

**HUGHES DODGES ISSUE ON EIGHT HOUR LAW**

**Attacks Wilson's Plan, but Won't Tell Public What He Would Have Done.**

**ONLY WAY TO AVERT STRIKE**

**Republican Nominee Is Asked to Declare If He Would Have Vetted the Bill With Certain Assurance of Industrial Disaster.**

So busy has been Charles E. Hughes criticising the deeds of the Wilson Administration that he has had little time, or has purposely evaded, telling the public what he would have done had he been President under similar circumstances.

Lately Mr. Hughes has turned his attacks upon President Wilson's successful settlement of the crisis in the railroad world by causing to be passed by Congress the Adamson eight-hour bill. Mr. Hughes has characterized this action as a "surrender to force"; he is "opposed to being dictated to by any power on earth before the facts are known"; and he would not act until he had had a "fair investigation and candid treatment."

Taking issue with the Republican candidate's attitude the New York Times, in an editorial, asks:

**"WHAT WOULD MR. HUGHES HAVE DONE?"**

"Well, what would Mr. Hughes have taken?" continues the Times "What would he have done? Heretofore Mr. Wilson's position, the brotherhood refused arbitration, the railroad president would not accept the settlement Mr. Wilson proposed granting the eight-hour standard day with provision for an impartial inquiry into its working. There was no law on the statute books to enforce arbitration.

"The President knew, knew with certainty and beyond question, that he could not get such a law from the Congress now in session. The sure and inevitable alternative to his acceptance of the eight-hour standard day measure was a strike, the suspension of railway service, freight and passenger, all over the country, beginning on the morning of Sept. 4th. **WOULD HUGHES HAVE DONE IT?**

"Mr. Hughes would not surrender to anybody in the country. Then he would have surrendered the country to the disturbance, immeasurable loss, and peril of a strike. Would he, in fact, have done that? Had he been President, confronted by that situation, would Mr. Hughes have brought on a strike by refusing to sign the bill granting a wage increase? There was the strike in plain sight, a few hours away, sure to come. Would Mr. Hughes have vetoed the bill? On the contrary, would he not have done just what Mr. Wilson did, sign it?"

"The Republican candidate stands for two things: 'First, for the principle of fair, impartial, thorough, candid, arbitration; and second, for legislation on facts according to the necessities of the case.' Mr. Wilson stands for those two things and, much more, has pledged himself to use all his influence to secure them.

"What more could Mr. Hughes do? Would it be too much to ask the Republican candidate to put a little common fairness into his speeches? Is he afraid to tell his audience what the President actually did urge upon Congress?"

"As a true champion of arbitration, President Wilson recommended that arbitration judgments be made records of a court of law, in order that their interpretation and enforcement may not lie with the parties to the dispute, but 'with an impartial and authoritative tribunal.' It was his purpose in this recommendation to provide against future emergencies, to prevent the recurrence of such dangers as then confronted him and the country.

**ADVICE TO RAILROADS.**

"The people of the United States are not going to be put off with the misinformation as to what the President did to avert a strike and to prevent the threat of future strikes. We have reason to believe that the full revelation of what he did, what he tried to do, and what he nearly succeeded in doing in the White House conferences would put such a face upon the matter that Republican efforts to make an issue of it would fall entirely flat.

"But the people do know, for it was before them in the President's address to Congress, that he proposed, not a single emergency act, but a broad program of legislation to meet a public need and permanently remove a public danger. It was a program which we are convinced the railroads would be very wise to accept in its entirety.

"Certainly it seems to us that they are ill advised to pray for the election of Mr. Hughes, who, if we take him at his word, would have brought on the strike, with all its irreparable injuries to the country's business and peril to the country's peace."

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**IF THE G. O. P. ELEPHANT COULD SPEAK THE TRUTH**

VOTERS of the U. S. A.—

We, the Republican party, being at our wits' end and desperate, put it up to you:

For nearly four years now a Democratic Administration has been in power. Contrary to every law of reason, every principle of progress, the country is at peace and alive nay, humming with prosperity. Business is rushing. Wages are high. The only discontent is the discontent of those who are reaching for bigger chunks of plenty.

We are flabbergasted. All this has happened during a period when the rest of the world has been agog, when international crises were impending on all sides, when we would have sworn only Republican statesmanship could pull the nation through.

No war has engulfed us. No panic has paralyzed us. No nation has with impunity continued to infringe upon our rights.

We can't deny what has been done. All we can do is take our oath we could have done it better. How, we do not know. If only we said it loud and long enough we hoped the country would believe us.

But the country is busy and our voices grow hoarse. We are having a hard time.

Woodrow Wilson has nothing to show but what he has accomplished. He has none of the glamour of the what-might-be. We, on the contrary, have our old promises and policies, mellowed by age, but still bearing the stamp of the nation's solid interests. Protection, privilege, government by influence—surely the country has not given them their last trial.

Wall street is with us. Big business is with us. But O, Voters, we confess it, we need you. Don't keep looking at the peace and prosperity around you. Try to get our point of view. Whatever Wilson has done, the man is a Democrat, and neither Federal Government nor Federal offices were meant to be forever in such hands.

Let's forget issues and talk as friends. Turn him out and give us a chance!

**DEMOCRATIC PROMISES TO FARMERS FULFILLED**

Benefits Under Wilson Set Forth in Official Pamphlet.

The Democratic platform of 1912 made this promise to the farmers of America:

"Of equal importance with the question of currency reform is the question of rural credits or agricultural finance. Therefore we recommend that an investigation of agricultural credit societies in foreign countries be made, so that it may be ascertained whether a system of rural credits may be devised suitable to conditions in the United States; and we also favor legislation permitting national banks to loan a reasonable proportion of their funds on real estate security.

"We recognize the value of vocational education, and urge Federal appropriations for such training and extension teaching in agriculture in co-operation with the several states."

These pledges, with many other services to the farmer, have been completely fulfilled in the legislation of the present Administration. The record of Democratic Performance is offered in comparison with the Republican record of broken promises to the farmer, in an attractive pamphlet issued by the Democratic National Committee. Copies have been furnished to every Democratic State Committee for free distribution.

**AN ANTI-CAMPAIGN?**

As a candidate Mr. Hughes has not yet come up to expectations. The trouble is that he has not yet told the American people positively and concretely just what he proposes to do if elected President. The American people want to know what constructive program Mr. Hughes has to offer them. They demand of a leader a demonstration of leadership. There is a serious danger that the Republican candidate may become an "anti." And it never pays in this world to be an anti-anything.—The Independent.

**PRaises WILSON'S STAND IN BEHALF OF SUFFRAGE**

The action of the National Suffrage Association at Atlantic City, N. J., in rejecting by an overwhelming vote the proposal to make the suffrage movement a partisan annex of the Republican campaign, was further emphasized by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, "the sage of suffrage," in an interview published in the Philadelphia Press, a staunch Republican organ.

"The President, in his speech to the convention, promised all he could carry out," said Dr. Shaw. "If he had promised more we would have known that he could not carry it out.

"Not the Republicans alone, nor the Democrats alone, can bring suffrage. If it could be done that way I would favor it. But it can't. We must get enough Democrats and Republicans together to do it."

**Weeds Hay Fever Cause, Says Krusen.**

As to hay fever and its prevention, Director Krusen, of Philadelphia, says:

Beginning like an ordinary cold attended with blocked nasal passages and characterized by paroxysms of sneezing, the disease may at first attract little attention, especially among children, when it is often mistaken for the usual cold. Unlike the latter condition, however, the nasal discharges usually remain thin and watery and become thickened only toward the termination of the disease. Cough is a common symptom while asthmatic attacks may often occur. These symptoms are depressing to patients, who often become

low-spirited. The disease is caused by the action of pollen of certain plants which is carried by the winds and finds lodgment in the nostrils of persons who are particularly sensitive to this affection. The chief offender is the common ragweed. It grows to the height of one to five feet and blooms from August to October or later, and can be found on almost every vacant lot, neglected field, or the roadsides and in uncultivated gardens and lawns. Its pollen is abundant and is readily distributed by the wind. From a public health standpoint, therefore, such noxious weeds are a nuisance and a menace.

Persons who are mindful of the health of their own families and that of others should not wait for the enforcement of any ruling, but act in

conjunction with the health authorities in abating such disease-producing nuisances. The best method of eradicating hay-fever weeds is the cultivation of neglected grounds, but where this is not feasible the weeds should be uprooted or cut down before the flowering stage. This prevents the formation of pollen and the production of the seeds.

As a forceful admonition to every citizen the Director suggests that "if you hear a passerby sneeze remember that the hay-fever season is on and help the community by destroying noxious weeds wherever found."

**Animals That Come Apart.**

People who lose a leg or an arm feel it a great misfortune. But a lobster or crab doesn't mind. He simply grows another in its place. Even one of the lobster's big claws is no such great loss. He knows that time and patience will give him another just as good. A lizard cannot afford to lose a leg, but if you seize him by the tail, he says "Good-bye, tail!" and scurries off over the rocks, leaving it in your hand. As for the starfish, the price broken off in a short time mends matters by growing a whole new body to fit that piece.—Selected.

**How She Remembered Him.**

Howard—"Did your aunt remember you in her will?"  
Henry—"She sure did. Directed her executors to collect all the loans she had made me."—Puck.

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