

## WET ISSUE IS 'SHAM BATTLE,' SAYS HUGHES

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 24.—After calling the prohibition issue "a sham battle" and expressing "intolerance of intolerance" in a speech here, Charles Evans Hughes today was on his way to Chicago where he will deliver another campaign message for the Republican ticket tonight.

It was the first speech of the campaign made by the former secretary of state and supreme court justice, who himself ran for the presidency in 1916.

### No Patience With Bigotry

"Smith is trying to gain the presidency by getting enough wet votes in the north and east to add to the essential dry votes of the south," Hughes said in dismissing the wet and dry controversy.

The question of choosing between the two candidates should be dealt with "in the American spirit," he said. "I have no patience with bigotry and confess I am not intolerant of intolerance. We have troubles enough in this country without introducing into our political discussions differences of religious faith."

Hughes praised Hoover as a capable administrator, qualified in every way to discharge the duties of the President. Hughes in the past has spoken favorably of Smith as an administrator and has been quoted extensively by Democratic speakers.

### Hoover for Prosperity

"But it is poor argument which says that we should elect a Governor because of his intimate knowledge of state affairs but should not elect a President because of his rare and intimate knowledge of national affairs," the ex-secretary of state said in answer to the quotations of the Democrats.

Election of Hoover will make for prosperity and the way to obtain is to continue the Republican administration," Hughes said.

### Speaks in Chicago Tonight

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CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Republicans are making extensive preparations today to greet Charles Evans Hughes, former secretary of state, who will speak tonight for the Hoover-Curtis ticket.

Since Herbert Hoover, the Republican nominee, apparently will not speak here during the campaign, local members of the G. O. P. will make much of Hughes' visit. Representatives of local, state and national organizations will meet Hughes when he arrives late today.

### GUILTY AS WIFE SLAYER

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A jury in Tipton circuit court found Manis guilty after deliberating from noon to 2 p. m. Tuesday. Testifying in his own defense, Manis declared his wife jumped from their auto after they quarreled, he desiring to call at the home of a neighbor and she opposing the call. Her skull was fractured.

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