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BATTLE ROYAL IN THE TENTH

Indications Point to Eventful Election—Workers at the Polls for Two Parties "Fight to Finish."

CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT OVERSHADOWS OTHERS

Republican Candidate Will Run Ahead of His Ticket, and Gudger Men Profound Confidence.

Buncombe suffragans moved into action early today, and surface indications point to a more or less eventful election. Moreover, there are indications, from both far and near, that work is being done with a minimum of hard feelings. Small bands of workers were observed at every polling place as soon as they were opened, and these grew in number as the day, the most ideal as to whether conditions advanced. In the early hours the democratic organization gave a demonstration of superiority at some points, that party having a larger number of active men on the grounds. This situation the republicans remedied to a great extent later on, and there is little doubt that, until the polls close at 5:35, it is going to be a "fight to the finish."

As foreseen would be the case, it is the congressional contest, the fight for supremacy between Messrs. Gudger and Britt, that easily overshadows all others. That the republican candidate will run ahead of his ticket, that he will receive an abnormal vote in some sections of the county, was clearly indicated early this afternoon. How this is going to effect general results it is much too early, of course, to say. It had been understood that a number of democrats would vote for Mr. Britt democratic votes are not materializing. At other points democrats admit that there is scratching, and that Mr. Britt is receiving some support beyond that normally polled by the republicans, but they reflect that Mr. Gudger has always lost a certain number of democratic votes, especially in Asheville. Shortly before noon Mr. Britt was called to Weaverville, and before leaving declared that he was well pleased with the way things were going.

Results at Noon.

The vote in the city is heavy, although it is stated at every precinct that it is about normal. The vote for the constitutional amendments will be almost unanimous in this city. By precincts the vote was as follows at 12 o'clock:

First, total vote of 98 with Gudger running with the ticket and very few challenges. Britt's vote being normal.

Second, with a total vote at noon of 196 and the votes coming in slowly and a few scattering. A heavy vote for the amendments being cast in this precinct. Gudger and Britt getting normal vote.

Third, with a total vote at noon of 195, Gudger running behind the county ticket. Britt's strength here is more than normal.

Fourth, with a total vote at noon of 215 and Gudger running 15 behind the county ticket. The vote here is about normal. J. E. Swan is being freely scratched for Vonno Gudger in this precinct. Gudger's home ward.

Fifth, with a total vote at noon of 91, Britt getting 39 and Gudger 47, with five votes scattering. There have been six challenges here to noon. It is a normal vote.

Sixth, with a total vote of 162, Britt running a little more than normal and Clark leading the republican ticket.

A supporter of Congressman Gudger who is thoroughly familiar with conditions in the county, and who generally has his figures on straight, made the statement shortly after noon, that while a number of democrats were scratching their tickets, his friends, the enemy, was doing likewise, and measurably the scratching would prove an offset. This man said he had made the rounds of the polling places, but saw no reason to change pre-election estimates, that Mr. Gudger would receive in the county a majority of some where in the neighborhood of eight hundred.

Weaverville reported a heavy vote about noon without much scratching, although a number of folded ballots were being voted, which opened a field for speculation. West Asheville reported Mr. Gudger ahead by about 25 votes at noon, with some known scratching, but not much. Mr. Britt was to some extent ahead of his ticket. Hillsboro reported 74 votes for Gudger and 91 for Britt, this appearing to be about normal.

Orders Attack on Turks

London, Nov. 3.—A dispatch from Tiflis, capital of the Russian government of Samekame, in trans-Caucasia, to Reuters says:

"It is announced that the emperor has ordered the Caucasian army to cross the frontier and attack the Turks."

Submarine Safe

Berlin, Nov. 3.—(Via The Hague and London.)—The German submarine which compassed the destruction of the British cruiser Hermes off Dover last Saturday has returned safely to port. This information is conveyed in an official announcement given out in Berlin relating the loss of the British warship. The name of the submarine which took part in this engagement is not given.

GOOD VOTE OUT IN SOLID SOUTH

Tennessee Holds Center of Interest With Bitter Contest Between Hooper and Rye.

KEEN CONTEST IN NINTH OF VIRGINIA

Progressives Making a Hard Fight in Third Louisiana—Fair Weather Prevails in Southern States.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 3.—Early indications were that the balloting today in the "solid south" might be heavier than usual in other than presidential elections owing to the efforts of the democratic managers to get out a full vote. Fair weather prevailed almost without exception in all the southern states.

Tennessee held the center of interest owing to the bitter campaign that has been waged between Ben W. Hooper, republican incumbent, and Thomas C. Rye, the democratic nominee for governor. The early vote was heavy.

In Alabama little interest was manifested excepting in the seventh congressional district where Representative John L. Burnett, democrat, is opposed by Thomas H. Stephens, republican.

A keen contest is on in the ninth district of Virginia, where R. Tate Irvine, democrat, seeks to succeed Representative C. Bascom Slemp, the lone republican congressman from that state.

Early reports from the third congressional district of Louisiana indicated that the progressives are making a hard fight to elect W. P. Martin who is opposing Henry Gueydan, democrat.

A light vote was reported early today in Arkansas except in the third and fourth congressional districts where the democratic nominees have decided opposition.

Heavy Early Vote.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3.—Fair weather brought out a heavy early vote today in Kentucky where the contests are confined to the election of eleven representatives in congress; two United States senators and a judge of the state court of appeals. Interest centers largely in the senatorial race for the full term between J. C. W. Beckham and Augustus E. Wilkinson, both former governors of Kentucky and in the prospect of a close vote in the tenth congressional district.

Texas Amendments.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 3.—Chief interest in today's election in Texas centered in an attempt by about two score counties to have their voters express opinions on cotton reduction and on three constitutional amendments. These amendments were the initiative, referendum and recall, increasing pay of legislators and drainage district improvements, including gulf sea walls. The weather was good and early voting light. The usual solid democratic election was indicated.

Alabama: Light Vote.

Birmingham, Nov. 3.—The early balloting indicated that a light vote would be polled in Alabama elections today. The weather is fair throughout the state but little interest was manifested by the voters, excepting in the seventh congressional district where Representative John L. Burnett, democrat, is opposed by Thomas H. Stephens, republican.

Georgia: Fairly Heavy.

Atlanta, Nov. 3.—Reports of the early balloting from over the state indicated that a fairly heavy vote is being polled today in Georgia. The progressives in various districts were active in getting out their supporters in order to make as good a showing as possible in the election.

In Louisiana.

New Orleans, Nov. 3.—Threatening weather greeted voters who went to the polls early today in parts of Louisiana. First reports from the third congressional district where a stirring fight has been waged between democrats and progressives, were that the early voting was heavy. Voting was spirited in the country section of the second district, where also the progressives have been active. Early polling in the city and balance of the state did not indicate a heavy vote, although 17 constitutional amendments are to be ratified or rejected and two state offices filled.

Oklahoma: Much Interest.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 3.—Much interest in the election in Oklahoma today centered in the contest for re-election of United States senator Thomas P. Gore, opposed to his left by John H. H. Burford, republican, and W. O. Cromwell, progressive.

The gubernatorial contest is four-cornered, with R. L. Williams, democrat; John Fields, republican; J. E.

BRITISH WARSHIPS ATTACK THE TURKS

Bombard Turkish Town-- Efforts At Conciliation Were Fruitless.

TUMULT ROLLING BACK FROM COAST

The German Attack Shifted South-- Austrians and Germans Are Hammering Russians.

Great Britain and Turkey London observers to have been repulsed decisively. But this has been a terrible cost to the flower of the British army, which apparently has suffered as severely as did the Belgian forces which bore the first brunt of the sea coast battle. Concerning the situation along the river Aisne the reports from Berlin and from Paris are sharply contradictory. The Germans declare they have made distinct progress while the French assert that all the violent German assaults have failed completely.

Eastern Arena.

In the eastern arena the Russian right wing which rests on the frontier of East Prussia, evidently has been sustaining determined attacks from the Germans. In the meantime the Austrians, hundreds of miles away, still threaten the Russian left wing. Reports of the fall of Przemysl are declared by Petrograd to be premature and due to the capture of 4,000 men of the Przemysl garrison together with a large amount of arms and equipment, when a sortie was attempted.

French Statement.

Paris, Nov. 3.—The French official announcement given out this afternoon says the Germans would appear to have completely abandoned the left bank of the Yser below Dixmude, and that troops of the allies have re-occupied points on the river without great difficulty.

The text of the communication follows:

"On our left wing the enemy seems to have completely abandoned the left bank of the Yser down stream from Dixmude, and reconnaissance by troops of the allies undertaken on the highways in the inundated regions were successful in re-occupying points of passage across the river without great difficulty.

To the south of Dixmude and in the direction of Gheuvit our advance was particularly perceptible.

"In the region to the north of the Ysa in spite of determined attacks by the Germans in considerable force, our front was everywhere maintained or re-established by the end of the day.

"Fresh attacks by the Germans on the environs of Arras and against Libon and Le Queenois-En-Santerre resulted in failures.

"On the center, in the region of the Aisne to the east of the forest of Aigue, we have made some progress. To the east of Vailly, according to the latest news those of our troops who held the positions on the slopes of the plateau to the north of the villages of Chavonne and Soupir, had been compelled to draw back into the valley to the east of this location. We have maintained our positions at Amont on the right bank of the river.

"There was violent cannonading during the day between Rhema and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse.

"Further efforts on the part of the Germans in the forest of Argonne have been checked.

"We have continued to make progress to the northwest of Pont-Mouron.

"On our right wing there have been some engagements. Our arms along the river Sella."

CHARLOTTE GETS LOCAL AGENCY?

Reported That Southern Will Remove Colonel Wood to Another Point.

That the Southern railway has or will in the near future abolish its land and industrial agency in Asheville, which has been in existence for a long time, is the report that has been officially circulated, and is said to be correct, for the past several days in railroad and industrial circles.

Col. T. Gilbert Wood, land and industrial agent of the Southern railway has not been in the city for some days and for that reason a confirmation could not be secured from him by The Gazette-News this morning. Secretary N. Buckner of the board of trade had heard the report but he was not officially informed. It is understood that the land and industrial agency here will be transferred to Charlotte and that Col. Wood has already gone to that city to take charge. The same kind of an agency heretofore maintained at Columbia has likewise been combined with the Charlotte office. Knoxville and Bristol land and industrial departments of the Southern railway have recently been consolidated with the Chattanooga office.

Col. M. V. Richards has charge of the land and industrial work of the Southern with offices in Washington. The territory of Col. Wood has been rather large and as a result of his activities considerable work has been done, especially in western North Carolina for the benefit of farmers, cattle raisers, dairymen, fruit growers and others.

This rumored action on the part of the Southern railway in taking away from Asheville an important office comes upon the heels of the recent announcement of a number of passenger trains in and out of the city and the removal of dining car service on four important trains. The latter steps were taken, Southern railway officials, by reason of passenger inactivities due to the European war.

Some action may be taken, in the form of petitions or otherwise asking that Asheville's heretofore great railroad advantages be not further curtailed by the high officials of the Southern system.

States senator and this was augmented by the bitter fight that has been waged between the "wet" and "dry" forces over two liquor amendments, one of which asked for state-wide prohibition.

In Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3.—Fair and warm weather prevailed throughout Missouri today and scenes at the polls at the opening hours indicated a heavy vote would be cast.

The voting was slow on account of the long referendum ballot.

Heavy in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—The early vote in Chicago was unusually heavy today and the few reports from down state indicated similar activity. Although women cannot vote for United States senator apparently there was one woman's vote cast early to every three by the men.

In Colorado.

Denver, Nov. 3.—Clear skies and moderate temperature brought out a heavy vote in the early hours of the day. Last night saw the close of an active campaign in which prohibition and labor issues aroused intense interest.

Colorado is electing one United States senator, four representatives and a complete state ticket. The ballot carries sixteen initiated and referred measures, including a constitutional amendment providing for state-wide prohibition.

Predict Heavy Vote.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3.—The strenuous campaign for the governorship made by Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris, democrat, and former Governor Chase S. Osborn, republican, caused all party leaders to predict a heavy vote in Michigan today.

When the polls opened generally fair weather was reported. If the democrats win, Governor Ferris will be the first democratic governor re-elected in Michigan.

Kansas Women Vote.

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 3.—With probably two hundred thousand Kansas women voting for congressional and gubernatorial candidates for the first time, and the male electors divided in bewildered fashion apparently any result was considered possible in this state today. Returns promised to be slow because of the new Massachusetts ballot law which is being given its first test. Fair weather aided in increasing the vote.

Rush for Polls.

Milwaukee, Nov. 3.—There was a rush for the polls when the booths opened in Milwaukee at 6 o'clock this morning starting the contests in the state-wide election in Wisconsin. Interest here was keen on account of the socialist-democratic vote, that party having made a strong campaign in the interest of two congressional nominees and a county ticket. The polls will remain open until 8 o'clock this evening. The weather is clear.