

the St. Regis Hotel and from there ran the mile-of-dimes campaign for the infantile paralysis fund.

He gave this country more service than he received credit for and, although he was personally on the "outs" with the President for some time before he died, he was still as loyal to the office of the Presidency and to his country as he was the day he entered the military academy as an ungainly and stow-footed plebe. His patriotism was the pure, sentimental devotion of the professional army and navy which cannot express itself in words and persists through all disagreements with any policies of any passing administration composed of mere men.

I suppose we will have to charge against him the fact that he really made John L. Lewis back in his NRA days, but we can be very lenient, because Lewis then was playing the role of a leader of labor and a fighter for labor's rights and welfare. Hugh was quite a bit of a hero-worshiper and personal heroes have a way of letting a man down. In the same way, Hugh developed a terrific crush on Wendell Willkie and wrote two quite boastful articles which boiled down to "I saw him first."

But one hero, at least, stood up in Hugh's estimation to the end. That is Bernard Baruch, to whom he maintained the devoted and respectful attitude of a youth to a wise and kindly elder. He would not take a drink in Baruch's presence and he savagely defended Baruch against insinuations that

deep engineering problems. It was this background of experience, plus his knack for expression, which qualified him so highly to discuss public problems. And it was his gift as an Epithetician which brought his first renown in the days of NRA, when he said dead cats would come sailing his way, as they did, and spoke of the lawsuit which destroyed NRA as the sick-chicken case.

A Washington priest would seem to have lost a mission in Hugh's case. This priest helped Hugh prepare his remarks on Coughlin and they both chuckled mischievously over the priest's proudest contribution which referred to Coughlin as a centaur. They were very close friends and one night in Washington this clergyman said in Hugh's presence that he had a deep belief that one day he would bring Hugh into the Catholic fold, for Johnson was a religious man within and his beliefs seemed not necessarily irreconcilable. But the paper says he will be buried in his native Episcopal faith.

ing men since the moment he entered the air service his second year out of West Point, in 1915. Men admire him, like him, and trust him. Associates trace this to his own great courage, friendliness, and unflinching trust in his fellows.

HE PUT IT OVER
Here is the latest example, a paragraph buried in Australian news dispatches on that 4,000-mile round trip flight over open seas infested with enemy forces:

"General Royce organized it and persisted in leading it against the advice of experienced combat pilots who said it was foolhardy." That could have been said of him a dozen times in the past.

The citation on the Croix de Guerre he won in the last war reads — "Commanding the 1st American Observation Escadrille, he insisted on making the first reconnaissance over the enemy lines himself. He gave his pilots an admirable example of dash and intrepidity."

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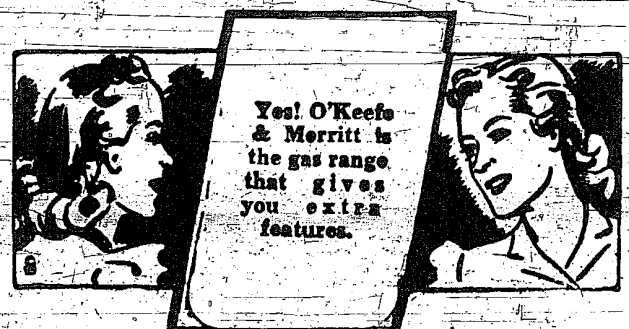
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