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AMERICA FIRST AND EFFICIENT.

A powerful arraignment of the administration; a faultless and dignified presentation of the argument for the prosecution. Such was the speech of Charles Evans Hughes in which he formally accepted the republican presidential nomination "We come to state in plain and direct manner our faith, our purpose and our pledge" is Mr. Hughes' opening remark, and what follows is plain and direct. No flowery verbosity; no rhetorical curlicues requiring editorial interpretation; no "weasel words," but facts, plainly put and striking home. Not only did Mr. Hughes expose the stick and straw construction of the democratic party, but he presented a plan for a nobler, more stable structure, founded on "a dominant sense of national unity," with the republican party, "the agency of national achievement," as the master builder, and, we are confident, with Mr. Hughes the guardian of the edifice.

Mr. Hughes epitomized his desire for American supremacy in a sentence which will be the watchword of his party: "America First and America Efficient." He then outlined the duties of the executive in respect to our foreign relations and instanced how, at the very time when most we needed the services of trained and experienced diplomats they were recalled and the service demoralized by the appointment of tyros whose sole qualification was that they were "deserving democrats."

As we anticipated, the Mexican policy was Mr. Hughes' chief point of attack. It is the administration's weakest point. It is the perfect type of a vacillation and instability of purpose, exceeded never, equalled, perhaps, but once in our history, and that was when the shiftiness of Jefferson and Madison culminated in the War of 1812. There is not a red-blooded American who can read Hughes indictment of the administration in regard to Mexico without blushing for the shame which has been put upon this nation. Huerta, recognized by Europe, was denied recognition by us, and then an emissary was sent to treat with him. We demanded a salute from him while denying his leadership, and retired without receiving it, leaving nineteen of our dead in Vera Cruz. Denying that we were at war with Mexico, our dead soldiers were praised as having died in a war of service. Later it was denied that we went after the salute. We labored to get Huerta out of office while England and Germany got our citizens in Mexico out of peril. On the arms and ammunition embargo the administration changed front five times. We advanced the cause of Villa, then turned on him and recognized Carranza who had refused to attend the conference called

by President Wilson, and who has never pretended to be able to maintain orderly government. American citizens have been massacred and American property destroyed, and there is no redress, notwithstanding the democratic platform declaration of 1912 that the constitutional rights of American citizens should "go with them throughout the world." What a sickening chapter!

In the matter of preparedness, Mr. Hughes showed that the administration has followed, not led. Three times has it changed front on its own program, and after three years of warning, the national guardsmen were called from their peaceful occupations and sent to the border without proper equipment, without necessary supplies, and without suitable conditions of transportation.

In his outline for national defense, his proposal for an international tribunal to settle disputes, his demand for the safe-guarding of our economic independence, south, east, north and west, by means of a protective tariff, for the upbuilding of a merchant marine, and for fiscal reform, Mr. Hughes shows a comprehension of our national needs and a breadth of statesmanship which give the country confidence in his constructive ability, and which are in striking contrast with the makeshift, anything-to-catch-votes, devices now being put through by the party in power. He outlines conditions which are to be met after the war, and warns us that at present we are living in a fool's paradise, industrially. He stands for adequate federal workmen's compensation laws, and he favors votes for women. The acceptance speech was a model of enlightenment, straightforwardness, and upstanding Americanism, and the public has grown dog-tired of emasculated utterances. Hughes and manhood will win the day.

In spite of Senator John Sharp Williams and his democratic associates, the New York national guardsmen, who are down on the border protecting and otherwise enriching the citizens of Texas, are not to be deprived of their vote. The attorney general of New York has ruled that the Empire state guardsmen may vote under the section of the state constitution which provides for such voting "in time of war." Mr. Wilson claims to have "kept us out of war," but surely nothing is lacking from war fare but the word itself. There are 17,000 New Yorkers down on the Texas border to help out Mr. Wilson and his party—and when they come to vote in November, as their attorney general has said they may, they will doubtless help him out in a very literal sense.

The British government is said to look upon Wilson's "peppery" note on the blacklist as a campaign document. And that is what it is. It protests, but it contains no specific demand for redress. It will be widely circulated by the democratic campaign committees, we have no doubt. But the nature of its origin, so accurately discerned by the London Foreign office, robs it of all value except an exhibit among the literary curiosities which will be this administration's chief trophies.

Want to go to Europe at the expense of the government? Just get yourself appointed a member of the

tariff commission which the democrats are proposing to establish. One of the first duties of the board will be, on the word of the president himself, to tour Europe and find out, from actual seeing, what the industrial conditions are as the result of the war. It will be a grand little junket, and we can foresee a tidal wave of "deserving democrats" trying to get on the job.

Walter S. Dickey, republican candidate for senator in Missouri, has managed many a campaign for others—and has never yet failed to land his man. This year will put no dent in Mr. Dickey's record.

The New York State committee claims that Wilson "initiated" preparedness. There is no doubt that he will make it ride the goat for a long time.

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Determination of Heirship.

Notice of Hearing.

Estate No. 261 of William Hughes, Deceased, in the County Court of Sherman County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said estate, creditors and heirs take notice, that Asa M. Perry has filed his petition alleging that William Hughes died intestate in Sherman County on or about 1893 being a resident and inhabitant of Sherman County and the owner of the following described real estate, to-wit: The Northwest quarter of Section Fourteen (14), Township Sixteen (16), North Range Twenty-eight (28), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Lincoln County, Nebraska, leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, the following named persons, to-wit: Della Hughes, his widow, Mary J. Foster, Anna Weaver, Marion Hughes and Eva Wills, his only living children, and Fannie Hughes and Sidney Hughes, grandchildren, children of J. A. Hughes, who was a son of Wm. Hughes, but who died in January, 1888, and praying for a decree barring claims; that said decedent died intestate; that no application for administration has been made and the estate of said decedent has not been administered in the State of Nebraska, and that the heirs at law of said decedent as herein set forth shall be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the above described real estate, which has been set for hearing on the 5th day of September A. D. 1916, at one o'clock P. M.

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343 E. A. SMITH, County Judge.

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The Promise

Advocates of State PROHIBITION predict there will be fewer criminals in the penitentiary and fewer boys and girls in industrial schools and reformatories, in case the people of Nebraska wipe out their Local Option, High License Law and adopt State PROHIBITION.

Let us see what are the results in Kansas under 35 years of State PROHIBITION, and what the results are under 35 years of Local Option in Nebraska.

The Actual Result

SENTENCED INMATES OCTOBER 1, 1915

	KANSAS	NEBRASKA
Penitentiary	830	326
Reformatory	330	None
Boys' Industrial School	264	199
Girls' Industrial School	154	99
Total	1,578	624

(The foregoing is a complete list of State Penal and Correctional Institutions in the two states. The figures are official. Nebraska has no Reformatory. Inmates in the Federal Prison are not included in the Kansas total.)

The Cost to the Taxpayers

Figures for Kansas are found on pages 26, 84, 84 and 109, First Biennial Report State Board of Corrections.

Figures for Nebraska are found on page 77, Biennial Report Board of Commissioners of State Institutions

KANSAS, expenses of above institutions for fiscal year 1914\$457,899.78
NEBRASKA, expenses of above institutions for fiscal year 1914\$279,418.80

The Alley Joint in Kansas

Warden J. K. Coddling of the Kansas penitentiary says that the "LITTLE ALLEY JOINT" in the cities of Kansas makes criminals. "After being in the penitentiary for three years and nine months (the average sentence served) the KANSAS BOY who has gone wrong walks out of the institution under parole * * * Cleaned, disciplined, reformed, he leaves the penitentiary walls behind him to return to his native city—the city that permitted him to become schooled in crime * * * He finds that * * * his native city, the city that spoiled him, hasn't reformed any. IT HAS THE SAME LITTLE ALLEY JOINT, the same rendezvous where some of the men and boys slip down after night to play poker and shoot craps * * * He resists it for a while, but the pull of the destructive grip of his native city is too much for him. He slips a little and keeps slipping, and some morning he wakes up after a debauch to find he has broken his parole * * *"

(See Official Report of the Kansas Conference of Charities and Corrections held November, 1915, page 43.)

These are the conditions surrounding the men and boys of Kansas. Is it any wonder that the penal and correctional institutions in Kansas contain two and a half times as many inmates as do similar institutions in Nebraska?

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