

## 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 nominees 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 imperiously 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.

## COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE MINCHER CASE TO HIGHEST COURT

Following the handing down of an opinion by the Supreme Court finding no error in the sentence of E. W. Mincher, an ex-convict guard to one year for whipping a prisoner, the Board of County Commissioners, who backed Mincher, are undecided as to what action they will take. Judge Bond sentenced Mincher. An appeal was taken immediately. The Commissioners maintained that whipping was necessary to discipline in the convict camps.

### MEMBER CREW TELLS WHAT FIGHTING FROM TANK CAR IS LIKE

London, Oct. 26.—(By Mail)—A young Australian soldier, wounded while serving as one of the crew in a "tank" has given the world the first real story of what happens when this new engine of war goes into action. His diary of a week's work in an armored juggernaut follows:

Monday—Out for the first time. Strange sensation. Bullets rained down on a galvanized roof. Suddenly gave a terrible lurch. Lookout! We were astride an enemy trench. "Open 'em Hell" was the order. We did. The frightened Germans ran like rabbits. They were shot down in places. Machine-guns started vomiting fire on our "chicks." Not the least impression. Moved on and caught another German detachment. Put their ranks to ribbons. Prisoners very courteous stared at us wide-eyed. First day's experience not pleasant. "Fark" sickness is as bad as seasickness.

Tuesday—Off for another cruise. Campaign began at once. Thought we were going to drown in the power of bullets. Silly British thought they could rush the tank. In fact, we fired at them until they were gone. We got at them very much. The blessed old tub gave a lurch. I thought it was goodbye to earth. It was only some German dead and wounded we had skidded into. Bab of bullets sounded like hundreds of rivets being driven into the tank's hide. We got to like the regular rhythm of it. Heavier strumming on our keyboard. Machine-gun at it. There was a tremendous thud along about this time. Whole outfit thought we were done for. Only some unwieldy obstacles along an enemy parapet. Some Huns tried the rushing dodge. Their rushing days are over.

And on through the week till Sunday frightening the Germans continued. Laddled out death as you might vamp out music from a hurdygurdy. Fritz got fits. No fight left in him. Prisoners scared to death. Some of them acted as though they believed we used our tanks for making sausages out of prisoners.

### —NEGROES LIFT PAY OF RAILROAD MAN

Wilmington, Nov. 10.—Robert Ingram, a young white flagman of the Coast Line, was held up by highwaymen and robbed last night, when he was returning to his home after leaving his work. Mr. Ingram drew his month's pay, which amounted to about \$100, at the transportation office immediately after his run. The negroes made their getaway in an automobile after throwing their victim in the street.

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 ASSURES SKEPTICS

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.

Bleets 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'IL LAUGHINGHOUSE"

### WEST CAROLINIAN KILLS SON-IN-LAW

Asheville, Nov. 10.—Charles Garren, a prosperous farmer living at Asden, shot and almost instantly killed his son-in-law, Otis Ledbetter, at Asden, last night. It is claimed that Garren was drinking, and that he and Ledbetter got into an argument regarding whether a certain automobile had passed through.

## VON MACKENSEN IS STILL RETREATING BEFORE ROUM'NIANS

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. Germa Retreat Continues. Rome, Nov. 11.—General Von Mackensen's retreat from Czernavoda, Dobudja, continues, say wireless reports from Bucharest. It is believed the Teutons set fire to Czernavoda before evacuating.

### NOT MUCH DOING IN WAY OF CELEBRATION

Kinston's celebration of Wilson's election, spread over two nights, failed to develop to the scale that was anticipated. Thursday and Friday local Democratic leaders announced that they were planning for a glorious time on Friday night, but there was something wrong with the plans. However, Kinston did most of the celebrating. There was no auto parade, no torchlights, no bell-ringing, no bonfires, on Friday night. Hundreds of persons waited on Queen street to see what would be pulled off. Kids, a few in costume, cut up and fired small calibre popcrackers, otherwise everything was quiet and calm. The threat of rain kept a lot of folks away who would have come from the country. Some of the Democratic officers-elect and officials who should have made the preparations were busy, there was not sufficient time the weather was not propitious, and other reasons were advanced. All through the section a number of small celebrations have been and are being held yet, however.

### MILITIAMEN HEALTHY LOT OF YOUNGSTERS

Washington, Nov. 10.—Reports on the condition of troops on the Mexican border, announced by the War Department today for the week ending November 4, show the per cent. sick of the militia to be 2.23, with five deaths, as compared against 1.99 and one death for the week previous. The per cent. sick of regulars was 3.09, with five deaths, against 2.90 and two deaths.

## 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.

### 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, clattered for the news.

Mr. Elisha 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 Kitchen'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 success or something of the sort.

### 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

### 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 Deugherty, said to be a

## 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, every Republican local candidate 0. There was no Republican present.

A vote of sentiment was taken in B company's street on the national election in which the men of several organizations participated. Fourteen J. 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 Tarheels, 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. L. Williams; Republican, Private W. H. Kennedy. Local members of Company B, the supply company and the headquarters company (including band) of the Second infantry participated in the balloting.

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press) Petrograd, Nov. 11.—The Russian fleet is assisting the Slavonic armies in Dobrudja, it is officially stated. Warships have bombarded Constanza, recently occupied by Von Mackensen, inflicting great damage.

### FRENCH WANT GREAT SUPPLY OF COPPER.

New York, Nov. 11.—The French are negotiating in the United States for \$60,000,000 worth of copper.

### HUGHES STILL SILENT ON ELECTION RESULT

New York, Nov. 10.—Worn out by the tension of waiting for the returns from doubtful states which would determine whether he had been elected to the Presidency, Charles E. Hughes retired at 9 o'clock tonight. He spent the day at his hotel except for a two-hours automobile ride with his wife this afternoon. Mr. Hughes had not yet conceded the election of President Wilson and probably will not do so until the vote of close States has been officially counted.

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. Daugherty Friday night.