

REPUBLICANS CLUTCHING AT STRAWS AND HUGHES DECLINES TO CONGRATULATE THE PRESIDENT YET; SEEMS NOT TO WORRY

is Fraction of a Chance That Mistake Might Give Him Victory, Adherents of G. O. P. Candidate Hold—Final Results in Several States Not Had Yet, Although Democrats Have Them Safe From Indications—Only Errors Can Put Most of Them In Hughes Column—Wilson's Friends Urge Him to Take Vacation—Germany Satisfied With Outcome—America Will Remain Neutral, Press of Nation Thinks

(By PERRY ARNOLD)

New York, Nov. 11.—Charles Evans Hughes lets his telegram of congratulations to Woodrow Wilson await the official count in California, New Mexico, North Dakota, New Hampshire and possibly other states. If the official count confirms the apparent Wilson victory, the Republican nominee does not wish court proceedings, and he has the final say.

The reason the Republicans are unwilling to concede defeat is that in the five states whose vote is still incomplete, eight thousand votes might shift the tide of victory. Errors involving several thousand votes are often discovered in recounts, the Republicans contend, and they might easily have occurred in the excitement of tabulating one of the closest elections in American political history. Round numbers show Wilson has a lead in California of 3,300; New Mexico 2,300; North Dakota 1,500; in Minnesota Hughes has a 600 lead, with the soldier vote uncounted, and New Hampshire gives less than 100 margin for Wilson. The electoral vote in these states, where the margin is less than 8,000 totals 37. The Republicans figure that Minnesota for Hughes will bring his total to 255, eleven below the necessary 266. If a recount shows New Hampshire to be Republican, it will bring Hughes' total to 259, and should he gain several of California's votes on a split, then he would arrive at the point where North Dakota's five or New Mexico's three would put him over. One consolation of the Republicans is that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives has been swept away.

Wilson Needs Vacation.

Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 11.—Glad the election is over, President Wilson is taking his first complete rest since the opening of the campaign. During the day he drove through the hills here, and planned to see a football game at Williams College this afternoon. He leaves at 5 o'clock for Rhinecliff, N. Y., where he boards the presidential yacht Mayflower for a cruise down the Hudson to New York. He expects to attend religious services there Sunday and to leave on an afternoon train for Washington. His friends are urging him to take a fortnight's vacation before resuming his official duties.

Hughes Shows No Sign of Trouble.

New York, Nov. 11.—Outwardly, at least, Charles Evans Hughes is not showing any signs of disappointment that he has just lost out on the biggest job in America. The man who said two days before the election, "If I'm elected, as I expect to be," and said it with conviction ringing in his voice, was today just as imperturbably unconcerned as when a short six months ago he was sitting on the Supreme Court bench in judicial calm. Mr. Hughes was greatly moved Wednesday when, after going to bed Tuesday night believing he was elected, he awoke to find himself defeated. But today he exhibits no signs of discomposure. The greatest factor in maintaining a smooth balance in the Hughes household is Mrs. Hughes, her husband's adviser and comforter throughout the campaign. Hughes' heart is warmed at the handsome majority his home State accorded him. Neither Mr. Hughes nor his personal staff have yet conceded defeat. They are particularly interested in the enormous increase in the total ballot in California. It is understood a quiet investigation is under way.

Germany Surprised; Gratified.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—Great surprise is expressed in the German press over the American election. "President Wilson's re-election strengthens our confidence that the United States will remain neutral. Our relations with America will continue unchanged," say newspapers.

LENOIR'S SOLDIERS GAVE NO VOTE FOR LOCAL REPUBLICAN

Majority of 55 for County and District Democrats In Balloting

LABOR OF LOVE WAS LOST

Boys Voted Without Chance to Do Good—Planned to Tease the Pennsylvanians, Strongly Radical, If Wilson Won

Although their ballots stood for naught, since North Carolina has no law providing for the validity of votes of soldiers out of the State as have some Northern States, the Lenoir county boys at El Paso, Texas, turned out in fair force to support their nominees in the recent elections. First Lieut. J. O. H. Taylor, Company B, Second Infantry, forwarding "the official returns" of the balloting on county nominees to Democratic County Chairman G. V. Cowper, declares that every local Democratic candidate and State Senator-elect W. D. Pollock received 55 votes, State Senator-elect Furney Brock received 54, very Republican local candidate O. There was no Republican present.

A vote of sentiment was taken in E company's street on the national election in which the men of several organizations participated. Fourteen G. O. P. men turned up in that, but Wilson's majority was an even 90. Practically all the troops of the 50,000 at El Paso voted either legally or to "show their colors," Lieut. Taylor states. The Pennsylvanians, next-door neighbors to the Tarnells, were giving a big majority, and legally, for Hughes. The Carolina boys were planning bonfires and a demonstration for the Pennsylvanians' benefit in the event of Wilson's election.

Judges of the election from Lenoir county were: Democratic, Capt. A. L. C. Hill; Republican, —. Poll-holders, Democratic, First Sgt. F. T. Williams; Republican, Private W. H. Kennedy. Local members of Company B, the supply company and the headquarters company (including the 1st of the Second Infantry participated in the balloting.

EJECTED FROM HOME OF SISTER BY POLICE

Warrants at the police station on Saturday morning were returned against the following: Zeno Ham, charged with raising a disturbance and refusing to leave the home of Mrs. Sallie Daughety, said to be a sister of the defendant, when ordered to do so. T. E. Thaxton, alleged to have assaulted J. P. Barnes with the butt-end of a buggy whip. Ira Davis, accused of an assault with a knife on Tom White. Rena Hooker, charged with assaulting Laura Biggs with her fist. Ham was locked up on the charge by Mrs. Daughety Friday night.

COTTON

The Norfolk and Kinston markets paid identically the same as the high price for cotton Saturday, 18.5-8.

More than 150 bales had been sold here by 3 p. m.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	19.35	19.37
March	19.51	19.57
May	19.75	19.68
July	19.75	19.68
Dec	19.33	19.31

the women's request, and some of them remained, although a number declared the time not propitious for the task. The members of the organization have extended thanks to the Mayor and other authorities for their assistance and a promise to dispose of the rubbish collected.

HOSPITAL LEGALLY PASSED, DR. HYATT STILL RETREATING BEFORE ROUMANA'S

If Validity Is Questioned Way Is Open for Contest, Declares—Pitt Will Follow Lead of Lenoir, Predicted

"Several of the friends of the county hospital are apprehensive that we will not get the hospital because the election was not carried by a majority of the registered vote," says Dr. H. O. Hyatt, in a letter to The Free Press. "The enabling act, chapter 42, Laws of 1913, says: 'If a majority of votes cast at such election on the proposition so submitted shall be in favor of a — cent tax for a bond issue for a public hospital and maintenance of same, the Board of County Commissioners shall levy the tax so authorized.' The act is mandatory.

"If the opponents of the hospital want to contest the matter, the way is open. "Pitt county is now in the heat of a hospital canvass. Their election will be held on December 5th. The enclosed letter from Greenville will be consolation to those who are fearful of the outcome: Dr. H. O. Hyatt, Kinston, N. C. My dear Dr. Hyatt: Congratulations, and I trust you will be able to return them on December 5th. Do not worry about Article 7, Section 7.

Bicker is strongly in favor of county hospitals. As Attorney General, he considers them necessities. As Governor he will not change his opinion. North Carolina's Supreme Court has got too much sense to consider the community hospital as anything other than a necessity. Send me all the stuff you have got. I'm going to need it, particularly newspaper editorials. Very sincerely your friend, CHAS. O'H. LAUGHINGHOUSE"

GOING TO ASK COL. HOW ABOUT IT NOW

Roosevelt Was Doubly Thankful; Kinston Democrats Want to Know What For—Mrs. Hughes' Chagrin Must Have Been Great—Local Teachers Interested in Politics

A party of local Democrats Saturday were planning a telegram to a certain celebrity at Oyster Bay who last Tuesday night, according to a news service bulletin, announced that he was doubly thankful to the American public, etc. The Colonel at that time thought Whiskers was elected. The local Democrats probably would not get a reply nor a smile nor even a sneer, it was presumed, but there have been a lot more foolish things done in the past half week than wiring Roosevelt to jibe the old boy. His attention was to be called to the River of Doubt and the like.

According to New York papers, when several of the metropolitan journals proclaimed the election of Hughes, Mrs. Hughes grabbed, embraced and hung to her august husband and addressed him as Mr. President. Probably Mr. Hughes was not so badly disappointed as Mrs. Hughes over the ultimate result. It's a way that women have of doing things. When there was grave doubt on Wednesday Supt. Curtis of the Kinston Schools put in a strenuous time. Not the pupils, but the teachers, clamored for the news.

Mr. Eliaba B. Lewis is wearing a new hat. It's about a \$3 hat. It's real pretty. He did not state who paid for it. Congressman Kitchin's secretary looks good in most anything; he says this is a Wilson hat, but the color certainly is blue or of a delicate greenish cast, indicating illness or something of the sort.

VON MACKENSEN IS STILL RETREATING BEFORE ROUMANA'S

Fired Czernavoda Before Evacuating Town—British Take Another Portion of Famous Regina Trench In Night Attack

(By the United Press) London, Nov. 11.—The British, in the face of a terrific fire, last night stormed and captured the eastern portion of the important Regina trench, of which a portion was captured on October 21. General Haig reports. German Retreat Continues. Reme, Nov. 11.—General Von Mackensen's retreat from Czernavoda, Dobruja, continues, say wireless reports from Bucharest. It is believed the Teutons set fire to Czernavoda before evacuating.

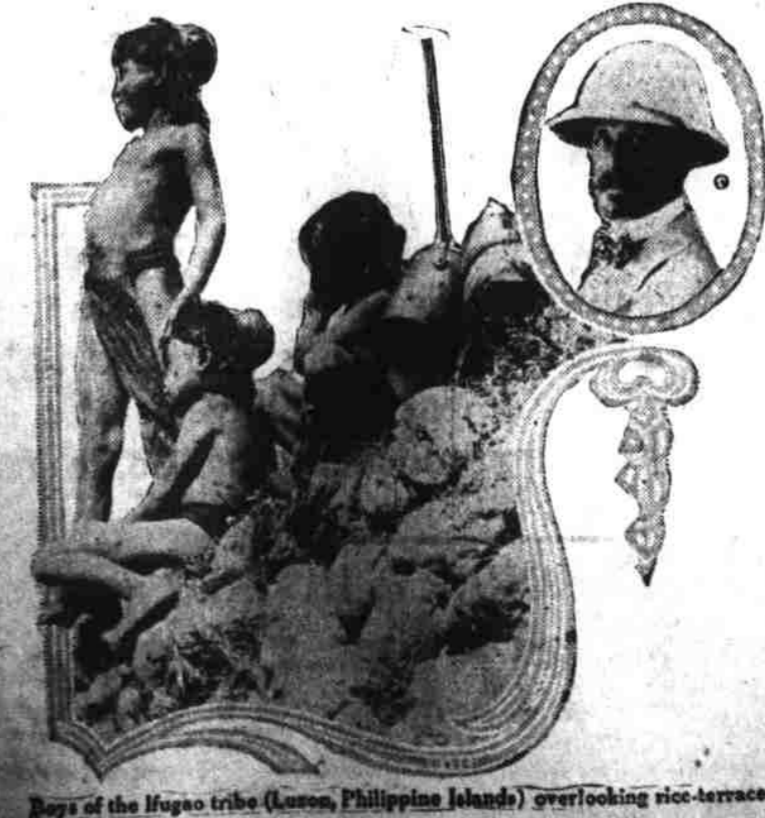
Swiped Car.

Boys stole an automobile belonging to Mr. Clarence Oettinger Friday night and had a gay time with it until they nearly ran down a man who investigated. The thieves abandoned the car, and the man who had the close shave reported to the police, who turned it over to the owner Saturday.

Tom Lindsay Wins Suit.

Tom Lindsay, the lecturer, well known here and a frequent visitor to Kinston, was Friday awarded \$3,000 in Superior Court at Durham for injury sustained in an accident on the A. C. L. Railroad. Lindsay asked \$10,000. He suffered a dislocated hip as the result of a defect in a car door which caused him to get a foot caught, with the resultant injury.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



STATE CONVENTION CHRISTIAN CHURCH OPENS MONDAY P. M.

Preparations Complete—Sessions In Gordon Street Church—Mr. Hall Will Preach Convention Sermon—Lasts Four Days

The Christian Church Convention for North Carolina will convene in the Gordon Street church here Monday night. A large attendance is expected. Speakers from other states will be from Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and the District of Columbia.

Preparations are about complete. The task of providing homes for the delegates has been a big one, but the congregation have responded splendidly, and a few others have opened their homes, so that it is hoped that sufficient provision has been made. Delegates and visitors began arriving Saturday afternoon, and by Monday night a large number will be here. Rev. Preston Bell Hall of New Bern will preach the convention sermon Monday night. The sessions will last through Thursday.

Jail Kitchen.

Work on a kitchen annex to the county jail is nearing completion. The annex is of brick. The porch of the jail has been torn away and will be replaced with a larger one. The kitchen will be well-equipped and will contain a range ample to take care of the prison's capacity. A garage for the county's motor vehicles close by the jail was recently finished.

MONTANA LIKELY TO HAVE WOMAN ONE MEMBER IN HOUSE

Miss Jeanette Rankin Now Leading Her Democratic Opponent—Uncle Joe, Champ Clark, Longworth, Mann, Return

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 10.—A Missoula, Montana, dispatch says Miss Jeanette Rankin, Republican, is commanding a lead over Harry B. Mitchell, her Democratic opponent, for a seat in the House of Representatives. If elected she will be the first skirted legislator in the history of the country.

Uncle Joe Cannon, sage of long cigars, good stories, the parlor and otherwise, will be returned. Also Champ Clark, Claude Kitchin, Nick Longworth, son-in-law of Roosevelt, and Republican Leader Mann.

OFFICIAL FIGURES ON THE BALLOTING IN LENOIR COUNTY

Following are the totals for candidates in the recent election in Lenoir county, as certified by the Board of Elections after completing the canvass late Thursday:

- National and Congressional: President, Wilson, 1,715, Hughes 667. Congressman, Kitchin, 1,678; Dixon 611. State: Governor, Dieckert 1,686, Linney 668. Lieut.-Governor, Gardner 1,699, Jenkins 668. Secretary of State, Grimes 1,699; Shroud 662. Auditor, Wood 1,701, Wood 668. Treasurer, Lacy 1,703, Harris 662. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joyner 1,699, Pugh 662. Attorney General, Manning 1,703, Parker 668. Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Shipman 1,702, Jordan 668. Commissioner of Agriculture, Graham 1,708, French 662. Corporation Commissioner, Lee, 1,704, Faison 662. Insurance Commissioner, Young 1,702, Garden 668. Judge in Third district, Kerr 1,703, Snipes 662. Judge in Eighteenth district, Stacy 1,703, Mears 662. State Senators, Pollock 1,755 and Brock 1,726. County: Representatives, Brothers 1,708, Brown 682. Treasurer, Dawson 1,731, Daughety 660. Register of Deeds, Pridden 1,785, Sutton 668. Surveyor, Loftin 1,730, Phillips 668. Coroner, Wood 1,733, Vause 660. Sheriff, Taylor 1,874 (leading ticket), Sutton 692. Commissioners, Church 1,1603, Wood 1,617, Whitfield 1,649, Brown 1,674, Sutton 1,648, Knox 667, Scarborough 670, Garriss 675, Stroud 670, Spence 669. Amendments: For 644, against 167. County hospital, For 1,064, against 605.

TOBACCO SOLD NEAR HALF MILLION MARK

Tobacco sales here Friday were the heaviest of the week, probably, totalling 180,500 by estimates from the warehouses at 2 o'clock. Prices were practically unchanged. The general quality of the weed handled was very good.

MINNESOTA STILL ON THE FENCE, SAYS

Mr. L. K. Wooten is in receipt of a telegram from Duluth, Minn., sent by Mr. W. H. Mescham, well known here, Friday morning, saying: "Minnesota's vote will not be definitely decided until next Tuesday, when 2,000 National Guard votes will be counted. Wilson has an excellent chance of carrying the State. A recount will be called for in any event."