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HUGHES ASSERTS MEXICAN POLICY SHAMES AMERICA

Prestige of This Nation Out in Half as Result of Wilson's Handling of Situation, Says Nominee.

HE SPEAKS AT RENO Republican Candidate Scores Demos for Attacks Upon Merit System.

HE TALKS OF NEBRASKA

Reno, Nev., Aug. 23.—Charles Evans Hughes said in an address delivered here today, that the prestige of the United States has been cut practically in half, as a result of dealings with Mexico. The nominee reiterated his previous declarations for an adequate protective tariff and again took the administration to task for retiring trained men from diplomatic service "to make room for men without any special qualifications other than party loyalty."

Rights Must be Respected. "But that does not mean that our rights are to be ignored; that we are to be lacking in the protection of those rights that are known to pertain to American citizens. Our conduct in Mexico in failing to protect the rights of our citizens down there cut down our international prestige. I should say practically one-half. It is a very serious thing for a nation to be known as willing to forego those primary obligations of maintaining the rights of its citizens which every nation has."

Mr. Hughes said that in other nations diplomacy is a great profession; that men enter the lower grades and are promoted until they reach the highest opportunities of diplomatic agencies. "We are making a fine start in that way," he continued.

And it has been lamentable to see under this administration man after man of that description removed from the service, taken right out after years of devotion to the service and retired, only to make room for men without any special qualifications other than party loyalty. That was done conspicuously in Latin America, despite our profession of a desire to cultivate the closest relations with Latin America, the importance of which is very obvious. How is the great United States, the exemplar of republican institutions, to stand before our sister republics in this hemisphere if we play politics with the agencies of diplomatic intercourse, and fail to honor training and experience? That sort of thing would do. If you put me in office, I pledge you that we shall see to it that we are represented by men who will command themselves to the countries where they serve, and raise the standard of our diplomacy."

What of Nebraska Industry? "Our friends still insist that we shall not foster industry by the tariff. Why, if we proceeded to their theory, what would become of the industries of the state of Nebraska? What would become of the protection necessary for the enterprises of California. This whole section of the country needs the fostering care of government, not that we should have private persons secure an unfair advantage at the public expense. "But we should have a fairly applied principle which makes and diffuses all over the country a condition where wages are higher and standards of living are higher than those in any other part of the world."

Mill City Man Speaks. Character, capacity and capital, are the general heads considered when contemplating the extending of credit to a new customer, according to M. J. Solon of Minneapolis, who Wednesday morning opened the discussion on "What Is a Basis for Granting Retail Credits?" Under character he would class honesty and paying quality. Under capacity he would class ability to pay, occupation, thrift. Under capital he would class property, income and investments. He declared that family connections could sometimes be considered to good advantage, though not always. Consider Family Troubles. Family troubles, he held, must always be considered carefully. "There are many cases in which the husband insists the wife shall have no charge accounts," he said. "This is becoming more and more of a problem. We are living in an age in which married life, one might say, is an uncertainty, and it is necessary to consult the husband before granting credit to a wife. In Minnesota, under the law of that state, when a wife contracts debts while she is not living with her husband, we are powerless to collect from him."

The speaker declared that as a rule young girls from 18 to 25 are betwixt and young men of corresponding age. "They seem to have more responsibility or feel a moral obligation more strongly," he said. "Often we have a young stenographer, 20 years old, who gets \$15 a week and pays her bills with exceptional promptness. Then she gets married to a young fellow of her own age who hasn't much in the world and never hopes to have, and after that we are compelled to refuse her further credit on account of his reputation."

Uniform Application Blanks. An effort will be made to universalize the form of application blanks in all the stores over the country. This was brought out in the discussion on "How to Follow up Accounts and Get the Money," by Sig Wolfert and Alfred Allina of St. Louis. The uniform form and color of application blanks, it was pointed out, has the effect of showing the prospective customer instantly that there is a co-operation between all credit men and he will be less apt to conceal important information in making his application, for he will know that through the co-operation of the credit men there is a way to get the facts. Whether in his good policy to charge interest on past due accounts was discussed at some length, with B. G. Veigt of Los Angeles and Charles Nolan of Duluth as leaders of the discussion. It was the consensus of opinion that to charge interest is not good policy in the case of merchants selling small goods or small quantities, but that dealers in such commodities as lumber, coal, etc., are better able to do this with good grace.

Moral Responsibility. How to open an account depends upon the moral responsibility of the prospective customer, according to the discussion led by G. A. Lawo of Memphis and W. T. Snider of St. Louis. It was pointed out that it is an injury rather than a benefit to a man to extend him too much credit on very limited means.

Delegate Lane of Minneapolis became popular when he told of the relation their local credit bureau in Minneapolis has with the banks. He said nine banks of Minneapolis are members of the association and that they all declare they get much benefit from it. A Los Angeles delegate declared that twelve banks in Los Angeles are members of the local there, and that sometimes when a man comes to address the meeting he cannot tell whether he is in a merchants' meeting or a bankers' convention. "The Omaha association has been trying hard to get all the bankers interested here."

Cotter, Ark., Aug. 23.—J. F. O'Donnell, a conductor on the White River division of the Iron Mountain railroad, was somewhat worried when he learned that a report had been made to division headquarters of his recent action in heading a passenger train here for twenty minutes so that milk could be procured for a sick baby on the train. Today he was astonished at receiving a letter from B. F. Bush of St. Louis, receiver of the road, commending his action. "Your act proved that railroad officials and employees place the interests of humanity above even railroad discipline," wrote Mr. Bush.

CLEVELAND GETS NEXT CONVENTION

Credit Men Elect Officers, C. E. Corey, Omaha, Named as Treasurer.

JACKSON IS PRESIDENT

H. Victor Wright, Los Angeles, was Wednesday afternoon elected president of the Retail Credit Men's National association at the closing session of the convention. Other officers elected: C. F. Jackson, St. Louis, vice president.

C. E. Corey, Omaha, treasurer. A. J. Kruse, St. Louis, secretary.

Six directors were elected, as follows: D. J. Woodlock, St. Louis; E. A. Howell, Denver; W. H. Taylor, New York; B. G. Veigt, St. Louis; M. J. Solon, Minneapolis; W. J. Schmus, Cleveland. The next convention is to be held in Cleveland.

In the evening the members were entertained at the Charter Lake club as the guests of the retail credit men of Omaha. This closed the series of entertainments provided for the visiting delegates and women during the week by the credit men, and by Ak-Sar-Ben, whose royal highness entertained them Monday evening.

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OMAHA AND LINCOLN TO WORK TOGETHER FOR FEDERAL BANK

Omaha and Lincoln are to work together for the location of one of the twelve federal land banks in Nebraska. This is the plan that grew out of a conference Wednesday afternoon at the Commercial club rooms between a committee from Lincoln and the land bank executive committee of Omaha, with Chairman Frank H. Myers presiding. Those representing Lincoln were Mayor Charles Bryan, Frank Woods and E. J. Hainer.

SEVEN ARE KILLED AND SIX INJURED IN CROSSING ACCIDENTS

Berlin, Md., Aug. 23.—Five persons were killed and four injured when a passenger train struck the car of John Quillen, at a crossing about a half mile from Berlin last night. The dead are: John Quillen, his wife and two children, Denmead, 8 years old, and Norman, aged 3, and Henry Predeau, the chauffeur. The injured are the oldest daughter of the Quillen family with a broken thigh and internal injuries; another daughter, about 10; a son, 6 years old, and a daughter of 4.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 23.—Mrs. V. T. Barnell and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, both of Tulsa, Okla., were killed early last night when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Denver and Boulder interurban car at Westminster, near here. J. W. Ellis and son, Kenneth, escaped with minor injuries.

BULGARS FORTIFY STRUMA RIVER AGAINST ENEMY

Large Force Seen Entrenching on Eastern Front.

ATTACKS ARE REPULSED Assaults Upon French Lines Reported to Have Met With Failure.

SERBS ARE HOLDING LINE London, Aug. 23.—The Bulgarian troops which advanced in northeastern Greece recently, seizing positions in the valley of the Struma river, are entrenching on this line, according to today's official statement, which says:

"On the Doiran front (in the center), about two battalions of the enemy were seen yesterday in the neighborhood of Dautlei. Their advance troops were driven in by us."

"On the Struma front the enemy is entrenching on the Yenik-Ormanli line."

"An attack on French troops holding Komarjan bridge was repulsed. Serbian forces are now holding a line in the neighborhood of Lake Ostrovo and Pozar."

The new Bulgarian entrenched line roughly parallels the Struma. Apparently the Bulgarians have sent forces of considerable size to occupy this natural defensive line.

All Eyes on Balkans. London, Aug. 23.—Developments in the Balkans take first place in both news and editorial columns of the newspapers this morning. The papers display keen interest not only in the handling of the Italian and Russian troops at Saloniki, but also in possible action by the Greek and Rumanian government and in the new Russian offensive which is developing in Bukovina.

According to unofficial dispatches the Russians are pushing ahead with the greatest energy in Bukovina, close to the Rumanian frontier and already have gained "a very brilliant success." The Daily News in an editorial sums up the Balkan situation as follows:

The imminent general offensive against Bulgaria is of great importance. One of the first results of a successful offensive by General Sarraile would be a complete rupture of Germany's communications with the east and the isolation and capitulation of Turkey. This is a plain geographical fact.

There are also other issues upon which it is wiser to reflect than to enlarge. These affect the fortunes of the two neutrals, Greece and Rumania, as well as the dozen belligerents.

Roumania is undecided. Berlin, Aug. 23.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Roumania has not decided whether it will enter the war, in the opinion of a person characterized by the Overseas News Agency as an especially conversant with Roumanian affairs. On being asked by the news agency as to the present situation he said:

"At present Roumania is undecided. It probably will not give up its policy of neutrality unless it believes that the really decisive turn in the war has been reached. Meanwhile trade relations between Roumania and the central powers continue to be normal and active."

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RAILROAD ESTIMATES OF COST OF THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY SCALE

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Holden of the Burlington, in charge of the committee of the eight, made the following statement: President Wilson plans to see Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson again, probably late today, and expects to receive another call from the committee of railroad executives some time before tomorrow. There were many indications that the railroad presidents were considering the eight-hour day on condition that some definite assurance be given them that future disputes would be arbitrated.

President Holden of the Burlington, in charge of the committee of the eight, made the following statement: "A meeting of presidents and managers was held at 11 o'clock this morning and a recess was taken until 6 o'clock. In the meantime the special committee of the presidents has proposed that we immediately grant only part of the demands and that consideration of the rest of them be postponed."

There seems to be some question of the accuracy of the estimates made by the railway of what it would cost to grant the demands of the train employees, and I make this statement to clarify the public mind on this phase of the matter. "There has been no change in our original estimate that to grant the demands would add \$100,000,000 a year to operating expenses. On the contrary, subsequent investigations confirmed the substantial accuracy of that estimate. "Confusions may have arisen from the fact that we have estimated that it would cost more than \$50,000,000 a year to make the concessions which President Wilson has proposed that we make. The difference between the estimates is due, of course, to the fact that the president has proposed that we immediately grant only part of the demands and that consideration of the rest of them be postponed."

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BELGIANS NOW USING HEAVY ARTILLERY AGAINST GERMAN LINES—Here is one of the new heavy mortars recently supplied to the Belgian army, and now being used effectively in the fighting on the western front. This mortar has a calibre of 202 millimetres.



NEW-BELGIAN MORTAR

FORGES CHECK TO GET AUTOMOBILE

Sent to the Pen—Two Boys Returned to Kearney for Stealing Autos.

TWENTY-FOUR ARRAIGNED

William Grant, grizzled toiler of 56 years, failed in his first attempt at crime, was sentenced to one to three years in the state penitentiary on a forgery charge. Grant on July 31 passed a check for \$400, bearing the name of Mike O'Dea, on the Overland Automobile company, under the pretense that he was a wealthy Iowa farmer. Grant's intention, according to his explanation to Judge Sears, was to drive the Overland car from Omaha to his old home in Pennsylvania. He was formerly in the employ of the Union Pacific as carpenter.

Sent Back to Kearney. The theft of two automobiles on the Fourth of July caused the downfall of Harry Bogue and Philip Silet, both of whom were on parole from the state industrial school at Kearney. When they were arraigned before Judge Sears, Bogue and Silet, aged 16, admitted their guilt and were ordered returned to the school, where they will remain until they reach majority. Ed Milford and John Evans, also charged with complicity in the thefts, pleaded not guilty. The cars were recovered at Elk City and Valley, when the boys were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Christensen.

Thirty days in the county jail, or \$100 and costs, was the penalty handed to Anton Herbeck, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Herbeck admitted guilt and explained that he was toting the gun as a protection against highwaymen.

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CANADIAN VILLAGES ENDANGERED BY FIRE

Quebec, Aug. 23.—Fears are felt here that a number of villages on the Saguenay river above St. Alphonse will be wiped out by fierce forest fires that have been raging there for two weeks. The whole forest region is in a sea of flames. No boat of the Canada Steamship lines dares go further up the Saguenay than St. Alphonse and passengers who are bound for towns above that point continued by rail or by horse. Telephone wires are reported to be down in the vicinity.

PACKERS FINED FOR WEIGHING PAPER HAM WRAPPINGS

Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 23.—A fine of \$100, imposed today on Swift & Co., meat packers, by City Court Judge Joseph H. Beall, carried with it a decision which will cost the meat packers \$1,000,000 a year if approved by the higher courts, according to their attorneys. Judge Beall found the packers guilty of having violated the law by charging for meat containers at the same rate as for the meat they contained. It was charged that the company had sold ham weighing eleven pounds six ounces in a container weighing six ounces and charged for eleven pounds and twelve ounces of meat. The company's defense was that the hams are not classed as ordinary meats and that the buyer knows he is paying meat prices for paper containers.

ROOSEVELT WILL SPEAK IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN STATES

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Alvin T. Heart, manager of the Western republican national campaign headquarters, today returned from New York where he was in conference with eastern leaders, with information that Theodore Roosevelt will in September or October make a speaking tour of Illinois, Indiana and other central and western states in behalf of the republican national ticket. A schedule of dates for the different states to be visited will, it is said, be arranged within a few weeks. "In the east every sign points to an old-fashioned republican victory this fall," said Mr. Heart.

TEUTONS RESUME OFFENSIVE IN EAST

Petrograd (Via London), Aug. 23.—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed. "The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front. The announcement follows: "In the region south of Krevo, southeast of Vilna, the enemy on Tuesday night launched a gas attack which was repelled with heavy losses. "More than 100 bombs were dropped by enemy aeroplanes on the railway station at Masvichi. "In the region of the south, south of Brody, the enemy resumed the offensive at some points. His attacks were repulsed everywhere by our fire. "Near the source of the river Pruth, southwest of Ardjelez, we captured two heights north and south of Koverla mountain, on the Hungarian frontier. "Five Thousand Russians Killed. Berlin, Aug. 23.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—A correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, on the Russian front, says that in the fighting near Herodenka, in East Galicia, from August 14 to 17, the Russians lost 5,000 killed, while the total German casualties were eighty. "If the enemy continues to squander enormous quantities of ammunition in addition to suffering heavy losses, his final exhaustion is inevitable," the correspondent says. Italian Thrust Successful. Rome, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrians in the Alpine region, on the extreme northern front, according to today's war office announcement. Italian troops have carried strong Austrian positions in the Tofana area in the Dolomites and in the Travenanzes valley.

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