hear of a single, solitary democrat of any prominence declaring for Hughes.