HUGHES' ABILITY

IS INDISPUTABLE

(Continued from page one) gether with a personal appreciation of his own intellectual attainments so intense as to enable him to look down from Olympian heights upon the rest of mankind. It is thought here that it would have been something of a pity to have permitted without a protest such a man, graciously accepting as merely his due the almost unanimous chorus of journalistic and individual eulogy to become Chief Justice of the United States.

Conduct Seldom Debatable

Court of the United States occupies the power of the Supreme Court to so high a position in the respect of the American people that except in the larger political crises of their history its conduct is held not to be debatable. When its decisions are challenged, as they were challenged in present justices and by preventing the the Senate last week, it may be tak- confirmation of any nominee who is en for granted that there is an accumulated discontent of a far-reaching in either of the two great parties. nature. This inference is made all To the honor of the Senate be it said the more impressive by the fact that that both political parties represented no question has been raised touching in it are resisting the temptation to Mr. Hughes' personal integrity or his competence. The debate originated integrity of the Supreme Court. in a protest against the policy at the root of recent decisions of the majority of the court, and in the belief that Mr. Hughes as Chief Justice al of Republican Senators, and when would lend his great authority to the continuation of these policies.

The debate brought out unmistak- Democratic votes. able evidence of a growing conviction that the court in recent years has The true spokesman of the Demopursued a line of policy out of har- crats in the Senate during the recent mony with the needs and the inter- debate over Chief Justice Hughes was ests and the ideals of a very powerful Senator Harrison, of Mississippi. It part of the American people. There is thought here that Senator Dill is would seem to be little difficulty in as far from expressing true Demodetermining what is the line of policy cratic sentiment toward the Supreme in the decisions of the court which Court as Senator Brookhart is from has provoked this protest, which is expressing Republican sentiment. Both undoubtedly directed against the fact of them would seem to be out of step that during the last decade the Fed- with their parties and with the Amereral courts have to a greater or less ican people. degree undermined the power of the With the tariff bill tight and fast states and municipalities to regulate in a Senate jam, with House leaders natural monopolies and in effect have in, revolt against legislative delays, taken the regulatory power into their with business suffering throughout all own hands. It is this conviction sections of the country and with the which found its expression in the Democrats charging the party in powprotest against Mr. Hughes.

the judiciary.

Little Support for Dill

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against unconstitutional legislation. If real leadership, this Republic is to endure, the authority of that court to apply the test of the Constitution cannot be taken away. That authority is the cornerstone of the Constitution itself. It was put in place by a people who ville, in Clay county, on Tuesday, were determined not to become the April 29, 1930: victims of legislative or executive usurpation. No one objects to reasonable progressivism, nor possibly to Shepherd, Joshua Rogers, Budd Ledtemperate radicalism, but when the ford, A. L. Leach, Furman Hall, W Senate is infested with extremists who L. Higdon, B. M. Horn, J. E. Wootwould not hesitate to tear down the en, John D. Gribble, W. L. Bradley, In the second place, the Supreme constitutional immunities of the people hold Congress within the confines of the Constitution is more important than ever before,

Senator Dill's proposal to "reform" the court, both by intimidating the not a radical, will find little support play politics at the expense of the When a great Democrat, a former Confederate officer, was nominated Chief Justice he received the approv-Charles Evans Hughes was nominated he was confirmed with the help of!

Harrison True Spokesman

er with lack of leadership, Washing-However, apparently no one at ton is wondering what President Hootempts to justify the intemperate at ver will do. It is agreed that in tack upon the Supreme Court by these circumstances the natural thing Senator Dill, Democrat, and Senator is for him to go straight to the coun-Brookhart, so-called Republican, be- try in a ringing speech, describing cause it is not radical enough to suit conditions in Washington and putting them. They speak of popular un- the responsibility for much of the constitutional acts of Congress. It is business uncertainty upon the shoulconsidered fortunate that Senator Dill ders of Congress. That is the way does not speak for the Democratic other Presidents have done when party nor Senator Brookhart for the they found themselves powerless to Republican party in this assault upon influence Congress by any other

All phases of the present apparent In our Supreme Court rests the aimlessness of Congress, of the reaction upon business, of the misfortune that would ensue if the appropriations bills are delayed, and particularly of Senate "recalcitrancy" were discussed at a White House breakfast without developing any plan of leadership. And, so far as President Hoover is concerned, it doesn't

security of the American people look as though there would be any Fouts, D. J. Baldwin, E. A. Huggins, Carnes, Z. V. McKinney, Floyd Mar-

MACON JURORS TO GO TO CLAY

(Continued from page one) ing men to appear as jurors at Hayes-

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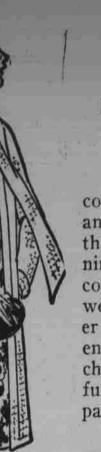
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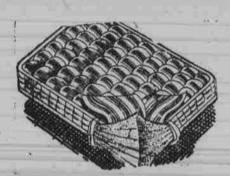
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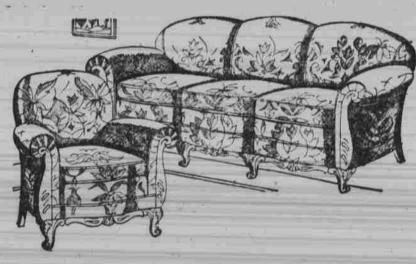
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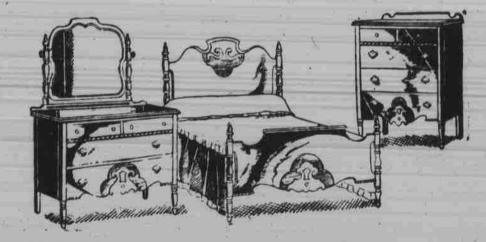
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