

## The Outlook

Every day increases the prospects of democratic success in November. The women are for Wilson because he has kept the country out of war with Mexico and out of the war in Europe. The farmers are for Wilson because of the Rural Credits law and other legislation in the interest of agriculture; business men are for Wilson because of the Currency law; labor is for Wilson because of the Eight-Hour Day law and legislation against government by injunction. These are special reasons that appeal to different classes, but all classes appreciate the fact that the President has considered all questions from the standpoint of the masses, while Mr. Hughes, like Mr. Taft, stands for the big interests as against the people.

Let every democrat work from now until the polls close to make it unanimous.

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### REAL BRAVERY

A press dispatch gives the following illustration of real bravery:

"New York, Aug 28. — Through the plague stricken district of New York, Miss Theodora Booth, daughter of General Ballington Booth of the Salvation army, last week observed the suffering being wrought by infantile paralysis.

"We are looking for someone of strong physique to inoculate with infantile paralysis virus," one of the tired doctors told her.

"I'm willing to be inoculated," spoke up the young woman.

"But," said the physician, "it might mean your death — you would have to pass through every stage of the disease."

"I'd sacrifice my life if it would mean anything to these little children I see suffering," she said firmly.

"The physician said nothing more about the offer, but when Miss Booth returned to her father's home at Blue Point, L. I., she showed her boast was not an idle one. She sent out word that she would be a subject for the experiments the physicians wish to make. Because of her athletic physique, she may be chosen.

"I would do anything," she said. "My life is not worth as much as the hundreds of children that I might save."

The above is commended to professional soldiers and jingo ministers. This will doubtless seem like weakness to those who exalt killing as a manly art; but it is the Christian way, and it is as high above the brute method as heaven is above the earth.

### A WET EXECUTIVE

The papers are publishing an interview given out by the mayor of Davenport, Iowa, boasting that more whiskey is consumed under prohibition than when the city had saloons. The mayor of a city ought to be enforcing the law instead of bragging about the lawlessness of his community—but this is what is to be expected when the liquor element is allowed to pick the officials.

If the liquor interests of Iowa are assisted in their efforts to lift Mr. Harding into the governor's chair, the voters will have only themselves to blame if their chief executive gives out interviews similar to the one for which Davenport's mayor is responsible.

### THAT BATTLE CREEK SPEECH

One can not read Colonel Roosevelt's Battle Creek speech without wondering whether the Colonel wants Hughes elected or is really trying to defeat him. Surely he can not think that such a speech hurts Mr. Wilson.

### CONGRESSMAN HENSLEY

Among the many congressmen who have done well, Congressman Hensley of Missouri deserves special mention for his untiring efforts in behalf of peace. He should be returned by unanimous vote.

### THE REAL ENEMY

Mr. Roosevelt is still waging war on Mexico and Germany, but his shells are falling in the camp of one Charles Evans Hughes.

### PROHIBITION GROWING

Nineteen states dry—and eleven have gone dry within four years. That is a good record, but it is better than that. Several states are voting this year and four more are preparing to vote on the subject next year, with several others approaching the issue. By 1920 not less than twenty-six and probably thirty states will be dry.

And what is the record of the democratic party? Eleven of the nineteen dry states go democratic at every election, and the democrats are leading the fight for prohibition in Texas, Florida, Montana, Utah, Iowa, and New Mexico. The young men coming out of the colleges are in the fight for prohibition. The future is theirs. Watch your step, and your vote.

### MORE POLISHED, BUT—

Senator Root's speech defending Mr. Hughes is more polished than the speeches of his candidate and Colonel Roosevelt, but the ideas—well, the ideas are Mr. Root's, the same Mr. Root who prepared a constitution for New York. And what was the fate of the constitution? Defeated by several hundred thousand.

Colonel Roosevelt declares in a speech that the United States must be strong enough to defend herself against all foes and must also never wrong the weak. The colonel will probably except the United States of Colombia from the latter list.

Mr. Hughes has had a hard time of it finding an issue that any considerable number of persons were interested in. With all of the planks that Boies Penrose and the other boys put into the republican platform the candidate ought to be able to find one at least that would float.

The value of a straw vote on the presidency is most evident and best appreciated by a man if the result favors his candidate. If otherwise he is instantly able to perceive how piffing and worthless such a method of ascertaining the trend of public sentiment is.

The republicans were sure for about two days that they had discovered a joker in the child labor law that destroyed its effectiveness. It proved, however, that the only joker was the chap who sprung the story in the hope that he could get away with it.

There is a growing conviction among those who have heard Mr. Hughes that Mr. Taft must have underestimated the importance of the supreme bench when he selected Mr. Hughes for the position from which he resigned.

The old tariff issue has been brushed as clean as possible and new buttons and a new collar sewed on, but somehow it seems to be exceedingly difficult to conceal the worn condition of the seams and the poor quality of the cloth.

There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Hughes's speeches are helping Mr. Wilson. The important question is whether the republican candidate's strength will hold out long enough to insure the re-election of the President.

If Mr. Roosevelt has any friends left after his desertion of them at Chicago they may interpret his speeches to mean that Mr. Hughes's defeat this year will open the way for Mr. Roosevelt in 1920.

What do the people desire above all other things? Peace and prosperity. Mr. Wilson and the democratic party has given them both. That's a pretty fair basis for a prediction as to the outcome.

No wonder they are talking of sending Roosevelt to speak in Texas. He can not do any harm to Hughes there, which is more than can be said of his speeches in the close states.

Old General Apathy, who commanded an army of many millions when the campaign begun, is reported to be about to resign because he has run out of an army.

### THE HERO OF THE BLIND ALLEY

Mr. Hughes has started out in so many directions and been compelled to back out that he has earned the title: Hero of the Blind Alley.

## The Woman Vote

Democratic women will not allow themselves to be misled into turning the government back to the reactionaries who are responsible for Mr. Hughes's nomination and who will control the government if he is elected.

The women's party wants to make suffrage a partisan issue, but it would be a grievous mistake to do so. No party is likely to control two-thirds of both houses and three-fourths of the states, and that is what a constitutional amendment must secure. The women who met at Atlantic City recently were right in refusing to make woman suffrage a partisan issue. Surely the presumption of wisdom is on the side of the majority who oppose making woman suffrage a partisan issue rather than on the side of the few who are trying to use the issue to aid the republican candidate.

And why does the women's party rely on Mr. Hughes's utterances instead of on the republican platform? Republican senators and republican congressmen are not bound by anything that Candidate Hughes says. They are bound only by the republican platform which is not as strong as the democratic platform. The republican platform after endorsing woman suffrage, leaves the question to the states, while the democratic platform recommends the extension of woman suffrage to women.

As between the candidates, Mr. Wilson has much the better record. Mr. Wilson went to New Jersey and voted for woman suffrage a year ago, while Mr. Hughes did not feel interested enough in the question to vote when his vote might have decided the question in New York. President Wilson was the first president to put the influence of the white house on the side of woman suffrage. Is it not fair to assume that his action is largely responsible for the recent growth of sentiment that forced the republican party to go as far as it did? It must be remembered, too, that President Wilson is responsible for the fact that the democratic platform endorsed woman suffrage. Being the unanimous choice of the convention his wishes were considered in making the platform. So far as is known, Mr. Hughes had no part in making the republican platform.

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### HUGHES'S CANDIDATE BEATEN

The San Francisco Chronicle says:

"Most certainly Charles E. Hughes will be better pleased to see a straight-out republican chosen as the republican candidate for the senate. It is a wise presidential nominee who does not express opinions upon state selections, but it is a million to a dime that he would prefer Booth."

But Booth was defeated. Johnson won in spite of the effort of the Booth men to connect their candidate with the presidential candidate.

### THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE

The New York World enquires how Mr. Hughes can, without repudiating his own logic, ask that an experienced President like Mr. Wilson be turned out to give a place for an inexperienced man like the republican candidate.

### THERE'S A REASON

If Secretary Daniels is ever irritated by the amount of space Life gives to criticisms of him and grape juice he may find a reason in the larger amount of space sold to advertisers of whiskey, cocktails and beer.

### GOOD OUT OF EVIL

Since entering the war Rumania has closed all the saloons. Good. War, it would seem, hath her victories no less renowned than peace.

### CHANGE DANGEROUS

Mr. Hughes thinks it almost a crime to change ambassadors in France during the war. What about changing presidents at a time like this?

### DESERVING DEMOCRATS

Let's see, it is about a month now since Mr. Hughes has made any reference to "Deserving Democrats."

Republicans claim that Mr. Hughes is getting his "second wind," but considering the use he makes of it it would seem an added misfortune.