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NO SPLIT IN CALIFORNIA?

Certified Count in New Hampshire Complete Shows a Democratic Plurality of 63.

MINNESOTA STILL IN DOUBT Chairman McCormick "Locks Up" and Returns to His Home.

New York, Nov. 11.—Today's returns from Tuesday's election served only to increase the advantage of President Wilson, who now seems assured of at least 272 and probably 276 votes in the electoral college.

California Probably Solid.

The few additional returns from California and New Mexico did not reduce Mr. Wilson's lead in those states. In addition the Democrats found comfort in a dispatch from Los Angeles which said that a difference of only 454 votes was found between the highest and lowest of the Democratic electors in the semi-official count conducted by the registrar of votes.

Corrected returns from Ramsey county, Minnesota, today reduced Charles E. Hughes' plurality in the state to 239, but tonight the first returns from the National Guardsmen on the border ran it up to 288.

With the presidential contest settled to the satisfaction of the Democratic managers, Chairman McCormick, of the National committee left for his home in Harrisburg today, but Chairman Willcox, of the Republican committee, steadfastly refused to concede that Mr. Hughes had been defeated.

Democratic concern today was chiefly in the make-up of the next Congress. The Senate will be Democratic by a safe majority but the House will be virtually tied in the number of seats so far won in the lower branch.

SLIT IN THE ELECTORAL VOTE IN CALIFORNIA UNLIKELY Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 11.—A difference of only 454 votes was found today between the highest and lowest of the Democratic electors in the semi-official count conducted by the registrar of votes.

HUGHES' DEFEAT BLAMED TO NEW PETTY POLITICIANS San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Governor Hiram Johnson, successful candidate for the United States senatorship on the Republican and Progressive ticket, issued a statement today charging that a few petty politicians acting in conjunction with certain newspapers had misled Mr. Hughes and his visit to California, that the injury they did was unable to undo.

NOTE OF TROOPS INCREASES HUGHES' PLURALITY SLIGHTLY St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 11.—Charles E. Hughes' plurality in Minnesota was slightly increased tonight when the final results of the Minnesota guardsmen's vote was announced.

Willcox Awaits Official Count Before Conceding the Election

Issues Statement, Pointing to the Fluctuation of the Lead Between President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt in California in 1912—Republican Chairman Confers With Hughes.

New York, Nov. 11.—A statement showing the fluctuation of the lead between President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt in California in 1912 from day to day for a month after the election and how the state finally went in favor of Roosevelt after Wilson was first credited with winning, was issued here today by Chairman William R. Willcox, of the Republican National Committee.

first in the lead; that subsequently this lead was taken by Colonel Roosevelt and that finally the delegation to the electoral college from California was divided, two electors being for Mr. Wilson and 11 for Colonel Roosevelt.

CROWDS MEET THE PRESIDENT'S TRAIN

He Witnesses Demonstrations at Troy and Albany in Celebration of His Victory.

RETURNING TO WASHINGTON

One Man at Albany Shouts to Mr. Wilson, "We're With You for Four More Years of Peace and Prosperity."

On Board President Wilson's Special, Albany, N. Y., Nov. 11.—President Wilson, returning to Washington for the first time in two months, tonight witnessed a demonstration at Troy and Albany in celebration of the outcome of the election.

Here at Albany a procession was arranged in his honor. The railroad station was crowded and many persons rushed forward to shake President Wilson's hand.

As President Wilson's train rolled into Albany, torpedoes were exploded on the tracks and locomotive whistles shrieked. Before the President arrived the crowd had paraded through the business section of the city.

President Wilson shook hands with many persons at Troy. "We're with you four more years of peace and prosperity," shouted one man.

WILL MAKE TRIP DOWN THE HUDSON RIVER TO NEW YORK Rhine Cliff, N. Y., Nov. 11.—President Wilson arrived here tonight from Williamstown, Mass., and at once boarded the naval yacht Mayflower, which lay at anchor in the Hudson river.

Shoots Her Down in Boarding House at Spartanburg, S. C.—John S. Baber shot and killed his wife in a boarding house here today and then killed himself. The couple had been separated about one year and it was said Baber attempted to affect a conciliation today.

ONLY ONE AMERICAN ABOARD. Paul R. Danner Was on Steamer Arabia When It Was Sunk. London, Nov. 11.—Consul at Bombay, India, states that only one American, Paul Rutledge Danner, was on board the British steamer Arabia, sunk November 6, in the Mediterranean, says a Reuter dispatch from Bombay.

U. D. C. TO MEET AT CHATTANOOGA NEXT

Declare Against Text Books Which Do Not Portray True History of the South.

CONVENTION COMES TO END

Resolutions Adopted at Final Session Which Lasted Late Last Night. Asheville Competed for Next Convention.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 11.—After selecting Chattanooga, Tenn., as the 1917 convention city the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the final session of its 22nd annual meeting here tonight, adopted resolutions declaring against histories and other text books used in Southern schools.

The educational committee report, delivered by Miss Mary E. Poppenthal, showed that 45 scholarships, with an aggregate valuation of \$65,000 had been given by the Daughters during the past year.

The Daughters' university prize of \$100 in cash was awarded to Harold R. Blake, of Dayton, O. Deficiency of \$3,265 in the Arlington monument fund was announced by the treasurer general, of which \$1,200 is secured by a pledge. The remainder is to be obtained through assessments.

TENTH DISTRICT STILL CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES. Will Not Be Settled Until Thursday. Returns Give Britt Lead.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 11.—The complex situation in the Tenth congressional district, wherein Congressman James J. Britt, Republican, and Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, are both claiming election, is unchanged and will remain so until next Thursday, when the Buncombe county board of canvassers will meet after adjourning today without certifying the returns of Tuesday's election in this county.

The official returns of the district give Congressman Britt a majority of 13 votes, but the Democratic managers assert that a recount of the ballots in this county and in others of the district will give Mr. Weaver a majority.

STRESS NEED OF TRAINED MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. L. L. Lohr and Rev. J. L. Seiber Speakers at Synod Last Night.

URGE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Delegates Enjoy Outing at Wrightsville Beach—Women's Conference Elects New Officers—Splendid Programme for Today.

The main addresses at last night's session of the Convention of the United Synod of the Lutheran church in the South, which will close its proceedings tomorrow at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Wilmington with business sessions, were delivered by Rev. Dr. L. L. Lohr, who made an earnest plea for a thoroughly trained and educated ministry, and Rev. J. L. Seiber, who stressed the importance of the publicity campaign which is being carried on by the Publication Board of the Lutheran church.

"The church can preserve its existence only in so far as it raises up an intelligent and efficient ministry," said Dr. Lohr. "It impairs its life and vitality when it neglects these things. Mere prayer for the coming of the Kingdom of God is not enough. The church must co-operate with God, and God arranges the order of things in such a way as to give man a part in the work of his Church, yet this part in the work of man does not destroy the power of God to do all the work Himself."

Efficient Ministry Needed. "God has seen fit to use men as instruments in his hands to spread the offers of salvation. Now we must have an educated ministry to do this work. Only through a properly prepared ministry can we meet and meet our duty. We must not only be able to point out a more excellent way but to prove that this is the right way."

"We have men in this world who can only be reached through the brain. You must get their brains to accept Christianity, although their hearts have already done so. I have to accept human nature as it is. Doubting Thomases must be made to see before they believe. Our Lord did not hesitate to give His disciples visual proof when he asked it."

"Paul persuaded both Jews and Greeks to accept Christianity. A man less fitted and mentally not have so impressed King Agrippa. You must be logical and logical statement. 'Almost thou persuadest me to accept Christianity.'"

"The great need today is for men who are not only men of God but men of the world. It is necessary to have a Lutheran ruler and logical statement. 'Almost thou persuadest me to accept Christianity.'"

Speaking on the subject of "Our Publicity Interests," Rev. Mr. Seiber declared that to make any perceptible progress the church must launch a publicity campaign.

He referred to the method pursued by the Apostle Paul as a model for publicity work and declared that the success of the Reformation Movement in its initial stages 400 years ago was due in a great measure to the publications of that age.

"Our own church has the greatest right to live, because it preaches the pure Gospel of God to all men and having the pure faith is a duty and owing to ourselves and the world to publish it."

At a business session of Synod held immediately following the address by Rev. Dr. Lohr, the question of moving the Lutheran Orphan's Home from Salem, Va. to some other place which would offer more inducements in the way of land and money was discussed. Another alternative, the building of more cottages at the present site was also discussed, but no course of action was decided upon.

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTING TO BLACKMAIL COUNTESS VON BERNSTORFF

Karl A. Graves, Self-Styled International Spy and Magazine Writer, Taken in Custody of Federal Agents at Washington—Is Alleged to Have Made Effort to Secure \$3,000—Had Documents Brought From Germany.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Karl Armgaard Graves, a self-styled international spy and magazine writer, was arrested here today by agents of the Department of Justice and charged with attempting to extort \$3,000 from Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador, by threatening to publish letters "alleged to contain matter showing her infirmities and failings." Officials of the embassy also alleged that Graves had in his possession what apparently were confidential coded dispatches from the German government to Count von Bernstorff.

The prisoner told the Federal agents he obtained all the documents from persons who smuggled them past the British censors on the steamship Oscar II. The warrant upon which he was arrested tonight and held on \$2,000 bail for a further hearing Wednesday charges him also with bringing into the District of Columbia letters stolen in Hoboken, N. J., where the Oscar II docks.

In a statement after his arraignment at which he entered a plea of not guilty, Graves asserted that he had no intention of blackmailing the countess, but that he had used the word "blackmail" and that the papers he had in his possession were "purely diplomatic" in character.

Much interest was aroused in official quarters at the indirect exposure of the manner in which persons and officials in Germany apparently are avoiding the British censorship in communicating with the German embassy here. In Negotiation With Embassy. The arrest of Graves furnishes a dramatic conclusion to negotiations which had been in progress for a week between him and Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy. Graves is said to have come to Washington last week and called at the embassy. He was known there as the man who had published widely what was alleged to be important secrets of the German war office and the Hohenzollerns. He was also known as a man who previously had described himself as a member of the German secret service and later as an employee of foreign firms of the British foreign office. "The master spy" he calls himself.

Officials allege that upon entering the office of Prince Hatzfeldt he made it known that he had in his possession the papers which today brought about his arrest. One letter which he exhibited was to the Countess von Bernstorff from her son, an officer in the German army. He said, according to statements made by Federal officials tonight, that he had other letters that would prove "embarrassing" for the countess should they be published.

The official dispatches were said to be used to him for the reason that he could not decipher them. He is alleged to have asked for \$3,000 in cash if he delivered the papers. He also is alleged to have asked Prince Hatzfeldt to prepare and sign a statement that he had used to communicate with the countess. I did not deal with women. I did deal with Prince Hatzfeldt.

Statement to Newspaper Men "I have nothing so important to say. I have declared my intention of becoming a citizen of this country and have taken out my first papers."

"I have been in this country two years and nine months. I was once connected with the British foreign office, but I am no more."

"I came to Washington for the sole purpose of disposing of the papers. I had no intention of blackmailing the Countess von Bernstorff. I made no attempt to communicate with the countess. I did not deal with women. I did deal with Prince Hatzfeldt. I will not at this time discuss the contents of the papers I had. I will say, however, that I am employing the same methods which the German embassy has used in this country for the past two years and four months."

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Fines totalling more than \$171,000, were assessed by Federal Judge Landis today against Swift & Company, packers, and a number of railroads convicted of violating the interstate commerce act. In most of the cases, the charges were rebating or in shipping less than carload shipments at carload rates.

AMERICAN SHIP IS BELIEVED SUNK BY A GERMAN U-BOAT

Steamer Columbian Reported on Wednesday That She Was Being Shelled by Submarine.

CREW LANDED IN SPAIN?

Announcement of the Belief That the Vessel Was Sunk is Made by Lloyd's Agency.

London, Nov. 11.—The American steamer Columbian is believed to have been sunk, according to an announcement by Lloyd's. It was reported here on Wednesday that the Columbian was sending out wireless calls for help, saying she was being shelled by a submarine. The calls were picked up at that time by admiralty stations.

Nothing further, however, had been heard of the Columbian until tonight's statement from Lloyd's shipping agency.

London, Nov. 11.—The crew of the American steamer Columbian has arrived at Corunna, Spain, in life boats, says a Reuter dispatch from Madrid.

CASE TO BE LAID BEFORE THE PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK. Washington, Nov. 11.—The case of the American steamer Columbian, reported sunk off the Danish coast, will be laid before President Wilson by the State Department early next week as part of a general summary of recent submarine operations, construed by some officials as forecasting a radical change in the German policy.

Information regarding the Columbian was so incomplete tonight that no official would predict what part the case might play in final determination of this government's course. Late in the day the American consul at Harboe forwarded the report that the vessel had been sunk 30 miles off Cape Ortgal and her crew saved, but no details were given.

Points to be cleared up before a decision is reached involve the question of whether the vessel was fired on without warning, whether she carried contraband, and whether she attempted to escape.

All available facts regarding the Columbian will be collected as soon as possible. Information on the Marinka, Arabia and Lannoo cases also is still incomplete, but every report received so far regarding these vessels will be placed before the President as soon as he returns to his desk at the White House.

NO CLEARANCE PAPERS FOR THE DEUTSCHLAND ISSUED German Undersea Liner Will Not Make Dash to Sea Today.

New London, Conn., Nov. 11.—No clearance papers had been issued to Captain Paul Koehn, of the German commercial submarine Deutschland, tonight, and none will be issued tomorrow, according to Joseph C. Comstock, deputy collector of customs here. Members of the vessel's crew in the city on shore leave said also that their vessel would not leave port tonight or Sunday.

RUMORS WERE CURRENT tonight that the German submarine U-57 and the U-59 might be expected here at any time to act as convoys for the Deutschland.

DURHAM HOSEY MILLS GET \$24,000 CONTRACT FROM NAVY Fourth Contract Awarded This Concerns by Navy in a Year.

(Special Star Telegram.) Durham, N. C., Nov. 11.—The Navy Department awarded the contract today to the Durham Hosiery Mills for the manufacture of 100,000 pairs of cotton hose. The purchase price was 24 cents a pair, an equivalent to the price of the Army. The order given today is to be delivered at the Brooklyn Navy Yards.

PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR RELIEF OF COAL SHORTAGE. Railroads Would Return All Foreign Cars as Soon as Unloaded.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 11.—Immediate relief of the coal shortage in certain sections of the country is promised by proposals approved late today by Interstate Commerce Commissioner C. C. McChord, who has been investigating the coal shortage in hearings held in this city. It is proposed that every railroad in the country begin immediately to return all foreign coal cars in its possession as fast as they are unloaded. If there is no load for them going in the direction of their home line, they are to return empty.

WILL REMAIN IN MILL HOUSES UNTIL MONDAY

Writs of Ejectment Not Served on Operatives at Anderson.

Officials Hesitated to Drive Tenants Out in the Rain Yesterday—Four Hundred State Troops Arrive on the Scene.

Anderson, S. C., Nov. 11.—After the arrival here today of some 400 South Carolina coast guard artillery men, it was decided to wait until Monday to serve writs of ejectment against striking mill operatives residing on mill property. Meanwhile conferences were held with a view to starting up the mills which closed down August 31, last, after the employes demanded a 10 per cent wage increase.

The state soldiers were sent here by Governor Manning after Sheriff Ashley declined to eject the tenants until "they get houses to move into."

It was said today's postponement was due to the desire of Major William F. Robertson, of Greenville, commanding the troops, to acquaint himself with local conditions, and because mill officials hesitated to drive the tenants out in a rain.

FINES AMOUNTING TO \$171,000 ARE IMPOSED

Against Swift & Company and a Number of Railroads.

Charged With Violating Interstate Commerce Act by Rebating or Shipping Less Than Carloads at Carload Rates.

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Swift & Company were fined \$60,000; the Pennsylvania railroad \$20,000; the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad \$20,000; and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad \$20,000 in one case and \$50,000 in another.

In addition, fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, were assessed against the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.