

WEEK'S FORECAST FOR MORE DEMOCRATIC GAIN



EIGHTH DISTRICT CLASSED DOUBTFUL

All Others in This State as Democratic—Total Number of Doubtful Districts Given as 40—Republicans Reasonably Sure to Carry 157 and Democrats 194.

THE DEFEAT OF STIMSON IN NEW YORK PREDICTED

Democrats Are to Have 20 Representatives in Next Congress from That State, Instead of 12 as at Present Is the Prediction.

New York Herald Syndicate. No. 1593 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Oct. 31. In the map which accompanies the Herald Syndicate's Congressional forecast this week there is much to encourage the democrats and to hearten the republicans. The districts reasonably sure to be democratic or showing a favorable inclination that way have increased from 179 a week ago to 194. The districts that are republican or show a strong inclination toward republicanism have grown from 151 to 157. The doubtful districts have decreased from 41 to 40.

Factional Fights. In perhaps 60 congressional districts which are close the result will be decided by "regulars" voting against the "insurgent" nominees and for the democrats, and by the "insurgents" voting against the "regular" nominees and for the democrats. One almost can picture the smile of contentment on the face of "Uncle Joe" Cannon as he surveys the situation in Iowa and Indiana. If the republicans are to save the house, then all surface signs have been falsified and a miracle will have been wrought in politics between now and election day. This is the inevitable conclusion being forced upon every one who has inquired into the situation where the campaign is now in full swing.

EXPRESS STRIKE STOPS BUSINESS

Industry Brought Virtually to a Standstill in New York—Wagons Are Heavily Guarded.

MAY CALL OUT ALL EXPRESS DRIVERS IN ENTIRE COUNTRY

A Hundred Patrolmen Assigned to Go on Wagons, and Extra Police Stationed Along the Routes. A strike of express company drivers and helpers, which has brought business here to a virtual standstill, is expected today to spread to stable hands. No express matter was moved during the early hours today, the companies apparently confining their attention to preparations to break the strike. No disorders were reported by the police in the early hours today. Strike breakers from Philadelphia are expected today. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, sends word from Boston that if necessary he will organize all express drivers in the country and call them out. A hundred patrolmen were today assigned to go on express wagons. Ten wagons were sent out by the American Express company, each with a uniformed policeman by the driver. Extra police were stationed along the thoroughfares. Two hundred strike breakers from Pittsburg will be put to work today. 1500 to 1800 More Called Out. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters called out this morning between 1500 and 1800 drivers and helpers employed by several subsidiary express companies. Efforts at strike breaking during the morning were apparently confined to the American Express company's service. It managed to move three big covered trucks. At the Adams company not a wheel was turned nor a package moved. Waybill Clerks Go Out. The waybill clerks of the American Express company, who have no organization and no special grievance of their own, met this morning, and decided to go out on a sympathetic strike this afternoon. Wagons Moved Under Strong Guard. Under strong guard both the Wells Fargo and United States Express companies moved a number of wagons in Jersey City this afternoon. There was no disorder accompanying the movement. Extensive Census Irregularities. Washington, Oct. 31.—Director Durand of the census bureau is preparing a statement regarding alleged fraudulent census returns from Fort Smith, Ark., and Great Falls, Mont., which will be given out soon. He says quite extensive irregularities were discovered at both places.

A Popular Parliament May Soon Be Assembled

Peking, China, Oct. 31.—It is believed the throne has decided to accede to the demand of the senate and provincial delegates for an early convocation of a popular parliament. In the senate today Prince Yu Liang, a member of the grand council, said the entire nation was agreed upon the necessity of the establishment of a general parliament. October 2, last, the new senate met for the first time. It was not expected it would accomplish much but reflect the wishes of the central government; but there was early developed an opposition party, which has conducted an active campaign looking to recognition of the senate by the grand council as a body with executive power rather than merely advisory.

QUINTET CAPTURED AT ACAPULCO, MEX.

Three Supposed to Be Los Angeles Dynamiters, Two Others Wanted for Taking Bank Funds. Acapulco, Mexico, Oct. 31.—From descriptions given by a detective agency. It is believed two of five men arraigned on the arrival here Saturday of the schooner Kate are William B. Evans, absconding teller of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Los Angeles, and H. Hamburg, an alleged accomplice. It is said \$11,000 has been recovered. May Be the Dynamiters. Washington, Oct. 31.—The state department is formally notified by the American ambassador to Mexico that the United States consul at Acapulco reports the detention there of five men suspected in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building. The consul was advised to supply further details direct to Washington. In the event the Los Angeles authorities are satisfied the men are involved in the dynamiting, steps for their extradition will be taken. Clerical-Anti-Clerical Collision; Several Wounded. Sunday Religious Procession in Spanish Province Results in Battle—Shots Exchanged. Madrid, Oct. 31.—A religious procession in Saragossa province yesterday resulted in a collision between clerical and anti-clerical partisans. Shots were exchanged, and several persons wounded.

DEFAULTER CAUGHT AFTER FOUR YEARS

Had Been Trying to Regain, in Western Mining, Money He Had Lost in Speculation in Market. Boston, Oct. 31.—Harold B. Faxon, a prominent business man of Quincy ten years ago, who suddenly gave up his position as paying teller of the People's National bank of Roxbury in 1906, returned today from Goldfield, Nev., in custody of a United States marshal, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with the embezzlement of \$7600 from the bank. Faxon tried to regain the money lost in stocks speculation by prospecting for gold in the west under another name. He was discovered and arrested last month. He was held in \$15,000 bail today for trial and went to jail in default of bail bond. CREW OF NORWEGIAN BARK RESCUED; THE VESSEL LOST. Men Taken off During the West India Hurricane, After Going Through Turbulent Experiences. Baltimore, Oct. 31.—The crew of the Norwegian bark Mastores, 17 men, was brought here today on the frigate Juan, from Jamaica. The men were rescued during the West India hurricane a week ago yesterday by the British bark River Plate. Their vessel was bound from Guipport, Miss., to Buenos Ayres. The Mastores was in a sinking condition. Members of the crew went through thrilling experiences.

INCENDIARY WORDS WERE PUBLISHER'S

Kreitler, Officer of Pressmen's Union, Says He Was Merely Quoting, in That Speech at Denver.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Albert B. Kreitler, third vice president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union of North America, today said in reference to a recent dispatch from Denver: "Press dispatches quoted me in saying, in a talk before the labor assembly at Denver, that 'the newspaper building would blow up before settlement would be made with the Pressmen's union and this lead the public to believe I had been advocating the perpetration of such a deed. A local publisher made the statement to me that he would see the building blow up before he would settle with the Pressmen's union.' In my talk I quoted this publisher to show his attitude toward the Pressmen's union. The incendiary words quoted were not mine, but those of this publisher. FORMER PORTUGAL PREMIER HELD IN BAIL OF \$200,000. Is Charged with Having Issued Many Illegal Decrees—Owens Joins Franco as He Leaves the Court. Lisbon, Oct. 31.—A crowd jeered former Premier Franco as he left court today, having been admitted to bail in the sum of \$200,000. Franco is charged, among other things, with having issued while in office 70 illegal decrees and with having liquidated the debts of King Carlos. Germany Still Delays Reply. Berlin, Oct. 31.—The German government continues to delay a definite reply to the American representations concerning the recently enacted legislation governing the potato industry. Having waited six weeks, the American representative is preparing to leave next Wednesday. THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Fair, warmer tonight; Tuesday, fair, with a few showers; Wednesday, fair, with a few showers; Thursday, fair, with a few showers; Friday, fair, with a few showers; Saturday, fair, with a few showers; Sunday, fair, with a few showers.

MOISANT WINS \$10,000 PRIZE

Flew 34 Miles in a Little More Than 34 Minutes, 38 Seconds, from Belmont Park to Miss Liberty and Back.

THE BIGGEST MONEY PRIZE OF THE LONG ISLAND MEET

This Is Day for Special Prizes, for Distance, Altitude and Grand Speed Contests—Weather Conditions Are Fairly Good. BELMONT PARK, Oct. 31.—By winning yesterday the \$10,000 prize for the fastest flight from here to the Statue of Liberty, in New York Harbor, and back, a distance of 34 miles, in 34 minutes, 38 seconds and a fraction, John B. Moisant, the American aviator, has won more money at the international meet than any other flyer. The Statue of Liberty prize was offered by Thomas F. Ryan. Claude Grahame-White, the Englishman, who won the zig race Saturday for the Gordon Bennett cup and a \$5000 cash prize, was a close second yesterday, being only 43 seconds slower in his flight to the Statue of Liberty and back than Moisant. Count De Lesseps, French, was third, occupying nearly 42 minutes. The scheduled meet closed with yesterday's events; today is an extra day for special prizes for the distance event, altitude and grand speed contest. The indications this morning were favorable for altitude and grand speed contest. The indications this morning were favored for excellent flying conditions. The air, however, is cold, militating against altitude flights. Three aviators flew from Belmont Park yesterday afternoon, circled the Statue of Liberty in aeroplanes, swept back through the upper air without mishap and alighted, chilled but exultant. John B. Moisant, flying for America, covered the estimated 39 mile course in 34 minutes 38.54 seconds; Grahame-White of England was second in 41:31.30, and Count de Lesseps of France was third in 41:55.25. De Lesseps Gets Away First. Hardly had the bomb announcing the Statue of Liberty flight exploded in midair when up from the field scurried de Lesseps in a 50-horse power Blériot. Gracefully he arose with the motor droning in perfect attunement, circled across the starting line and, as though to make sure that his machine was shipshape for a flight of 38 miles across beach, meadow, woods and bay, flew about the course and then pointed his prow upward and westward and went sailing majestically over the grand stand. Nothing daunted by the jump the Pressmen had got on him, Grahame-White in less than a minute was in the air in a Blériot of 30-horse power. Passing the grand stand at an elevation of about 1500 feet, de Lesseps then headed above the grand stand and swept across the Statue of Liberty and back.