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## Charles E. Hughes

MR. HUGHES spoke in the Tabernacle on Thursday night. Thousands of our people saw him in action and were deeply moved. There was no attempt at the dramatic in his appearance or words. The first impression he gives is that of a man devoted to duty, aggressive for the right, as God gives him to see the right, and with that order of courage in his soul which, in a cause which he believes to be right, does not for an instant count or consider whether the path he is treading will lead up to light and glory or down to darkness.

His bearing is that of a perfectly poised scholar, too confident of his position, too serene in his own self respect, to think of stooping to any of the shallow devices which public speakers sometimes resort to to magnify themselves personally, while discussing serious questions. So his words are all simple, but they always ring true, and often while he is speaking the listener finds himself instinctively recalling those words that Macaulay weaves into his essay on Milton: "His words are simple, but as we read all the burial places of memory are made to give up their dead."

In the same way while Mr. Hughes speaks, all at once the record of the Democratic party moves like a panorama in sinister colors before us.

But there is no vindictiveness in Mr. Hughes' words. It is as when a trial has been concluded and the verdict rendered, that he takes the case and in sorrow pronounces a pitying sentence upon the convicted prisoner.

There is another feature about his speeches. They are like the medicine that a physician sometimes gives that has less effect when first taken than in the succeeding days.

Another impression his speeches make is that were Mr. Hughes to be defeated it would be a vastly greater loss to the country than to himself, for the country needs him vastly more than he needs the office for which he is a candidate.

In a few days the marvelous magnetic ex-governor Glynn will be here to speak for the Democratic party. He can take any audience by storm, and when he shall have been here and gone, in their enthusiasm, it is easy to believe, the Democrats will be asking: "Did you hear Glynn? Was it not a regular cavalry charge?" And the answer of steady brains will be: "Did you hear the deep-mouthed seventeen-inch gun when Hughes spoke in the Tabernacle?"

## The Thing To Do

A GOOD many Republicans are disgruntled over the methods employed and the results reached in their conventions.

Some of these Republicans are threatening to scratch their tickets on election day.

There is a potent reason why this must not be; two reasons indeed. The first is local and if the leaders of a party make mistakes, these must be corrected within and not outside the party. But there is a higher reason for unity this year. It is a most important presidential election year in the United States. The foreign war now raging with such heart-breaking fury, must be stopped in the near future, if for no other rea-

son because of the mighty exhaustion which it is producing. When that time comes, a sort of sullen, unreasoning wrath will possess the ex-belligerents and they will be hard to get along with peaceably. The steadiest possible brain should be at the helm to steer the ship of state when that time comes. Then the military preparedness of which we have heard so much of late must be supplemented with an effective preparedness to meet home needs as the effort now is to prepare to meet aggressive foes from without. Indeed, this need is the more important, for while the prospect of any foreign fighting war upon us from without is most remote the certainty of having to face conflicting home conditions, grows more and more apparent every day. The present administration has shown not only its incapacity to anticipate such a situation, but its determination not to adopt any means to meet such a situation should it come. Hence the great struggle this year on the part of Republicans must be to secure a change of administration and the experiment of scratching certain home candidates should not be tried, for the average voter in the booth who tries that is lost, and he is liable to vote for men he does not want. The Democrats will try no experiments of that kind, but will vote the straight Democratic ticket. The only thing that is safe for Republicans to do is to vote their ticket in the same way.

Had no war been sprung in Europe, by this time the business situation in our country would have supplied all the argument that would have been needed to produce the change, for while not for a moment questioning their desire to do the best for the country possible, the fact remains that one term of a Democratic administration in each generation is all that the country can bear.

It gave us the panic of '57; it gave not only the war of '61-'65 but paralyzed business; it gave such prostration of business in '93-'97 as was never seen before in our country; for the past three and a half years it is enough to say that it has taken the means of earning a living from thousands of laboring men and provided no places where laboring men can find work, save in the extra offices which it has created. The only safe thing for Republicans to do this year is to see that their ticket is the full Republican ticket, and then to vote it.

## National Issues

HON. CHAMP CLARK is a most effective stump orator. He is handsome, graceful, magnetic, and shows by all his acts a most lovable nature. Moreover he is in many ways a brilliant orator and expert debater. Then his sense of humor is acute and on the rostrum he can use it in a most effective way.

But all that will only for the moment beguile a New England audience or divert their attention from the real issues of the present campaign.

He affects to think that Mr. Hughes cannot make a successful campaign by arraigning Mr. Wilson and the party behind him for their sins of omission and commission during the past three and a half years.

Well, that arraignment puts Mr. Wilson and his friends at once upon the defensive and the

mere assertion on their part that the party has performed wonders during the past three and a half years is no answer.

What was the condition of business after the assassination of the tariff and before the demands of the foreign war began to cause a river of gold to flow this way?

What would be the business conditions, were the war to stop tomorrow and all orders for war material to be recalled, and at the same time a tide of immigration set in from Europe?

Again, why are freights doubled on all we have to import and export? The war has been raging two years, where is the merchant marine that Mr. Wilson promised in the campaign four years ago?

The Democracy has controlled the constructive and executive branches of the government. In what they have done can any one perceive any change in their ideas, since both Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Cleveland retired from the presidency and left the business of the country totally wrecked?

And what about the strict economy that was to be put in force at once? How much has the cost of living been reduced?

What has been done to encourage closer trade relations with foreign countries?

An income tax was levied early in Mr. Wilson's term. Have not all its proceeds gone to pay the running expenses of the government? We are told that Mr. Wilson has avoided war with foreign countries? What countries? Does any nation of Europe wish to add to its present troubles by a war with the Great Republic? And Mexico, would Champ Clark dare to go to Texas where nearly all the people are Democrats; though they do not many of them know why, and try to defend Mr. Wilson's handling of the Mexican question during the past three years?

The American people love peace. But when a situation becomes intolerable they are not afraid of war. And they have a deep down belief that when the bandits of a foreign country that has only the skeleton of a government, and the officers of that government are but a step removed from the active bandits; when those bandits begin murdering and plundering citizens of the United States, it is time to lay down the pen, give up dramatic poses, and test the efficacy of force.

The ways of Providence are mysterious. We do not know what further afflictions are awaiting our people, and so we cannot certainly predict the election's result in November.

## The California Political Feud

THE hostile feeling between the old line Republicans and the old line Progressives in California is unfortunate. It is liable to give the electoral votes to Mr. Wilson, but it is plain that it is a natural bitterness on the Republican side. Mr. Johnson when governor was with all his lieutenants most arbitrary, and in some things almost incendiary.

Then when the so-called Progressives four years ago took the field, and gave the state to Mr. Wilson, there were no appeals in their arguments,