dous local advantage—affecting an enormous area—Wilson was only saved from defeat by the fact that Hughes was sufficiently injudicious to mix up in the party politics of California before the Republicans of that State had held their primaries. In other words, there would still seem to be a normal Republican majority in the United States, given a united front and average leadership. Whether Senator Harding is destined to prove the Moses of the Republicans remains to be seen; but it will need a great triumph in foreign affairs to place the Democrats where they will have more than an even chance of winning the next Presidential election.

THE WARFARE AGAINST HEARST One very healthy sign in the public life of the United States is the sincerity and pertinacity with which the war on Hearst is being waged. Notwithstanding the fact that the Hearst press has its representation in many parts of the country, the storm centre of this fight is in New York City, where a personal coalition between Hearst and the Tammany Mayor, Hylan, causes a scandal which cannot for one moment be ignored by the respectables. Hylan's attempt to give Hearst prominence as Chairman of one of the committees which have been named by the Mayor to receive the returning troops has led to a display of sentiment that will injure Hearst far more than he can be benefited by the appointment in question. For several weeks the newspapers have been filled with letters from eminent persons explaining in full detail why they are unable to serve on a committee with the owner of the New York *American* and the New York *Journal*.

Hearst, in fact, is more than an individual. Increasingly he is looked upon as a type, as a sinister influence, as a journalistic Ahriman, and all because it is believed more strongly day by day that for the sake of money and power he is purveying to the masses a kind of doctrine which tends to create class strife, and which represents no sincerity of opinion. It is quite clear that under present day conditions the press must have more and more power in shaping public