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DEMOCRATS WIN STATE BY BIG MAJORITY

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Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Democrats watching the compilation of the returns from the state election believe that the official count will give all of Democracy's nominees more than 75,000 majority and that it may exceed even this figure.

Never in the history of the state has such an overwhelming vote been polled and never has a candidate for governor been accorded the majority that was given Cameron Morrison Tuesday. While the returns are slow coming in due to the heavy balloting by reason of the women's introduction into the political life of North Carolina, it is the belief, both Democrats and Republicans locally, that all ten congressional districts will be found in the Democratic column when the complete vote is tabulated.

Likewise it is thought that the Democratic representation in the next General Assembly will be slightly increased in both houses, although it will require the official count to determine this in some of the counties which were unusually closely contested.

The greatest surprise in the election to the Republicans came in the gubernatorial contest. They had confidently anticipated that John J. Parker the Republican nominee, would receive a flattering vote because of his personality and popularity. They were justified to some extent in expecting this because the word had gone over the state that a large number of the women voters who were Democrats, were going to vote for Parker instead of Morrison because of the Democratic nominees stand on woman suffrage two years ago. The returns, however, do not bear out the claims of the Republicans and it is believed that Morrison will run along with if not lead the state ticket.

Advocates of the constitutional amendments which were adopted by a sweeping majority are gratified at the result. Chairman Clarence Poe of the Central Committee on Taxation Amendments today issued the following statement with reference to the campaign for the constitutional changes:

"All who took part in the fight may well feel that they have helped make history of a memorable sort. It is 85 years now since the constitutional convention of 1835 wiped out some special privileges which had previously given property over manhood. It is just 70 years since David S. Reid put the Whigs out of office on the issue of doing away with the requirement that a man must own fifty acres of land in order to vote for senators. And now two generations later the state overwhelmingly repudiates the ancient idea that property income is sacred and must never be touched by the taxing power, however heavily the tax burden may rest on labor income.

"Of course a host of speakers and workers have earned the gratitude of all friends of the amendments but I should like to mention five most potent causes of the victory—the eloquence of Governor Bickett, the vigilance Tax Commissioner Maxwell, the generous cooperation of the North Carolina press, the rare public spiritedness of many men of wealth, most notably A. B. Andrews, who so effectively exposed an evil condition in spite of its personal benefits for him, and last the patriotic attitude of the leading Republican candidates, who, knowing the income tax to be right, refused to join in a conspiracy to defeat it by attacking allied features of the measure."

Josiah W. Bailey who conducted the losing campaign against the amendments reviews the struggle, admits defeat, but predicts that two sessions of the legislature will suffice to vindicate his views as to the injustice of the amendments the people have accepted.

The whole matter now, he says, will be subjected to the test of experience. "We pass," he concludes, "from argument and prediction to fact. I confidently anticipate the vindication of my views. Two sessions of the general assembly, if not one, will suffice."

TWO DEATHS OCCURRED IN FAMILY OF SEN. OVERMAN

(Charlotte Observer)

There is sadness in the home of Senator Lee S. Overman today on account of the death of Merriman Kenney which occurred at Chapel Hill at noon and also on the account of the death of Mrs. John H. Gregory at Halifax, Mrs. Gregory being the mother of the Senator's son-in-law, E. C. Gregory.

Merriman Kenney was the son of Mrs. J. B. Kenney, Mrs. Overman's sister. He was formerly a student at the University of North Carolina and recently while on a visit there was taken ill with a sickness that proved fatal. In an effort to save his life 20 of his fraternity mates gave blood transfusion but this only gave temporary relief.

HARDING PROMISES FAIRNESS TO ALL

"I am Just a Plain Fellow" He Tells Employees—Weeps in Accepting Gift

SPENDS STIRRING DAY

Votes, Plays Golf, Receives Returns and Has Cake with 35

Fifty-five little pink candles thrust into a frosted cake lighted Senator Harding's table at dinner just before the election returns began to flood his campaign headquarters. It was his fifty-fifth birthday.

The senator returned cold and hungry from a golfing expedition from Columbus, forty miles away, to find this little surprise. After dinner the Senator withdrew to his library to wait for whatever birthday present the American people had decided to give him.

A score employees of The Marion Daily Star, Senator Harding's paper, called on him as he was finishing his dinner and presented to him a printer's rule made of gold. Leaving the table, the Senator, with Mrs. Harding, went out on his front porch to greet the callers.

"Fellow members of The Star"—he began and choked. He tried to speak again but his eyes became dim and his voice clogged. Finally, with tears rolling down his cheeks and with bowed head, he said:

"You and I have been associated together for many years. I know you, and you know I wouldn't cheat you. I am coming into a position of very great responsibility if the present returns are interpreted correctly. I don't know whether I can meet them adequately. I know one thing I can meet them with the same justice and fairness as in the dealings which I have had with you."

Turning to a spectacled, white-bearded man standing in the front of the group, he said:

"There is my old friend Miller, the oldest employe of The Star. Thirty years we've been together. Sometimes the road was thorny. Sometimes I have known him to draw his pay when I had to borrow it from my mother. There were other times when I had to borrow Mr. Miller's pay back from him in the morning.

"I am just a plain fellow, but if I've been on the square with you, I wouldn't cheat you now. I am going to be on the square with everyone."

Senator Harding broke off again and his voice shook. There were signs of weeping from most of the employes gathered around him. "Thank you for your call," he said, looking up once more. Tomorrow or Thursday I hope to have the time to come down to The Star and greet you all again."

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MEXICAN PAPERS HAVE LITTLE COMMENT

Mexico City, Nov. 4.—Reports of the election in the United States were given the entire front pages of newspapers in this city. Only two journals, however, the Excelsior and El Heraldo de Mexico, ventured to speculate editorially on what a Republican administration in the United States means for this country.

The former sees immediate recognition of the result of the election and the other asserts Senator Harding's election "will not be an obstacle to good relations between Mexico and the United States."

WANAMAKER ASKS A SPECIAL SESSION

A law reducing the cotton acreage in North Carolina by 33 1-3 per cent and fixing heavy penalties upon any cotton planter who disregards it is desired by John S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association in a telegram to Governor Bickett requesting him to call a special session of the General Assembly to enact the law.

No answer has been made by the governor, but when answer is made it will very likely be negative in character, following the lead of other Southern governors who have declined similar request for special session to enact similar laws. Governor Bickett has been away in the campaign and will not likely reply to Mr. Wannamaker until later in the week.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT



Warren G. Harding



Calvin Coolidge

PALMER IS TOLD MOON IS BEATEN, TO APPEAR IN COURT

Indianapolis, Nov. 4.—Attorney General Palmer was advised in a telegram from United States District Judge A. B. Anderson today that an investigation of the 125 coal operators and miners would be made when the case is called on October 28. Mr. Palmer was asked to be present.

ANNOUNCEMENT
There will be a Box Supper at Piney Grove School House on Saturday Night, November, 6th for the benefit of the School. All the young ladies of the Community will bring with them well filled boxes which will be auctioned off. Everyone is cordially invited.

CHINKS MUTINY ON SHIP 11 WOUNDED
Eleven Chinese members of the crew of the British steamship Elmleaf were wounded when guards resorted to pistol fire to quell a mutiny aboard the vessel.

Twenty-four Chinese participated in the riot which was precipitated when officers of the ship announced that in compliance with federal regulations no shore leave would be granted.

According to reports submitted at the customs house the Chinese armed themselves with knives, pieces of pipe and scrap iron and rushed from the forecabin in an effort to overwhelm the guards, a number got over the ship and hid themselves in the woods bordering the river. The rapid firing of the guards influenced most of those not wounded to surrender. Two of the wounded will die, according to reports.

The Elmleaf is anchored at Good Hope, about 15 miles above New Orleans. The vessel is operated between New Orleans and Tampico.

RUMOR OF NEW POSTMASTER HERE

Rumored that Republican Will Replace the Present Incumbent

Rumors are already circulating around the town that one of the first acts of the Republican administration after the 4th of next March will be the appointment of a local Republican as Postmaster here to succeed the present incumbent, V. D. Guire, democrat. Among those most prominently mentioned for the place are: E. F. Wakefield, County Republican Chairman; Ward Hollifield, County Republican Secretary; Eugene Miller, one-time Postmaster; J. R. McNairy, prominent Republican leader of the county; J. D. Matheson and Clarence Heffner, both now connected with the office here.

NOME, ONCE HOME OF 15,000, HAS 200 NOW

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 2.—Nome, Alaska, which during the gold rush of 1900 had a population estimated at 15,000, was left with only 200 inhabitants when the steamer Victoria the last boat of the season for the states sailed from there, according to passengers who were here today.

The Victoria brought 523 passengers from Alaska, 350 of whom were from Nome. Many of these declared they would not return.

TENNESSEE SPLITS

Memphis, Nov. 4.—With the defeat of Representative Moon in the third district and reports in the fourth and eighth districts that an official count will be necessary to determine these districts, the possibility loomed large today that Tennessee would equally divide its congressmen, besides giving Senator Harding and Alf Taylor majorities in Tuesday's election.

WHAT LONDON PAPERS SAY
London, Nov. 4.—The London newspapers devote considerable space to the American election. They dwell upon what they characterize as discontent with the present administration and that whatever policy President-elect Harding and his cabinet adopt will be carried out by congress.

The American election on this occasion has a much greater interest for Europe than is usually the case. The Times thinks Harding will have a large majority in both houses of congress and is pleased to think that Mr. Harding will not be his own prime minister.

It regards the election as a distinct warning to bolshevists and radicals.

EVENING SERVICE ON SUNDAY AT 7 O'CLOCK
Rev. W. W. Rowe, president of the local ministerium states that the hour for evening services changes on this coming Sunday evening. The hour for evening worship will be 7 o'clock instead of 7:30. All members and friends of the different churches will please note this change.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 4.—For the first time in history Ohio will have a complete Republican congressional delegation as the result of Tuesday's election.

SPLIT IN COUNTY RESULTS

Incomplete returns indicate election of Triplett, Cripp, Blackwelder Conley, McGowan, Swanson

With Wilson's Creek to be yet to be heard from officially, election results as canvassed by the County Board of Canvassers show Dr. Campbell defeated Congressman Doughton in the County by 120 votes; In the race for State Senate, Wakefield (D) 3028, Alexander (D) 3025, Kanipe (R) 3176, and Patton (R) 3187; For the House, General Assembly, Blackwelder leading Squires by 150 votes; For County Treasurer, Conley leading Suddreth; For Register of Deeds, Crisp leading Miller by 66 votes; For Surveyor, Isbell has slight lead on McGowan; For Coroner, Dr. Goodman has slight lead on Swanson; For Sheriff, Triplett leading Smith by 80 votes.

Present reports indicate that Moore will be the only democrat elected as a member of the Board of County Commissioners, with a bare possibility that Johnson will land.

The County Board of Canvassers adjourned late yesterday afternoon to meet again this morning. It will not be possible to give exact figures until next issue.

MANY SCHOOLS TO DEBATE THIS YEAR

High School Discussion Will Center Around Capital and Labor This Time

More than 250 high schools of North Carolina are expecting to take part in the 1921 State wide debate of the high school debating contest, announcements concerning which have just been sent out by Secretary E. R. Rankin to all the high schools in the State. Last year the schools participating numbered exactly 250; in 1917 it ran slightly over 300 schools, which is the largest number the union ever had, and present prospects, according to Secretary Rankin, indicate another record-breaking year.

The debate this year will center around the capital and labor question, which as Secretary Rankin points out, has become a vital issue in North Carolina. The query is "Resolved, That the principle of the closed shop would prevail in American industry."

"The committee feels that this year it will be of profit not alone to the debaters and high school students," says the announcement, "but to the people of the State as well, to have a comprehensive State-wide discussion of this question." The significance of this statement may be seen from the fact that in eight previous debates an estimate total of 80,000 persons each year have listened to the debates.

As usual the school entered this contest will be divided into triangles for the first round and the winners will come to Chapel Hill for further elimination rounds and the final championship debate for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The triangular debate will be held late in March, and the final contest at Chappell Hill early in April. Previous winners have been Asheville, Durham, Wilson, Waynesville, Graham, Wilson, Winston-Salem and Pleasant Garden.

HARRISON HOME CATCHES FIRE

About four-thirty yesterday afternoon the home of Mr. C. B. Harrison, on Bernhardt Hill caught fire, but was discovered soon after the blaze had started and fortunately no serious damage was done. The roof over the back part of the house was somewhat damaged and some damage was done to the interior by water.

RACE RIOT AT ORLANDO FLA.

At least two white men were killed, two wounded and an undetermined number of negroes killed and wounded late today at Ocoee, a village twelve miles west of here as a result of a race riot growing out of the election.

The known dead are Leo Borgard, 25, of Wintergarden and Elmer McDaniels, 25, of Ocoee. Sam Sailsburg, formerly chief of police of Orlando, and John Hanner, of Orlando, were slight wounded. One negro said to have been implicated is in jail.

DEMPSEY AGREES TO BOX WILLARD MARCH 17

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, announces that he has agreed to a fifteen round bout with Jess Willard, former world's champion, to take place next March 17. The location of the fight he said, had not been decided.

HARDING IS SOON TO TAKE HIS VACATION

Marion, Nov. 4.—With only two days remaining before he leaves Marion for a month's vacation trip, President-elect Harding went to work today clearing up his desk of the final left-over details of his campaign.

With Mrs. Harding he will start Saturday morning for Point Isabel, Texas, where he will spend 12 days hunting and fishing prior to an ocean voyage to the Panama canal zone. He plans to be back in Marion December 6 and after that may go to some golf resort for a winter to be spent in choosing his cabinet and in formulating the policies of his administration.

VOTES AND COURTESY

Manchester (N. H.) Mirror.
Society women wishing to be elected to public office are going to become very appreciative of the women of every occupation and situation in life hereafter. Votes for women will increase the courtesy among the people.

As soon as six farm wood lots in New York state can be turned over by their owners to the students of the state school of forestry, an experimental effort is to be made to prove that timber is a worth-while farm crop. The students are to do the planning and logging, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

BELATED NEWS SHOWS LARGER MAJORITIES

New York Nov. 4.—Tennessee has swung into the Republican column, smashing Democratic traditions of the past, according to returns received here.

Her shift from the Democratic ranks, coupled with an upset from Oklahoma, assured Warren G. Harding of 390 electoral votes as against 127 definitely in the James M. Cox column and left in doubt but 14 seats in the electoral college divided among Arizona, 3; Nevada, 3; New Mexico, 3; and North Dakota, 5. In all these states, save New Mexico the vote is close.

Tennessee on the face of returns tabulated by the Memphis Appeal from 93 of 95 counties, with 50 precincts missing, gave Harding a plurality of 9,977. Governor Roberts, Democrat, was swept out on the Republican tide and Alf A. Taylor, unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1886 was elected.

No substantial upsets were reported from the solid south, although several counties in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama broke tradition by casting large Republican majorities.

The Republican congressional sweep assumed larger proportions as the belated returns continued to come in. The victory of Samuel D. Nicholson, Republican candidate for the senate from Colorado, assured President-elect Harding a majority of at least ten in the upper house and of five states where senatorial choices had not been determined, the Republican candidates were in the lead in four and in the fifth, Kentucky, Republican leaders were hopeful that late returns would overcome the lead of Democratic Senator Beckham.

Republicans had secured 257 seats in the house of representatives to 152 for the Democrats and four for other parties, giving them a lead of 131 with 43 contests in 16 states undetermined.

The house will have one socialist member, Meyer London of New York, who defeated Henry M. Goldfogel, fusion candidate, in the twelfth.

BODY OF M. SWINEY INTERRED AT CORK

In the presence of surpluses, church dignitaries, scores of his former comrades volunteers and thousands of his countrymen, the body of Terrence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, was lowered to its resting place in the "Republican plot" in St. Finbarr's Cemetery, just outside Cork, this afternoon.

Outside the cemetery, hidden by the enormous crush of townspeople, two armored cars, their machine guns ready, and a half dozen lorries filled with full-equipped soldiers, were drawn up at the roadside, imparting a sinister air to the otherwise solemn proceedings. But during the transfer of the body from the City Hall through streets lined with crowds to St. Mary's Cathedral and during the procession from the cathedral to the cemetery there was not an incident of violence or disturbance.

INTERNATIONAL CUP IS WON BY AMERICAN BOAT

The Gloucester schooner Esperanto came from behind in a heart-grIPPING race yesterday and won from the Lucenberg schooner Delaware by seven minutes and 15 seconds official time, thereby clinching the cup and \$4,000 in prize money. The win gave two straight victories to the United States in the international series between the Nova Scotia fisherman and Massachusetts rivals, and thereby determined the event for the year.

The official time as the boats crossed the finishing line was Esperanto, 4:34:30; Delaware, 4:14:45.

RUNS MAN DOWN; SPEEDS UP CAR. MAKES ESCAPE

(Asheville citizen)

Roy Marlow, of the firm of Marlow Brothers, butchers in the city market, was rushed to the mission hospital at a late hour Tuesday night suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident on Haywood Street in which the driver said to be at fault escaped after an exciting chase. The car driven by the unidentified man was captured but the driver, jumping from the automobile, made off into the darkness.

After crashing into the rear of Otis Green's touring car, this mysterious driver backed out of the wreckage only to run down Roy Marlow, was coming up on a motorcycle with side car attached. The driver put on speed and attempted a getaway followed closely by Charlie Jackson, the police report, the chase proving a lively one, as the public service driver closed in upon the fleeing man. It was then that the mysterious driver jumped from the car, a big Studebaker bearing a North Carolina license number, and made good his escape. The car, badly damaged, is now held by the police in the municipal garage.