

PUBLIC LEDGER EDITORIAL
THIRD PRIZE WINNERS NAMED

James Weldon Johnson, Contributing Editor the New York Age, Gets Award for Republican Article—Benjamin B. Bobbitt, Editor the Long Branch Record, Democratic

ARTICLES by the winners of the third prizes in the Public Ledger 2000 Editorial Contest are published today. The subjects were "Why Charles E. Hughes should be Elected" and "Why Woodrow Wilson should be Re-elected." The winner of the Republican prize is James Weldon Johnson, contributing editor to the New York Age. He is a negro. The winner of the prize for the Democratic editorial is Benjamin Boisseau Bobbitt, editor Long Branch Record and official New Jersey State editor. The awards were \$200 to each writer.

By JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
Contributing Editor to the New York Age.
Pen name "Walden."

Winner of Third Prize, \$200
The vital consideration before the country in the coming presidential election is not so much a question of choice between two parties as it is a question of choice between two personalities of the candidates of the two great parties; it is a question of choice between the man Charles E. Hughes and the man Woodrow Wilson. The anomalous condition has been forced on the country by Woodrow Wilson. He has made his own unfitness for the presidency a greater issue than the unfitness of his party to be continued in the head of the state by acts inexcusable in the head of a nation.

There are partisans of the President who point to his program of legislation, claiming that more than 200 laws have been passed. But even if it is granted that Mr. Wilson should receive exclusive credit for whatever constructive legislation Congress has passed in the last three years, it is not necessarily held good. Mr. Wilson's shortcomings are not the kind that make a man a man. A man might become the president of a bank, and by his industry and ability as a financier build it up into a great and prosperous institution. He may smoke or swear or drink or refuse to pay the church, and still be a good banker; but if he embroiles one dollar of the funds entrusted to him he at once and forever establishes his unfitness for the position, regardless of what his other qualifications and virtues might be. Mr. Wilson has demonstrated his unfitness to be President of the United States, not matter how his abilities and achievements may be.

No man of timidity, of indecision, of reaction and of cowardice is fit to be the head of a great nation, no matter how learned or virtuous or eloquent he may be. No man such as a man the captain of a ship can place the State in danger, and his influence upon the very thing that makes a group of people into a nation. President Wilson has shown that these are ingrained traits of his character; and he has brought us to the danger and wrought us to the point of his paymaster's declares that he kept us out of war. In truth, no country has sought a fight with us, but these traits of Mr. Wilson's character have more than once brought us to the brink of war and in the hands of Mexico, he has over into a petty and dishonorable war. But greater than the danger has been the harm. The very fact that a considerable number of American citizens are not ashamed to proclaim openly their thanks that timidity and cowardice on the part of the President kept the country out of war is proof of the enfeebling influence the Administration of Woodrow Wilson has had on the nation. A few more administrations like the present, and the United States would cease to be a nation worthy of the name.

But timidity, indecision, inaction and cowardice are not the only traits of character that make Woodrow Wilson unfit for the presidency of the United States. In his private life, he is a man who writes or says anything that he says or acts accordingly. These traits of character are entirely at variance with American ideals. The people of this country want to feel that they have in the White House a man whose actions are not governed by cowardice and covered up by hypocrisy. They want a man who speaks the truth, who says what he means and means what he says and acts accordingly.

Such a man is Charles E. Hughes. His whole public career is a record of brave courage, stern convictions and straightforward action. No one can doubt his meaning or intention when he says concerning the Adamson bill, "If I were President I would not yield to force, whether put forth by capital or labor or any other agency—I would rather stand on that principle and be defeated than yield to force or little to get my own ends." The truth and earnestness behind them can be felt.

Charles E. Hughes fits the true and traditional American ideal of what a President should be. He is the man that the country stands in need of now, and the country will stand more in need of him in the critical years to follow. The United States is today nationally sick. More than anything else, it needs the national spirit revitalized, the national consciousness reawakened. That is what Mr. Hughes means when he says: "I want to see America firm in its insistence upon her rights with the ideal of peace, but knowing how to secure peace with honor, I want to see America prepared for every emergency, alert, efficient, going forward to the front rank in the new era of competition among the nations."

We shall have such an America under Charles E. Hughes; such an America under Woodrow Wilson is an impossibility.

WILSON OFF FOR WEST
ON SPEAKING TOUR

Will Deliver Three Addresses in Chicago Tomorrow—Many Stops En Route

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 18.—President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Secretary Tamm, left Shadow Lawn at 11:30 bound for Chicago, where he will deliver three addresses tomorrow. Five stops en route. The President will visit the Long Branch Record office in New York State during the trip and the President will visit the Long Branch Record office in New York State during the trip and the President will visit the Long Branch Record office in New York State during the trip.

Will Begin Work on New Navy Bill
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Democratic members of the House Naval Affairs Committee will meet here on November 28 to begin consideration of the appropriation bill for the next fiscal year. They will try to carry out the plan proposed at the last session of Congress for a larger and better balanced navy. Later today, advocates predict that the record of the last session will be broken by the coming bill.

Hughes accomplish with a congressional team led by Peacock and Belmont (California), standstillers: with La Follette, Cummings and Chappin, Progressives, pulling against them? Can any one say what he would do or could do as President, looking as he would, Mr. Wilson's experience, prudence of accomplishment and solid party support?

Thomas A. Edison, of New Jersey; Henry Ford, of Michigan; Judges Ben Lindsey, of Colorado; Francis J. Heney, of California; are some of them. Democrats. Several months ago one of these great Americans was supporting Wilson. Now, in spite of disagreement with certain of his policies, all are Mr. Edison says: "Wilson has blundered at times, but he usually blunders forward. He has earned faith and trust. I do not think it a logical or sensible thing to change to an inexperienced and untried man."

SUFFRAGISTS WILL QUIZ WILSON FROM THE AIR

"Why Do You Seek Votes From Women When You Oppose Votes for Women?"

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The National Woman's party, which is strenuously opposed to President Wilson's re-election, has arranged a little "welcome" all its own for the President upon his arrival here tomorrow.

High above the President's train, as it crosses the Indiana-Illinois line, will hover an aeroplane bearing Mrs. Gilson Gardner and Miss Marjorie Stinson. As the train crosses the line the women will drop thousands of printed messages, bearing these words:

"President Wilson! Why do you seek votes FROM women when you oppose votes FOR women? National Woman's Party. Women vote in Illinois but do not in Indiana."

U. OF P. STUDENTS VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

Partisans of Hughes, Wilson, Benson and Hanly Hold Election

The campus of the University is a November 7 in miniature today, for the straw ballot for President of the United States is being cast by the students.

All the stock accommodations of a national presidential election are there. Electioneering is everywhere: the college representatives of the Republican and Democratic Clubs of the University haunt the campus paths to pounce upon the unwary, who have not yet made up their minds, with subtle arguments and persuasions and groups of excited friends and classmates gather to thresh out the probable outcome between themselves.

The students themselves are taking the result of their straw ballot seriously, for they feel in all sincerity that it will infallibly indicate the result of the next presidential election. Accordingly they have made all the regular preparations for such an election. The voting will take place in Houston Hall between 12:30 and 2:30 and 5:00 and 8:00 p. m. There is in the Pennsylvania—the college newspaper—an official straw ballot this morning, without which no student can vote; and tellers at the polls have been nominated both by the Republican and Democratic Clubs. In addition to Hughes and Wilson, Benson and Hanly are nominees.

CABINET QUILTS USE OF FRANKS

Comptroller Williams's Employment of Privileged Embarrasses Democrats

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Determined to give the Republicans no cause for criticism of Democratic officeholders' use of the official frank, members of President Wilson's Cabinet and other Government officials who are on the stump for Mr. Wilson today issued orders that no copies of their campaign speeches be mailed to newspapers or others under the Government frank.

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HUGHES "CUTS LOOSE" IN REPLY TO HECKLERS

Makes Virtriotic Denial of Charge He Is Associated With "Invisible Government"

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Governor Hughes made his second excursion into Michigan today in the best fighting trim he has enjoyed since the Republican convention here chose him standard bearer for the party.

There wasn't any question that the nominee was pleased with the impression which he made on his big audience in St. Louis City, last night. As on previous occasions during his stumping tours it was the heckler who started Hughes setting off fireworks.

Aroused and stimulated by the way in which his audience supported him and sought to drown hecklers by booing, Hughes "cut loose." Never before in his presidential campaigning has the nominee been more

BETTORS CHARGE TRICK IN SHIFT FROM HUGHES

Manipulation Alleged to Throw "Wilson Scare" in Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Charges that the sudden shift of presidential betting odds in Wall street from 2 to 1 against Wilson to 10 to 3 was a manipulation intended to throw a "Wilson scare" into the market and force odds down were made by a number of brokers today. The recent steady advances in odds on the exchange was helped on its way by the Republican victory in Maine and the 2-to-1 figure were established at that time.

After \$25,000 had been wagered on Hughes at 10 to 3 and 10 to 7 yesterday, \$20,000 was reported offered at seven today on the curb. Fred Schumacher of Brooklyn, quoted 10 to 3 on Hughes today and de-

clared Wilson supporters held out for 10 to 3. Odds of 9 to 3 were offered today that Hughes would carry New York State, odds was quoted at even money, while Wilson backers were said to be asking 3-to-4 odds that he would carry Connecticut and 7 to 10 on New Jersey.

HUNTERS VIOLATE FIRE LAWS

Jersey Wardens Apprehend 100 on First Two Days of Season

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 18.—Today is the second of the four open days of the deer-hunting season in this State, and hundreds of sportsmen took to the woods last night in order to get a good post for an early start today.

The State fire wardens are more than usually active, as last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning 103 persons were found violating the forest fire law. There were many other cases of violation in which no one was apprehended. The chief form of breaking the law, the fire wardens report, is the leaving of deserted camp fires.

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144.50
November Price 170.00

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6 Inch Skunk Border and Collar
161.50
November Price 190.00

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November Regular Price October Sale Price
25.00 Red Fox Scarfs 21.25
30.00 Grey Wolf Scarfs 25.50
30.00 White Fox Scarfs 25.50
30.00 Taupe Wolf Scarfs 25.50
40.00 Dyed Blue Fox Scarfs 34.00
40.00 Kamchatka Blue Fox Scarfs 34.00
45.00 Cross Fox Scarfs 38.75
45.00 Pearl Grey Fox Scarfs 38.75
45.00 White Fox Scarfs 38.75
50.00 Slate Fox Scarfs 42.50

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November Regular Price October Sale Price
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95.00 Natural Muskrat Coats 80.75
120.00 Hudson Seal Coats 102.00
(40-inch Flare Model)
150.00 Caracul Coats 127.50
190.00 Nutria Coats 161.50
200.00 Sable Squirrel Coats 170.00
300.00 Molekin Coats 255.00
350.00 Beaver Coats 297.50
(50-inch Model to Order)
475.00 Mink Coat 403.75
600.00 Mink Coat 510.00

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November Regular Price October Sale Price
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40.00 Beaver 34.00
50.00 Natural Raccoon 42.50
55.00 Red Fox 46.75
75.00 Battleship Grey Fox 63.75
80.00 Black Lynx 68.00
100.00 Dyed Blue Fox 85.00
110.00 Fisher 93.50
110.00 Slate Fox 93.50
110.00 Cross Fox 93.50

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Barrel Muff and Scarf
25.50
November Price 30.00

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26.75
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