

# HARDING, HUGHES RAPPED IN MIRRORS

Anonymous Washington Author Again Hits Alleged Weaknesses of Capital Leaders

## T. R.'S REGIME CRITICIZED

Washington, July 10.—A severely critical arraignment of the conduct of the Government at Washington and the men who stand out as the foremost political characters is contained in "Behind the Mirrors," by the anonymous author of "The Mirrors of Washington," from the press of G. P. Putnam's Sons, released here yesterday in advance of its circulation in book form. Few are spared. The tone of the work is decidedly pessimistic, both with regard to the Government and business and those who have prominence in finance, industry and politics. The recent past is reviewed to contrast it with today. Roosevelt and the men of his time are not spared. The Colonel lived by pic-

tureless exaggeration, it is told, with the additional remark: "Actually his rule was one long compromise with Aldrich and Cannon." Only those whom Mr. Roosevelt called malefactors of great wealth are held up as great men, of whom the author appears to find no counterpart today, except in Henry Ford.

**Harding Feebler Than Taft**

Unlike "The Mirrors of Washington," which was a collection of sketches of political personalities, "Behind the Mirrors" is a discursive narrative in a philosophical vein concerning American tendencies. President Harding is made out to be a weak character, but favorably contrasted with Secretary Hughes, of whom the author's dislike as manifested in "The Mirrors of Washington" has not abated. If Mr. Harding has more common sense than Mr. Hughes he "is feebler than Mr. Taft," it is held, and the present Chief Justice is not painted in complimentary terms.

In the author's apparent opinion the cabinet seems to be a collection of weaklings. The Senate now rules the Executive, according to the author, but most Senators are held up to scorn. The Washington Conference on Limitation of Armament is made to appear an abortive affair. The blow system in Congress is not new: "It conforms to our best traditions."

Mr. Hughes is denied credit for his starting warship-scrapping proposal at the opening session of the Washington Conference. "Even the dramatic method of mak-

ing the proposal, with details of the tonnage to be scrapped, was not Mr. Hughes' idea," says the writer. "Let us do the man in the White House justice. He conceived it on the Mayflower, read it to Senator James Watson, who was with him, and wiredless it to the State Department."

Comparing Mr. Harding and his Secretary of State, the author of "Behind the Mirrors" says:

"Where our actual Secretary's mind falls short of our supposititious Secretary's mind is in the valuable quality of common sense. I am even prepared to maintain that as a measure of reality Mr. Hughes' mind is distinctly inferior to Mr. Harding's, which is one reason why he never became President and Mr. Harding did."

It is added: "He has only one criterion of reality, his mind, which has been developed at the expense of all his other means to approach to the truth. It is added: "He lives in a region of facts, principles and logical deductions. He does not sense anything. And only men who sense reality have common sense. \* \* \* An extraordinary but limited mind. Mr. Hughes impresses us as the boy lightning calculator does, and leaves us unsatisfied."

Woodrow Wilson comes in for sharp flings and this curious story is told of him:

"Mr. Wilson was by temperament an autocrat. An illustration of how personal his government was his treatment of his enemies. His bitterness against Huntington Wilson, the Re-

publican Ambassador to Mexico, is well known. A year or two after the dispute was over, Huntington Wilson's son came up for examination to enter the consular service. He passed at the top of the list. President Wilson heard of his success and directed that he should receive no appointment."

Huntington Wilson never was Ambassador to Mexico. He was Assistant Secretary of State. The author may have had Henry Lane Wilson, former Ambassador to Mexico, in mind.

The Cabinet is not spared. A rather general view that Mr. Mellon has made

an excellent Secretary of the Treasury is not allowed. "Mr. Mellon is the shyest and most awkward man who ever rose to power," says the writer. He is pictured as getting credit that belongs to subordinates, among whom S. P. Gilbert, the Under Secretary of the Treasury, is mentioned most prominently. "The voice is the voice of Mellon, but the hand is the hand of Gilbert." It is told of Treasury accomplishments. Mr. Mellon's refusal to dismiss Democrats from the Treasury service is attributed to "merely the instinct of self-protection."

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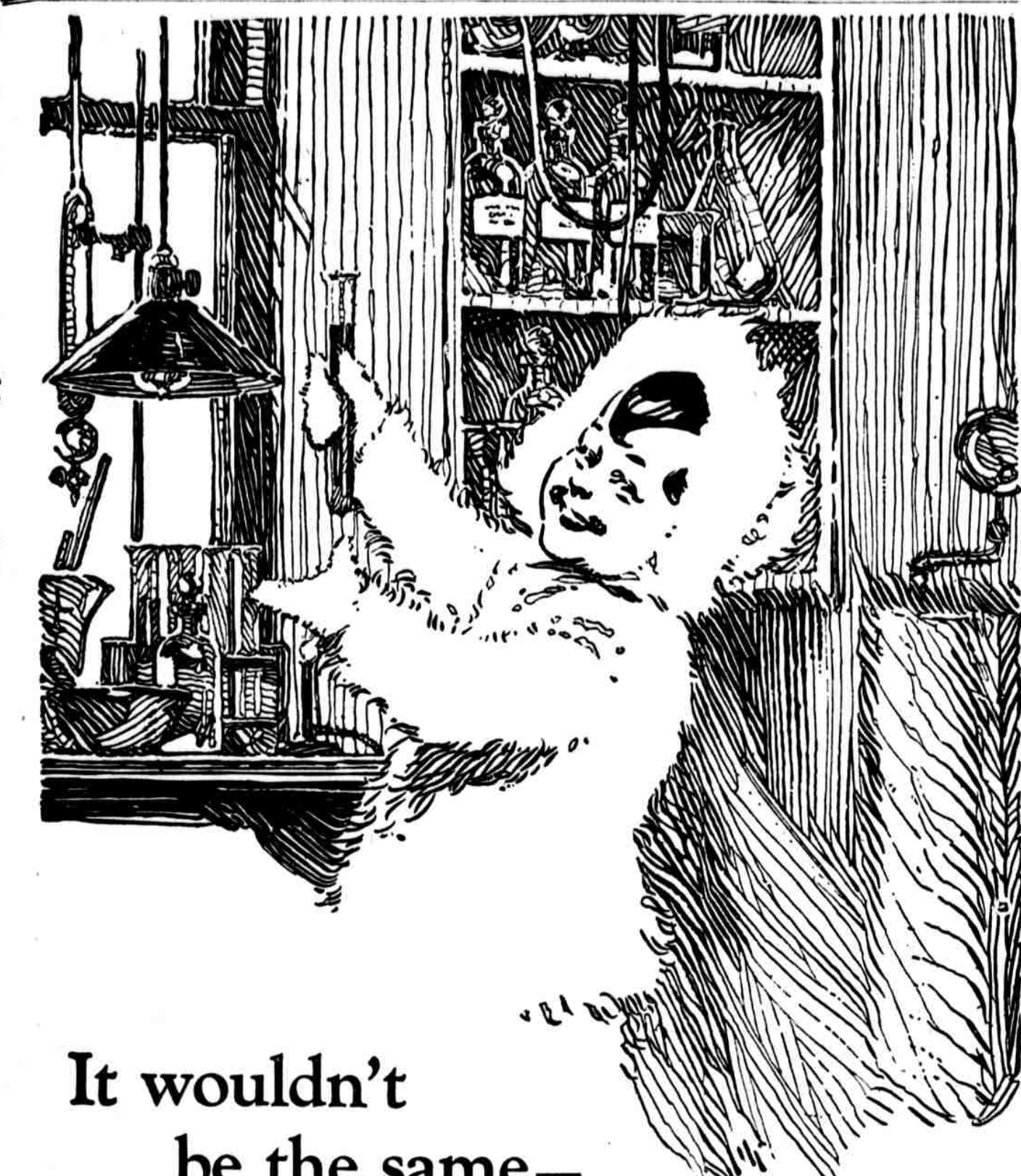
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