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RESULT OF ELECTIONS YESTERDAY NOT DECISIVE VICTORY FOR EITHER SIDE

Democrats Re-elect Foss In Massachusetts But Lose New York Assembly Majority HAVE MORE SUCCESS IN WEST Principal Cities Of Ohio Choose Democratic Mayors, While In Kentucky There Is A Landslide For Democracy

Elections held yesterday in many States and cities throughout the country resulted in the election of Democratic Governors in Massachusetts, Kentucky and Mississippi, a Republican Governor in Rhode Island, a Republican Assembly in New York, which will challenge the continuance of Governor Dix's policies, a New Jersey Legislature with majorities probably not in accord with Governor Woodrow Wilson of that State, with results of the State elections in Maryland and New Mexico still in doubt. New York State elected a Republican Assembly thus depriving Governor Dix, Democrat, of the support he has heretofore had from a Legislature Democratic in both branches. The present New York Assembly has a Democratic majority of 24. The newly-elected Assembly will have a Republican majority of upwards of 30.

In New York City (Manhattan and Bronx) Tammany strength was materially reduced but its candidates for judicial and county offices, were elected by greatly reduced pluralities. In Brooklyn, the Fusion judicial and county candidates were successful with perhaps one exception. Early returns from the State election in Maryland were inconclusive as between Arthur P. Gorman, Democratic candidate for Governor, and Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Republican. On the first meager returns, Republican State Chairman Hanna claimed the State for Goldsborough. Mississippi elected a Democratic Governor and State officers by decisive majorities.

The municipal elections in Ohio resulted in the election of Henry T. Hunt, Democrat, as mayor of Cincinnati; Newton D. Baker, Democrat, as mayor of Cleveland; George J. Karb, Democrat, as mayor of Columbus. President Taft cast his vote for Cincinnati. In Kentucky James B. McCreary, Democrat, was elected Governor by a majority estimated at 20,000 to 40,000. A Democratic Legislature also was elected, which insured the choice of Congressman Ollie James as United States Senator from Kentucky.

The first election held in the new State of New Mexico is still in doubt, both the Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor claiming election on meager early returns. Indications point to a Republican Legislature which will elect two Republican United States Senators.

SOCIALIST GAINS. Socialists gained marked elections today and gave that party power in districts where heretofore it had been unable to muster a counting vote. In Schenectady, N. Y., the Socialists elected a mayor, all city officials except one and a majority of the county board. In addition the Assembly district in which Schenectady is located returned a Socialist assemblyman.

Ohio was another winning ground for the Socialists. The returns secured in some of the cities, in eight of which they elected mayors, give them a total of thousands in advance of any previous showing and puts them close in order, numerically, with the two old parties. In Ohio, as well, where actual Socialist candidates were not elected progressives of more or less radical views were returned by the Republicans. Beside Schenectady, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton were the most favorable cities for the Socialist party. In the second Kansas congressional district, where a successor to the late Congressman Mitchell was elected, the Socialists made extensive gains. In several other States, among them New Mexico, where Socialists had a full ticket in the field, further gains were predicted.

FOSS IS RE-ELECTED. Massachusetts Remains In Democratic Column But Majorities Are Small. Boston, Nov. 7.—On the face of the returns from 354 out of 1,070 election districts, the Democrats won the State election today, and kept Massachusetts in the party column by continuing Gov. Eugene N. Foss in office for a second term. The returns gave Foss, Democrat, 187,522; Frothingham, Republican, 177,971. Last year the same districts were won by Foss, Democrat, 201,524; Draper, Republican, 167,497. The margin of victory today was the narrowest in years and for hours after the close of the polls the result hung in the balance. Repub-

TAFT TALKS ON PEACE MANCHU RULE DOOMED

Is Guest At Luncheon Of Cincinnati Commercial Club There Seems No Hope Of Saving Even Nominal Throne DECLARATION FOR REPUBLIC Provinces North Of The Yang-Tse Join In Movement--Concerted Attack On Foreigners Not Feared

Peking, Nov. 7.—The legations consider that the end of the Manchu dynasty is imminent. There seems no hope of saving even a nominal throne for the emperor north of the Yang-Tse. The only force of Manchu troops large enough to cope with the local situation is in Peking, but there are indications tonight that the capital will be abandoned before many days by Chinese soldiers. Where the court will take refuge is a question. There are evidences that the court intended to proceed to Chang Kia Kau (Kaigan). Troops guarding the route to that town, which lies in the province of Chi-Li, 125 miles northwest of Peking, were expected to dynamite the tunnel after the passage of the train bearing the Emperor and his household. Reports have just been received that Chang Kia Kau is unsafe.

MEET WITHOUT QUORUM. The National Assembly is holding meetings without a quorum, but certain members are endeavoring to maintain a nucleus. Na-Tung, vice president of the privy council, has taken rooms for his office in a hotel in the Legation quarter. Prince Chang's palace seems deserted. It is believed he is in the forbidden city. American soldiers with a supply of skyrockets were sent to each outlying mission compound tonight. The legation has advised the Americans to come into the Legation quarter and other places of safety. A concerted attack upon foreigners is not feared, but there are many within the city who are opposed to foreigners. General Chang Shao-Ten, who was appointed by Imperial edict as envoy to the United States, has declined the appointment, saying that he preferred to remain with his own troops at Lanchow.

PEACE TREATIES. Retreating his theory of peace but advocating the fortification of the Panama canal, President Taft delivered the principal address before the opening session of the national conference of the American Society for International Disputes here today. He urged the ratification of the peace treaties between the United States and England and France, but at the same time urged precautionary measures in case of war.

MONARCHY OR REPUBLIC. New War Minister Is Committed to Neither One or Other. Shanghai, Nov. 7.—Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of the provisional government and the most important figure who has appeared on the revolutionary stage during the last few days, made it plain today that he is not committed to the idea of a republic, though he believes that the people and people alike will do better under a constitutional monarchy, but he declared himself in sympathy with the general revolutionary movement and said that heretofore the movement had set their hearts on a republic. He said: "Whatever the outcome of the present upheaval it would be for the advantage of China if the revolutionists succeed the question of whether the future government will be a republic or a constitutional monarchy will have to be decided. If it is to be the former, it will be a combination of the United States constitution with the acts of the German Federation. In any case new China will seek the franchise of foreign powers, and probably a revision of her treaties will ensue. Anyhow, China will be opened to foreign trade and the government and people will do their utmost to stimulate business and to develop the natural resources of the country. Foreign advisers of administrative capacity also will be needed."

CONDUCTORS ELECT OFFICERS. Charlotte Division O. R. C. Holds Important Meeting At Spencer. Special To The Observer. Spencer, Nov. 7.—At a meeting of the Charlotte Division No. 221, Order Railway Conductors, held in Spencer Sunday afternoon, the annual election of officers was held. The following men were elected to serve during the coming year: Chief conductor, W. S. Freeman; assistant chief conductor, J. D. Carter; secretary and treasurer, R. C. Bell; junior conductor, E. B. Blackwell; senior conductor, E. B. Fowler; outside sentinel, E. W. Waddell; outside sentinel, P. E. Thompson.

RIOTING IN TUNIS. Italians and Arabs Have Desperate Affray In Streets of City. Tunis, Nov. 7.—Groups of Italians and Arabs came into collision today and a desperate affray ensued. It required strenuous efforts on the part of the whole police force, reinforced by detachments of troops, to restore order. The rioting continued for a long time in different sections and revolvers were freely used. The number killed is estimated at from twenty to fifty.

METHODISTS IN SESSION

Western North Carolina Conference Convenes This Morning BISHOP HOSS WILL PRESIDE Broad Street Church At Statesville Scene Of Annual Gathering--Adjourn Monday

Special To The Observer. Statesville, Nov. 7.—At 9 o'clock in the morning the Western North Carolina Conference will convene in the Broad Street Methodist church, Statesville. Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., of Muskogee, Okla., will call the conference to order and during the sittings of the conference will preside. The conference will be in session probably until Monday night. It embraces the western half of the State, with a membership of 22,705. This is the twenty-second session dating from the division of the State into two equal conferences in 1891; or it is the seventy-fifth session dating from the first conference held in North Carolina. Every train brings in ministers, laymen, delegates, connectional officers, visitors, until the city is filled with eminent church workers, shaking hands, talking over the year's work, and anxious for the opening of the conference. When the conference was last held in Statesville, seventeen years ago, Dr. J. C. Rowe was the pastor and Rev. A. P. Tyre was presiding elder. New Elder Harold Curtis is the pastor and Rev. E. L. Bain is presiding elder.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE. Present at the conference seventeen years ago were four eminent ministers who were afterwards elected bishops. First in order of election is the presiding officer of this present conference, Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., L.L.D. Dr. Hoss was then editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the official organ of Southern Methodism, to which eminent position he was called while a student at Vanderbilt University. He was widely known as a great writer. His style was different from that of his predecessor, Bishop Fitzgerald, whose editorials had about them the charm and freshness



Rev. E. L. Bain, presiding elder of the Statesville district.

of a mountain stream. The writings of Dr. Hoss had the depth and sweep of the great stream. Dr. James Atkins, president of Asheville Female College, was a member of Trinity College. Every one felt that this was to be a great college, and all were anxious to see and hear the "man of the hour." Youthful he looked, and youthful he was for the position he held, being only 32. He preached Sunday night after his arrival and was greeted in the morning. His deep thought, glowing periods, and fiery eloquence charmed all and left none in doubt of his ability. He brought old Trinity up to be one of the greatest colleges in the South, and he is one of the great orators of the Southern pulpit. The fourth to be elected Bishop was Dr. Lambeth. GROWTH OF THE CHURCH. It is natural and easy to be reminiscent. As one looks at the handsome new church in which Bishop Hoss is to open the conference in the morning, memory glides back to the old brick church where Bishop Wilson presided seventeen years ago. That church was old staid, with one room and a high steeple that seemed to try to make up in the skies for what it lacked on the ground floor. This new church is modern, spacious, elegant. There were only 457 Methodists in Statesville then; now there are within a few of 1,000. The salary of the pastor has gone from \$900 to \$1,500, and a second church has been built. In the Western North Carolina Conference there were 64,636 members; now there are 82,607. The pastors were then paid \$7,000; now \$179,000. The value of the churches has gone from \$771,000 to \$1,905,000; 151 pastoral charges have grown to 223. The conference claimants were paid then \$2,705; now \$9,425. The Sunday school scholars have grown from 47,146 to 74,969. The educational assessment was then \$2,000; now it is \$13,555. The salary of the presiding elder has gone from \$10,000 to \$18,257. At that conference \$3,237 was raised for foreign missions; last year \$13,553 were raised, and the domestic missionary collection has gone

to \$13,553. (Continued on Page Seven.)

STATE SYNOD CONVENES

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session Begins In Second Church REV. W. R. WINTER MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Melton Clark of Greensboro Preaches Sermon For Retiring Moderator--Many Delegates Here. With a ringing pulpit message from Rev. Dr. Melton Clark of Greensboro and the election of Rev. W. R. Winter of Lincolnton to the high post of moderator, by acclamation, the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina convened here in its ninety-eighth annual session. The Second Presbyterian church on North Tryon street was well filled at 8 o'clock when the evening devotions were begun. All day long the population of Charlotte had been hurriedly increased by the arrival of ministerial and lay delegates from the far east, the far west, the Piedmont and the Piedmont regions of North Carolina. As many as came were warmly received and cordially welcomed, being dispatched into hospitable homes headquarters into gracious parlors which awaited their arrival. In addition to these there were present last night many Charlotte men and women who manifested unfeigned interest in the session's doings. The service was in a number of respects inspiring. Under the touch of Mr. H. J. Zehm the organ thundered forth rare harmonies in consonance with special vocal music rendered by the choir and the old-time hymns which were sung by the congregation with untiring power. Such stately yet thrilling gems of hymnology as "A Charge to Keep Have I" and "How Firm a Foundation" were rendered effectively, the voices of the large masculine contingent predominating. After preliminary devotional exercises, with Moderator A. M. Scates of Greensboro in the chair, his pastor, Rev. Dr. Melton Clark preached from the text, Acts, 5:29. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, 'We ought to obey God rather than men.'" The sermon was a plea for courage.

COURAGE ESSENTIAL. "If cowardice has any part to play



Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro, who preached the retiring sermon last night at the request of the retiring moderator, Hon. A. M. Scates, ruling elder of his church.

In the work of the kingdom of God, said Dr. Clark, in beginning, "I do not know what it is. The Church has always demanded from those who would enter its portals a courageous confession of faith. And this demand made on the threshold of the religious life does not cease there. Every child of God is expected to be a witness for the truth and by his life and works to convince men of the virtues of the redemption purchased by Christ. The last place in the world for cowardice is in the pulpit of the Church of Christ. I might with safety call it one of the unpardonable sins if the ministry, for the preacher must speak the truth without fear and without regard for the opinions of none. By this, I do not mean to say that physical bravery is essential in every one who would preach the gospel. That kind of courage is one of the most magnificent endowments a man can have. It wins always the approval of men. Whenever we see a man jeopardize his life in a good cause we sing his praises. North Carolina delights to lead the men who fought for this Commonwealth so valorously in the civil war. But that is the very lowest form of courage. True bravery is the courage of those who follow Christ in the pupil or in the pew, is the courage to speak the truth fearlessly, to be honest with that truth in reference to himself and to his fellow men. Any failure at this point will destroy the influence of a life of God. Many a sermon, faultless in form and in expression, has lost its force because the speaker had not the courage to utter the plain, hurting truth. Any man whose life has lost its usefulness and fails to express the truth that was in it because it was not accompanied by courage. Dr. Clark referred to the early times when Christians were led into the arena and given as prey to the wild beasts and thus laid down their lives for Jesus Christ. He declared that that same spirit of courage is as necessary today. "At that time the world was arrayed against the Church, but today we find the world, the flesh and the devil within the Church. We no longer and the tyrant grimly demanding that a man choose between life and death and Christ and death, but we find a thousand redoubtable influences urging a man to do anything but the right. Courage is demanded in every department of the Church of Christ. The Christians of the early days had it. May God grant that when the record of our lives shall be

presented before the committee. (Continued on Page Seven.)

OCTOBER WEATHER FAVORS MATURING OF COTTON CROP

Sunshine Abundant, the Weather Continued Warm Until Later Part of the Month When Frost Was General. Washington, Nov. 7.—The cotton-growing States had generally favorable weather during October according to the national monthly weather bulletin issued today by the weather bureau. Sunshine was generally abundant, the weather continued warm and conditions mostly were favorable for the early maturing and picking of the cotton crop. Frosts caused some damage over the north and northwest, but elsewhere above normal. Light to heavy frosts were generally in interior on 24th and 25th and killing frosts occurred in mountain counties. Conditions by States follow: Virginia, precipitation decidedly deficient in extreme southeast, but elsewhere above normal. Light to heavy frosts were generally in interior on 24th and 25th and killing frosts occurred in mountain counties. North Carolina, generally favorable, but not so in northern and western portions. Records of high temperature were broken on 7th. Precipitation, slightly below normal. South Carolina, large excess in precipitation over west. Sunshine greater than usual. Georgia, light harmless frosts in northern on 23rd and 24th. Abundant rains fell, restoring wells, small lakes and streams nearly to normal level. Florida, temperature above normal. Mild deficiency in rainfall. Weather sunny. Alabama, summerlike conditions prevailed first eight days, but light to heavy frosts occurred on 23rd. Drought conditions were observed over northern Mississippi, except along coast, frost occurred on 23rd, being generally heavy and locally killing. Louisiana, unusually warm, but 23rd and 24th were deluges with killing frosts in north, precipitation generally light. Texas, first freezing weather of season, with snow, occurred on 21st. Frost and heavy rain killing frost, on 22nd in northern Texas. Ample sunshine and precipitation generally deficient. Arkansas, generally fair, cold weather with some rain above normal, October 24th to 26th and 27th. Scattered showers occurring at frequent intervals. Tennessee, the month was unusually warm, with notable high temperatures from the 1st to 4th. Heavy to moderate frosts occurred in the northern portions on the 23rd. The rainfall was above normal at most eastern stations and generally deficient in the western part. Kentucky, temperature above normal, except several mornings. Missouri, sufficient moisture. First killing frost 23rd and 24th. Oklahoma, temperatures abnormally high. Heavy to killing frosts, but sunshine abundant. Rainfall unevenly distributed.