

CRYSTALLIZATION REACHED

ELECTION BUT FEW HOURS OFF

State Campaign Efforts All Else in New York—Landslide for Either Candidate for Governor—Woods Carrying with It Unexpected Results as to Congressional Tickets—Some Interesting Points in Texas Campaign—Democrats in Missouri Hope to Regain Five Districts—Loss in Tidal Wave Two Years Ago—Morison Church Supporting Republicans.

Washington, Nov. 4.—With election day but a few hours away, the political situation has crystallized to an extent that permits a survey of the field, limited, however, to the points where the battle has waged the fiercest between the two dominant parties for control of the 60th Congress and for State supremacy.

The managers of both the Republican and Democratic campaigns agree that the Democrats are making gains over their present representation in Congress. Both are also agreed as to the States where these gains are to come from, and both are directing their congressional efforts to the campaign to these battlefields.

In New York, where the State campaign has collapsed all else, the vote for Congress is the only thing of real consequence to such an extent that the returns Tuesday night will furnish perhaps the most interesting reading for those at the headquarters of both congressional candidates. A landslide for either candidate for Governor would carry with it unexpected results as to the congressional ticket. It is conceded, on a normal basis, that the Democrats will make gains in this State.

Pennsylvania furnishes another interesting situation with the Governorship fight between Lewis Emery, Democrat, and Lincoln Stuart, Republican, and former Mayor Stuart of Philadelphia, Republican nominee. Many Republicans and Democratic heavyweights having been sent into the western part of the State and the campaign has been lively. Representative Dalsell, of Pittsburgh, is having opposition which some time ago was not expected.

In the South, the interesting points are in Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee. In Texas a campaign against the reelection to the Democratic floor of Joseph W. Bailey, is making things lively. M. M. Crane is regarded as the leader of the anti-Bailey forces. In Mississippi, Representative William H. C. Walker, Democrat, is in the House, making a race for the Senate against Governor Vandam. Tennessee furnishes interest because of the Governorship fight between H. Ray Evans, Republican, and Representative M. R. Patterson, Democrat. The Republicans in this State have hopes of electing more than the two members to the United States Senate.

The districts where Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, has made a fight, are also points of interest. The labor leader has been successful in securing Representative Mudd, of Maryland, and Democrats predict the defeat of Mr. Mudd. In Ohio Representative James Kennedy, representing the Third district, is being urged to call from Mr. Gomper, who supported John C. Welsch, the Democratic nominee. The Democrats now holding but one district in that State, and a serious contest in a half dozen others. Mr. Gomper has also been heard from in the fight in Chicago, where the Republicans now have all 11 of the congressional districts. Besides agreeing that this solid delegation will be broken into and that Representative Rainey, now the only Democrat from Illinois in the House, will resign, the Democrats are also fighting ground.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS HOPEFUL. In Missouri the Democrats have great hopes of regaining the five districts lost to the Republicans in the two years ago. Much has been done in this State to arouse the party vote by Bryan and Folk. In Idaho, the Republicans have raised the issue of the Democratic fight, declares Mormonism the issue. In Utah the Mormon Church is said to be supporting the Republican nominee, Congressman O. D. Hayward, one of the miners' federation officials, now a prisoner in Idaho, is the Socialist party candidate for Governor of Colorado. Democrats are confidently looking for gains in Indiana and Iowa. In Massachusetts, the Governorship fight eclipses all else. Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican opponent of Mr. John E. Morgan, is leading the Democratic fight, declares Mormonism the issue. In Utah the Mormon Church is said to be supporting the Republican nominee, Congressman O. D. Hayward, one of the miners' federation officials, now a prisoner in Idaho, is the Socialist party candidate for Governor of Colorado.

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Noted Hebrew Speaks at New York

Y. M. H. C. A.—President Roosevelt a Scorn of Consequence. New York, Nov. 4.—Stephen B. Wise, for the past six years rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, Portland, Ore., child labor commissioner of Oregon and one of the leading spirits in the progressive movement among the Hebrews on the Pacific coast, spoke this afternoon at the Young Men's Christian Association. Dr. Wise's topic was "Do or Die Versus Don't and Die."

"Men are warned constantly of the consequences and perils of becoming extremists. The man who dares not all for truth and right, but he only for his influence and his prestige, has neither the one nor the other to lose."

Theodore Roosevelt is the great saving asset of the Republican party, because he is rightly held by the nation to be a corner of conscience. "Roosevelt is treated when he is himself, his daring and achieving self, when shaking off the trammels of party allegiance, he dares to follow right, says to lead the people aright. The test of his courage is yet to come, if it should become his duty to step from his party in Congress, to all the parties in the nation for the support, enactment and execution of those measures, which are justly and equitably to serve the welfare of the whole American people."

TRIED TO WRECK TRAIN

Negro Youth Locked Up on a Charge of Attempting to Derail a Norfolk & Southern Train—Saw Weight Thrown to Derail Train

Special to The Observer. Richmond, Va., Nov. 4.—Charged with attempting to wreck a passenger train on which there were scores of passengers, Robert Ball, alias Bond, a 21-year-old negro youth, is locked up in the Norfolk city jail. The train with which he is charged with having tried to wreck was on the Norfolk & Southern Railway, bound from Norfolk to Edenton, N. C. Just after having blown for a crossing a short distance from Norfolk, the engine of the train saw two heavy weights thrown to the rails. He immediately applied the emergency brakes and the train, fortunately for all aboard, was brought to a stand before striking the weights. Ball was arrested in hiding near the scene. Ball has acknowledged that he had knowledge of the effort to wreck the train, but says that he had no part in it. He does not know, placed the weights on the track. Ball recently broke jail in Princess Anne county. Women upon the train are said to have become hysterical upon learning of the closeness of their escape from injury and possible death.

TWO ARE KILLED IN WRECK

Freight on Central Railroad Plunges Into River, N. Y. Saloon—Several Escape Through Car Windows

Home, N. Y., Nov. 4.—A locomotive drawing an eastbound freight train on the Central Railroad, jumped the track Henry Ketchum, a fireman, is saloon at the corner of James street and the railroad. Engineer Albert Brown, of Little Falls was caught in the wreckage and scalded to death. Brakeman Robert B. Vandervoort, of Albany, was crushed to death under the tender. Fireman Hugh L. Groves, of Syracuse, escaped through the cab window unhurt. The wrecked engine was hauling a train of 50 loaded cars. At the station in this city the engineer scoured the signal to cross over the bridge. At a point the locomotive jumped the track and ran along the ground a distance of 135 feet when it swerved and then plowed straight into the saloon, a two-story building. There was no one in the bar-room nor any in the upper rooms at the time of the crash. The next to the tender was broken in two and the second car was turned on its side. No other cars left the track.

EXPERTS TO SCENE OF FLOODS

Authorities of U. S. and Mexican Governments Will Study Cause of Divergence of the Colorado River

Mexico City, Nov. 4.—A commission composed of Mexican and American authorities to study the cause of the late floods caused by the diversion of the Colorado River, is being organized. The question has become an international one and it is said in government circles that the divergent course of the river and the channels regarding the responsibility for the dangers ensuing will be dropped for the time being. The immediate action which the situation demands may be properly attended to.

CONGRESSMAN KETCHAM DEAD

Passes Away at Home at Dover Plains, N. Y., at Age of 74—A Victim of Apoplexy

New York, Nov. 4.—Representative John W. Ketcham, of Dover Plains, died of apoplexy at a hospital in this city to-day. He was 74 years old. He served in the House of Representatives from the 15th district during the terms 1885-75, 1877-83 and 1897-1905, and following reapportionment had since represented the 21st district, in which he was a candidate for reelection on the Republican ticket. He was colonel of the Fifteenth New York Volunteers in the civil war, during which service he was promoted to brigadier general and breveted major general.

Fire Damages Carnegie Institute

Pittsburgh, Nov. 4.—Fire to-day threatened the destruction of the Carnegie Institute, valued at \$2,000,000 and the most beautiful structure of its kind in America. The fire originated in the power room in the basement from defective electric wires and was extinguished after damaging the building to the extent of \$150,000. There were many people in the music hall of the institution attending an opera recital when the fire was discovered but all reached the street in safety.

Killed by Falling Iron

New York, Nov. 4.—Salvatore Vozza was shot to death by a plow that fell on the East Side to-day. A big crowd watched the fight, but the Italian with whom Vozza exchanged shots got away.

CANDIDATES TAKE A REST

A SUNDAY OF HOME QUIET

Hughes and Hearst Deny Themselves to All Callers, Even Newspaper Reporters—Schedules for Number of Speeches at Manhattan To-Day—Day Will be Strenuous One and It Will be Late in Night Before Final Appeal to Voters is Made—Thorough Preparation to Prevent Frauds at Polls—Orders for Arrest of Those Who Seek to Vote More Than Once Already Filled Out.

New York, Nov. 4.—The judicial nominators to-day issued a final appeal in behalf of their independent ticket for judges. The association to prevent corrupt practices at elections, of which Beth Low is president, announced to-day that it has retained counsel to represent it in proceedings in New York county. The association purports that the public shall be informed of the political activities of the various parties and organizations in this county in connection with Tuesday's election.

W. R. Hearst's only political work to-day was his address at two political gatherings of Independence League election day watchers at the polls, one in Brooklyn and the other in Madison Square Theatre, Manhattan. The burden of Mr. Hearst's speech was "be alert for every vote on election day." When he finished his Madison Square Theatre address he was given an ovation and escorted to his home by a big crowd. When he arrived at his home the crowd insisted on a speech and Mr. Hearst, speaking from the steps, said: "I have no desire to make any political address on a Sunday. I do, however, want those who believe in me to vote for me, and I am certain that we are on the eve of a great victory of the common people of our State."

THE CANDIDATES RESTING

The two candidates for Governor of New York, Charles E. Hughes and W. R. Hearst, rested to-day after their strenuous campaigning last week, which closed very late Saturday night. Both are scheduled for a number of speeches to-morrow in Manhattan and it probably will be late in the night before election before they will have made their final appeals to the voters.

Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, spent the day at his home quietly. He denied himself to callers and none of the leaders visited him. It was said at State committee headquarters to-night that Mr. Hughes had been resting all day preparatory to the hard work before him to-morrow. Chairman Woodruff of the State Republican committee, was at headquarters for a short time but he had nothing to say on the probable result of Tuesday's vote, further than to reiterate his confidence in the election of Mr. Hughes. The usual Sunday before election gathering under the auspices of Tammany was held in Harlem. The speakers included Congressman M. Bourke Cochran and Francis Harrison. Mr. Cochran said that he believed the political movement headed by Mr. Hearst to be "inspired by God and therefore irresistible."

A messenger sent to the home of Mr. Hearst with the request that he address the meeting returned with the reply that the candidate was not at home. Under circumstances address a Sunday meeting. TO HEAD OFF FRAUDS. Election officials and the police department are making thorough preparations to prevent frauds and to guard against order at the polls. Superintendent of Elections Morgan to-day issued a statement to the press detailing the precautions he says his department is working in conjunction with the police department and the attorney general's office to prevent frauds. "Commissioner Bingham has caused the voters to be registered every man, woman and child who is registered and deputies have done similar work," said Supt. Morgan. "The police and the police will have the evidence ready in each case in which a voter is fraudulently registered and arrest will be made at once and in the police court lawyers from the district attorney's office and from this bureau will be present also equipped with the complete evidence in each case."

BOTH SIDES ARE RESTING

No New Developments in Virginia Campaign—Democrats Sure to Carry 9 Out of 10 Districts

Richmond, Va., Nov. 4.—There were no developments in Virginia's political campaign to-day. Both sides resting in their arms preparatory to the battle of ballots on Tuesday. The Democrats are sure to carry nine of the 10 districts in the State and have good reasons to believe that they will sweep the 10th district, which numerically is the ninth, and which is now represented by Campbell Slemo, the head and front of the Republican party in the State, from the opposition. There has been no fight save in the ninth and fifth districts and in the latter it is only a question of the size of the Democratic candidates' majority. There is to be an election in the State other than that for Congressmen.

THE MARYLAND CAMPAIGN

Indications That Composition of Delegates in Congress Will be the Same—Three Democrats, Three Republicans

Baltimore, Nov. 4.—The day has passed without developments in the political situation and without apparent access of interest in what has been an exceedingly dull campaign. Opinions differ as to the effect of the labor agitation against the reelection of Congressman Mudd, the general consensus being that while it will not cost him some votes it will not bring about his defeat. There is little to indicate any change in the present composition of the delegation to Congress from this State—three Democrats and three Republicans. A MOST REMARKABLE CAMPAIGN. Specimens at Home in Massachusetts Contest Sharply Driven—Interest in State Ticket Edited by Race of Those Seeking Congressional Honors.

TENTH LOOKS DEMOCRATIC

MAJORITY ESTIMATED AT 1,000

The Socialist Candidate Will Cut a Sorry Figure in the Final—Opposition Between Crawford and Britz Has Excited Comparatively Little Interest—Republicans Juggling With the Figures—Believed That Some of Them Will Knife Britz in Revenge—Republicans Factional Fight Likely to be Carried to the Polls To-morrow.

Asheville, Nov. 4.—Less than 48 hours prior to the battle of ballots the tenth congressional district looks safely Democratic. A conservative estimate places Crawford's majority at between 700 and 900. A number of Mr. Crawford's friends in Asheville and other places in the district figure the Democratic candidate's majority at 1,000, while others—more enthusiastic than their fellow Democrats—believe that he will receive in the neighborhood of 1,500 votes more than his Republican opponent, Prof. J. J. Britt. E. R. Israel, the Socialist candidate for Congress from this district, has cut a very sorry figure. He will hardly poll half a hundred votes in the entire district. His strength—such it might be termed—lies in Asheville, chiefly among the laboring class. Israel says that he doesn't expect to receive much of a vote. He seems to be running just for the sake of running.

UNINTERESTING CAMPAIGN

The contest between Mr. Crawford and Mr. Britz in this campaign excited perhaps less interest and enthusiasm than for many a previous campaign. The joint discussions were pitched on a high plane; there was an absence of personalities and the voters had really no excuse to become unduly exercised over the debates. At several points, appointment of the people assembled in the entire district with marked respect, and good order and the speaking over, penetrated the stillness with a few handclaps and went their way. There was a show of "feeling" just once. Mr. Crawford got mad. He admitted this later and in explanation said that he was aroused by reason of Mr. Britz's manifest unfairness relative to Mr. Crawford's vote on the car coupler bill. The occurrence was at Waynesville during the last debate. Mr. Crawford said afterwards that Mr. Britz, in his explanation, had had information of his own that (Britz) was not correct in his assertions relative to Mr. Crawford's vote on the measure he would make ample amends. At Waynesville Mr. Crawford handed Mr. Britz the record of the vote on Washington giving the correct position of Crawford on the matter and this record Mr. Britz declined to receive from Mr. Crawford, but reiterated his former charge. Mr. Crawford lost his temper and threw the book in Mr. Britz's direction, telling Mr. Britz that he had any sense to read it for himself.

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IRON AND STEEL EXPORTS

Increase of 25 Per Cent. Shown by Report of Department of Commerce

Exports of Iron and Steel Products for Nine Months Ended With September. Washington, Nov. 4.—A bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor says that exports of iron and steel manufactures show an increase of about 25 per cent. in the nine months ended with September, and imports of a similar character show also an increase of practically 25 per cent. in the same period as compared with the same months of the preceding year. Exports of all domestic products increased about 13 per cent. the bulletin says, and imports about nine per cent. Pig iron and iron ore imports aggregated over \$10,000,000 in the nine months ended with September, against about \$5,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1905 and about \$2,000,000 in 1904. The growth in exports of iron and steel manufactures in the nine months ended with September, 1906, than in any corresponding period of our export trade. The gain in those months over the corresponding period of the preceding year was over \$2,400,000. Comparing the figures of 1906 with those of a decade earlier, the exports of iron and steel show a gain of over 275 per cent. while the imports of iron and steel show meantime an increase of fifty per cent. Iron and steel exports in the nine months of 1906 were \$127,185,000, as against \$57,000,000 in the same time of 1905 and \$24,376,387 for the same time of a decade earlier.

PRESIDENT GETS ONE TURKEY

Desire of Visit to Virginia Hills Accomplished Saturday Afternoon—Now at White House Again—Goes to Oyster Bay To-day and to-morrow. Washington, Nov. 4.—The President spent the day at his home quietly. He denied himself to callers and none of the leaders visited him. It was said at State committee headquarters to-night that Mr. Hughes had been resting all day preparatory to the hard work before him to-morrow. Chairman Woodruff of the State Republican committee, was at headquarters for a short time but he had nothing to say on the probable result of Tuesday's vote, further than to reiterate his confidence in the election of Mr. Hughes. The usual Sunday before election gathering under the auspices of Tammany was held in Harlem. The speakers included Congressman M. Bourke Cochran and Francis Harrison. Mr. Cochran said that he believed the political movement headed by Mr. Hearst to be "inspired by God and therefore irresistible."

PRINCE HENRY IN WASHINGTON

Member of German Imperial Family Spends Several Hours as Guest of Ambassador at German Embassy. Washington, Nov. 4.—Prince Henry, of Prussia, member of the German imperial family, arrived in Washington to-day, being the guest of Ambassador Godefrid von Helldorf. The prince arrived at 11 o'clock and left at 4 in the afternoon, going for a short visit to a friend in New York. The visit of the Prince was entirely informal. No announcement of the visit was made to the State Department and consequently no formalities mark his coming.

Fish Leaves for New York

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, left for New York to-day after having been in consultation with vice president H. H. Harkins and other officials of the road. Mr. Fish was accompanied by J. B. Dill, general counsel for the railroad company. Mr. Fish said that his visit here was in connection with private matters and has a bearing on possible arrangements for the meeting of the board of directors in New York this week. He declined to discuss the presidency or any other matters pertaining to the affairs of the railroad.

Farmer Gored to Death by an Enraged Bull

Gallopis, O., Nov. 4.—Charles D. Bailey, 78 years old, who lives five miles above Gallopis, was attacked by an enraged bull, while crossing a field to-day, and gored to death. Mr. Bailey was one of the most prominent farmers in the section. He was a member of the local board of agriculture and served for many years as commissioner of Gallia county.

One Fireman Killed and Several Hurt in Big Fire

New York, Nov. 4.—One fireman was killed and four others seriously injured in a fire to-day that caused a money loss of \$75,000 in the building occupied by the New York Vesperian Printing Co. and the Pilgrim Steam Laundry in Brooklyn. The dead fireman was James W. McCouder, an engine man, and all the injured were members of his engine company. They were buried under a wall that collapsed.

Famine in Central China

Shanghai, Nov. 4.—Missionaries report a most severe famine in the northern part of the province, Central China. It is estimated that 10,000,000 people face starvation. Local magistrates are preventing people from leaving the region, but are taking steps to provide them with food and supplies. Serious disorders are feared.

Cotton Buyer is Arraigned

New York, Nov. 4.—Samuel Mandle, the cotton buyer of Saffra, Ga., who was arrested yesterday, is arraigned today on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. He is charged with conspiring with a number of other persons to defraud the cotton market. Mandle had nothing to say in court.

TWO FRENCH ESPIONAGE CASES.

Woman Tried to Give Belts for Stealing Plans of Fortifications—Other Defendant an Artillery Reservist

Paris, Nov. 4.—Two recent cases of espionage have attracted more or less attention here. A woman of Toulon, suspected of being a spy in the employ of a foreign power, was convicted last week on the testimony of a sailor, who swore she had tried to bribe him to steal the plans of certain fortifications and submarine vessels. The other case is that of Gaston Maitruge, an artillery reservist, who was arrested at Meaux for a trifling offense. When searched, the firing instructions for the French army and tracings of drawings of the mechanism of siege, field and other guns were found in his possession. Maitruge claims that he is simply interested in the question of armaments generally, but appearances are against him. His case is still pending.

A SUSPECT COMMITS SUICIDE.

John Hawkins Kills Himself at Abingdon, Tenn., on Hearing That He Was Implicated in the Murder of Mrs. William Garrett. Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 4.—As a sequel to the cold-blooded assassination of Mrs. William Garrett, at Abingdon, Tenn., last night, came the suicide to-day at Abingdon of John Hawkins, a near neighbor of the woman. His suicide followed his learning that he was under suspicion of the killing of Mrs. Garrett. Hawkins was a married man, about 30 years of age, and had a wife and three small children. His reputation had been excellent and he had never before been under suspicion of any crime. Hawkins became connected with the case by the discovery of a letter which had been written by Garrett and which is now in the possession of the Commonwealth's attorney. This letter, it is said, in a manner incriminates the dead man and Mrs. Garrett, although the woman is said to have lived in a way not to invite suspicion. Mrs. Garrett's assassination was a horrible affair, her head being partially blown off by two loads from a shot-gun.

WAS NO MAIL MATTER HELD UP

New York Postmaster Denies Report as to Campaign Literature at Substation Not Going Through. New York, Nov. 4.—Regarding the report that a large quantity of campaign literature deposited at a substation of the postoffice late last night, was held up pending a decision by a letter which had been written by Garrett and which is now in the possession of the Commonwealth's attorney. This letter, it is said, in a manner incriminates the dead man and Mrs. Garrett, although the woman is said to have lived in a way not to invite suspicion. Mrs. Garrett's assassination was a horrible affair, her head being partially blown off by two loads from a shot-gun.

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CORRUPTION IS CHARGED

PRACTICED BY TOBACCO TRUST

Massachusetts Senator Says Collier's Weekly Has Letters, Telegrams and Other Documents Which Show That He Had Been Bought by Tobacco Trust. Boston, Nov. 4.—District Attorney John B. Moran sent a letter to District Attorney Wm. T. Jerome, of New York, to-day, in which he stated that he was informed by State Senator A. D. Hughes, of Michigan, that there is in the possession of Collier's Weekly evidence in the form of original documents, letters, telegrams, secret codes, which tend to show that an organized method of legislative corruption is practiced by the so-called tobacco trust throughout the country.

The letter follows: "I am advised, I am informed by Senator A. D. Hughes, formerly a State Senator of Michigan, that there is in the possession of the proprietors of a publication by name Collier's Weekly, many letters, telegrams, secret codes, which tend to show that an organized method of legislative corruption is practiced by the so-called tobacco trust throughout the country. I am informed that some of the documents, copies of which I do not have, tend to show that several bills affecting the interest of the said tobacco trust, were defeated at the capital of this Commonwealth at the last session of our general court (Massachusetts Legislature) by practices which are a part of this systematic scheme. I am informed that the proprietors of the said Collier's Weekly have purchased the evidence for a large sum of money under a contract to publish the same not later than 10 weeks after the first day of August; that the last day for publishing has expired; that the said Collier's Weekly has refused to publish the same, according to contract. I am further informed that Collier's Weekly is delaying publication of this evidence in violation of its contract until after election, lest it should have an injurious effect upon Republican candidates on election day.

Therefore I respectfully request you to obtain the same evidence and transmit to me forthwith in order that I may begin an immediate inquiry into such acts occurring within my jurisdiction. My jurisdiction includes an examination of the said documents. In making public the letter, Mr. Moran also gave to the press copies of many letters, telegrams, secret codes, one letter being from Hughes. Hughes claims that he bought a factory in Marion, Ind., last April from former Senator O. A. Baker, and that the factory, Mr. Hughes found a desk which he asserts was full of correspondence and documents revealing certain transactions with the American Tobacco Company that he endeavored to induce Mr. Hughes, President Roosevelt and Governor Hanley, of Indiana, but was unsuccessful. He then sold the documents to Collier's under contract to be published Oct. 9th last.

COMMISSIONER WATSON'S PARTY OF IMMIGRANTS AT CHARLOTTE

Five Hundred People Arrive at Station—Charlotte's Applications Turned Down. Special to The Observer. Charleston, S. C., Nov. 4.—Mr. E. J. Watson, commissioner of immigration for South Carolina, is not only solving the labor problem for this State, but the servant problem as well. The steamer Watauga, which arrived at the steamship wharf when the immigrants were landed this morning from the Watauga. There were approximately five hundred men, women and children. The personnel of the crowd showed that Commissioner Watson had made a careful selection. The majority were Germans, but in the party was a number of attractive French servants. There was no tough element in the crowd. Some were common looking, but the majority were well dressed and intelligent. All had been employed in the States before the day was half over and to-night many are sleeping in new homes on South Carolina farms and in South Carolina towns, having been taken direct from the steamship to trains waiting at the wharf.

THE THAW CASE THIS WEEK

No. 3 on Reversal List of Homeless Cases—Sends Note That He Has Not Care to Talk. New York, Nov. 4.—The case of Harry K. Thaw is No. 3 on the reversal list of homeless cases and may be called this week. Thaw, who has been incarcerated since last June for killing Stanford White, the architect, at the Madison Square roof garden, sent this note to the newspaper men who made inquiries as to his whereabouts: "I do not care to talk in the case of Mr. Harbridge."

Count and Contents in Charleston

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WADE H. HARRIS

Wade H. Harris, a prominent politician, is reported to be in poor health. He has been suffering from a long illness and is expected to die soon.