

SMALLEST MAJORITY SENATOR OVERMAN HAS EVER POLLED

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STRONG SENTIMENT AGAINST SENATOR

Reynolds Reduced Overman's Majority to Smallest Number in Latter's Career of 23 Years.

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel. Although it is evident that Senator Lee S. Overman has been re-nominated for U. S. Senator by a good sized majority which may ultimately attain to 50,000, there is no doubt that the fact is so apparent that this is the smallest majority ever polled by Overman. True, he has been opposed but once before when A. L. Brooks of Greensboro ran against him in the primary in 1912, but even that is significant for Overman's majority then was more than 70,000 out of a total vote cast of only 118,000, the face of Saturday's election, then, it must be increasingly apparent that there is a steadily growing sentiment against the "Rule of the Elder" as represented by Senator Overman, and to a certain extent, by Senator Simmons.

The first time that the succession of Senator F. M. Simmons was ever seriously questioned was in 1900, when he was opposed by J. W. Kitchin, who had served 12 years in Congress and had just completed a term as Governor of North Carolina. A third candidate was also in this race, Judge Walter Clark, chief justice of the State Supreme Court. Former Governor Charles B. Aycock had announced for the same race, but died suddenly one night while making an educational speech in Birmingham, Ala., shortly before the campaign opened, leaving the contest a three-cornered affair. In the primary Simmons polled 84,087 votes, Kitchin 47,010 and Clark 16,418, giving Simmons a majority of approximately 21,000. The supremacy of the Old Guard rule was not challenged again until 1920 when Brooks opposed Overman for the Senatorial nomination and in which Overman polled up a 70,000 majority.

However, it must be recalled that Overman was sent to the Senate for the first time in 1903 by only the narrowest margin. At that time Senators were still elected by the legislature and at first there were four candidates in the running, namely Overman, Cyrus W. Watson of Winston-Salem, Gen. Julian S. Carr and Locke Craig of Asheville. The legislature was virtually deadlocked for nearly two months, during January and February of the year. Craig and Carr finally dropped out, leaving the contest between Overman and Watson and in the balloting in the legislature, Watson lacked but two or three votes from being elected. However, Overman was finally selected, but by a very narrow margin.

So it can readily be seen that if Overman's majority in the present election is not more than 50,000, Reynolds has the distinction of having reduced his majority to the smallest number of votes in his career of 23 years. The fact must also be regarded as significant from both sides of the question of the younger generation of voters in favor of a younger and more representative North Carolinian—a man more in harmony and sympathy with their representative in the Senate.

With Our Advertisers. The Burlington store of the Markson Shoe Store has been closed and the entire stock shipped to the Concord store. Included in this shipment are some of the most beautiful patterns of the season. See ad. today.

Are you ready for the great social function of the season, the opening of the new hotel Thursday night? Fisher has everything arranged for you, evening dresses, dance frocks in everything. See ad.

Program For Building And Loan League Here Beginning On June 22nd

RAISE HUGE AMOUNTS FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Norwegian Lutherans Exceed Quota In Drive For Four Church Colleges.

(Special to The Tribune) New York, N. Y., June 8.—A total of nearly \$2,300,000 has been pledged by the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America for its four important schools of higher learning, says an announcement from the News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council. Simultaneous appeals for endowment funds were made last month for Luther College, Decorah, Ia.; St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.; Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.; and Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D. Luther and St. Olaf together asked \$550,000, Concordia sought \$500,000, and Augustana, \$500,000. Three thousand Lutheran congregations of that body in every part of the United States and Canada contributed.

To date Augustana College has secured more than \$300,000 of the required amount. Concordia has gone "over the top" with \$350,000 and has passed \$1,300,000 and will likely total \$1,400,000, breaking all records for campaigns of the type. "It is unquestioned that nothing like it has ever been done within the Lutheran Church of this land," declared the Rev. O. H. Pannkoke, manager of the campaign for Luther and St. Olaf. "It is doubtful whether there is a parallel anywhere in the land. In the land. In that respect, this campaign is unique. Not even in the days of frenzied wealth right after the war was there an over-subscription as large as this. From the standpoint of the Lutheran Church in general, this achievement is historic."

NO OFFERING JUNE 15 OF GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS

Made Not Necessary by Increase in Income Taxes Collected.

Washington, June 7.—Secretary Mellon today made the following announcement: "The Treasury will make no offering of Government obligations for sale on June 15, 1926. This department is satisfied on account of the promptly tax payment dates has been made possible on account of the increase in income tax and other receipts over earlier expectations, and the fact that the aggregate public debt maturities due June 15 are somewhat less than usual. The amount of taxes to be received in June together with the balance now on hand is expected to be sufficient to meet the Treasury's cash requirements until September, when further financing will be necessary."

Mayor Faces Trial on Liquor Charge

Boston, Mass., June 8.—Mayor Lawrence F. Quigley, of Chelsea, together with members of the Chelsea police department and various others, were arraigned in the United States court here today to stand trial for a second time on a charge of conspiring to violate the prohibition laws. The first jury disagreed. Several of those indicted pleaded guilty and turned State's evidence, describing sales of liquor and payment of "protection money." The mayor and the police entered a general denial.

Seventy-Five Divorces Settled in Two Hours

(By International News Service) Atlanta, Ga., June 8.—In one morning Judge G. H. Howard, of Fulton Superior Court, disposed of 75 undefeated divorce cases at the rate of one every minute and 54 seconds. Judge Howard called the court to order at 9 a. m. and at 11:25 a. m., dismissed the jury until the next morning. The speed with which Judge Howard disposed of the calendar is believed to have established a record for the divorce court.

Deny Peret Has Resigned

Paris, June 8.—(AP)—The report in Geneva that Finance Minister Peret had resigned was categorically denied this afternoon by M. Peret's principal secretary.

76th SERIES Concord Perpetual Building & Loan Association Starts Saturday, June 5, 1926

Books Now Open at Cabarrus Savings Bank, Concord and Kannapolis, N. C. SAVE AND HAVE Call and subscribe for Some Stock in This Old Reliable Association Now While You Are Thinking About It No Better Plan Than the Building and Loan Plan to SAVE MONEY or SECURE A HOME C. W. Swink, Pres. H. I. Woodhouse, Sec. & Treas. P. B. Fetzer, Asst. Sec'y.

Slayer, Victim



General Pellioura, above, was shot in Paris by Samuel Schwartzbar, below, who surrendered, saying he had fired at the general because of his cruelty to Jews while attempting to establish a Ukrainian republic.

PRIMARY FACTS

Overman Continues to Lead Over Reynolds.—Judge Stack Winner. Raleigh, June 8.—(AP)—With 1,230 precincts reported out of 1,717 in the state, Lee S. Overman was maintaining his lead for the Democratic nomination as Senator over Robert R. Reynolds today. The vote stood: Overman 108,640; Reynolds 60,610.

This represented scattered returns from 78 counties and complete returns from 48 of the 100 counties in the State. Of these 100 counties, 24 voted for Reynolds in 1924.

Scarcely any returns had been received here today from the other races. It appeared on the basis of late returns last night that Congressman Zebulon Weaver and A. L. Bulwinkle had been easily re-nominated over Felix Alley and J. A. Dimmette respectively.

In the races of Superior Court judges a neck-and-neck race was in progress in the fifth district, with Romulus A. Nunn polling 5,530 while half the district had reported against 4,314 for Julius A. Brown.

In the seventh district a second primary will be necessary between Thos. H. Galvert and W. C. Harris. In the thirteenth district Judge A. M. Stack has been re-nominated over H. C. Redwine on the face of nearly complete returns. In the 20th district Jas. D. Malone and Thos. Moore were leading the ticket with 3,001 and 3,322 votes respectively. Two other candidates were trailing and a second primary was the prospect with three-fourths of the vote reported.

WILL ASK \$3,000,000 TO PENSION PASTORS

Lutheran Board Plans Campaign Next Year For Aged Ministers. (Special to The Tribune) Philadelphia, Pa., June 8.—The Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America, in a statement from the executive secretary, Dr. Edgar Grim Miller, announces that its campaign for a minimum of \$3,000,000 for the pension fund for Lutheran pastors will start on Reformation Day, October 31, 1927. The firm of Ward, Wells, Dreshman and Gates has contracted to conduct the campaign and has assigned Mr. C. H. Dreshman as that firm's campaign manager. Mr. Dreshman is already well known to the Lutheran church through his successful management of the endowment campaigns at Wittenberg and Muhlenberg Colleges.

W. H. Woodson, Jr., to Wed. Salisbury, June 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Woodson leave this week for Graying, Mich., where on Saturday they will attend the wedding of their son, Walter H. Woodson, Jr., to Miss Grace Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman. The ceremony takes place at the summer home of the bride at Lake Margrethe. After the wedding trip the young couple will come to Salisbury to make their home.

Bulwinkle Gets 24,000 Margin. Gastonia, June 7.—Major A. Lee Bulwinkle, representative in congress from the ninth district, will have a majority of about 24,000 votes over Dr. J. M. Dimmette, it was stated tonight, after all counties have reported.

Mr. Townsend and Mr. Connor both had opposition, but came out victorious by substantial majorities. Mr. Fountain was unopposed. In Switzerland the bride on her wedding day will permit no one, not even her parents to kiss her on the lips.

SEWER EXPLOSIONS LIKE EARTHQUAKES ROCKED METROPOLIS

Eleven Men Hurt, Railroad and Street Car Tracks Twisted and Other Damage Done by Explosion.

STUBBORN FIRE RAGED FOR HOURS

Fire Broke Out Under a Pier Following Explosion Which Was Caused by Gas in Sewers.

New York, June 8.—(AP)—Destruction of near earthquake proportions in the region of the Hudson River pier at 12th street today told a tale of a grim battle between the combined forces of firemen, police and surgeons against a spectacular fire caused by terrific sewer explosions.

Eleven men were injured, one seriously, when gas in a 7 1/2-foot sewer exploded late yesterday. The detonation which was heard for miles rocked buildings, tore heavy beams from the runway of the Fort Lee ferry house, twisted railroad and street car tracks and hurled manhole covers nearly half a mile. Fire started immediately under the pier and raged fiercely for nine hours before river and land fire fighting forces extinguished it.

Gustavus Adolphus, crown prince of Sweden, was one of the hundreds of spectators who watched two fire boats and a small army of shore firemen fight the blaze. While the flames were at their height belching heavy smoke out over the river, the Corsair, J. P. Morgan's yacht with the Prince aboard, passed within a few hundred feet headed down stream.

RESULTS ACCRUED TO CROPS AS RESULT OF THE RAINS

Rains Were General Over Most of the State Last Week.

Raleigh, June 8.—Reports concerning the benefit that has already accrued to crops as the result of the rains that were general over most of the state the latter part of last week are already coming into the department of agriculture, and farmers have been greatly encouraged as a result. The prediction by the department that the rain was literally worth millions of dollars to the farmers is being amply borne out.

A farmer in the northwestern Piedmont section writes: "Up until the first week in June it had been extremely dry, but since then there have been good rains in Forsyth, Surry and Stokes counties and crops are looking much better. Most of the tobacco has been planted and is doing well and the outlook is most optimistic."

"The weather the last few days has been most favorable for a good crop," writes another farmer from Person county, in the north central section of the state. "We have had several good rains and oats, rye and wheat are doing well. Cotton is beginning to do better and the tobacco crop looks fine. All we need now is some good warm weather and things will be right all right."

From Craven county comes the report that the rain there Friday and Saturday was of great benefit and that although it had been very dry, both cotton and tobacco, which had been very backward, showed signs of becoming more promising. Farmers in the section are much more optimistic.

Down in Stany county there have been a few showers, but no rains, and the crops there are still in need of a good downpour to put them on a par with the other sections. In Chowan county they have had good rains and the potato crop is benefiting greatly, as well as other crops. The rainfall last week was largely east of the line drawn southeastward from the northwest, and on down through Wilkes, Yadkin, Henderson, Randolph, Montgomery and Richmond counties. West of this line there were only scattered showers.

South's Sugar Cane Crop is Threatened

(By International News Service) Tallahassee, Fla., June 8.—Dixie is threatened with losing its national production. And the only way to remedy this situation is for the growers to substitute another variety of cane within the next few years. These were the facts contained in an article in the current number of the Department of Agriculture bulletin.

"The sugar cane fields of North Florida are sick," the article said. "In fact, there is a very severe disease called mosaic, that is spreading among all the so-called 'ribbon' cane varieties. "While it is largely restricted to Florida, Southern Georgia and Louisiana, it is likely that all of the cane in the South will become infected by the disease," the article declared.

Would Throw Out Clark Contest. Washington, June 8.—(AP)—The House was asked today by its election committee No. 2 to throw out the contest of Don H. Clark, of Savannah, Ga., for the seat of Representative Edwards, Democrat, of that state.

Public Invited To The Formal Opening Of New Hotel Concord Thursday

POLICEMEN STOOD AT POLLING PLACES

Therefore Canvassers in Wake Are Asked to Make a Recount.

Raleigh, June 8.—Because policemen stood at polling places in Raleigh and worked openly in the behalf of his opponent, as he alleges, W. F. Evans, solicitor in the seventh judicial district, defeated in Saturday's primary by Leon S. Brassfield, this morning formally presented a petition asking the Wake county board of canvassers to make a recount of the ballots cast in the election Saturday. Mr. Evans appeared before the board yesterday in person and after making a number of charges of irregularities, was asked to submit his charges in formal, written petition today.

"There were numerous irregularities in the election and I have the proof, although at the time I cannot reveal all the facts in my possession," said Mr. Evans in discussing the matter today. "Although my opponent had stated that he wanted the election to be perfectly fair, when he was asked at the hearing before the board if he would agree to a recount, he was opposed to it. So when an election is opposed to a recount in a plan conducted by his own men and machinery, something in it must have been crooked."

The contest between Evans and Brassfield in Raleigh and Wake county, as well as in Franklin county, was one of the most bitterly fought political battles in years and numerous allegations at polling places were reported Saturday. At 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning a fight in an office in the Lawyers' building here so frightened the negro janitor that he called the police who found a gory fight in progress in one of the offices there between two supporters of the two candidates for solicitorship. Ten or twelve men were in the office. The feeling as the result of the election had not cooled by Monday morning when bone crashed against bone as Herbert Gulley, one of the managers of the Evans campaign, and Ed Hugh Lee, city tax collector and supporter of Brassfield, participated in a strenuous fist encounter on Fayetteville street, nearly opposite the city hall.

Supporters of Evans are very frank and candid in their claims that Brassfield and his forces "stole" the election by packing the poles with workers and officers who openly sought to influence the voting, and these charges figured in the written petition submitted by Evans today, to the Wake county board of canvassers. Evans will file a recount in Franklin county, which gave him a majority of about 1,000 votes. In Wake county, however, Brassfield received a majority of approximately 300 and in Raleigh his majority went to about 900.

In setting forth his reasons as to why a recount should be made, Evans alleges that the members of the police force in Raleigh worked against him, intimidating voters wherever possible, that there was a large illegal registration, that many people voted twice, that in one precinct the eight—22 negroes voted, and that at another precinct several voters were under the influence of liquor.

BRAZIL NOT TO QUIT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

At Least Delegates at Geneva Conference Have Heard Nothing to That Effect. Geneva, June 8.—(AP)—Members of the Brazilian delegation of the League of Nations told the Associated Press today they knew nothing about the reported intention of their country to resign from the league as suggested in a dispatch from Rio Janeiro.

A Rio Janeiro dispatch late last night quoted the newspaper A Globo as announcing Brazil's withdrawal from the league. The paper said formal notification of the resignation would be sent to Geneva in a few weeks.

Afranio Mello Frances, the chief Brazilian delegate who did not attend yesterday's council because of illness, was still indisposed today and was receiving no one.

HUNDREDS PRESENT FOR DUKE ALUMNI PROGRAM

Alumni Parade and Dinner Among the Features of the Day. Durham, June 8.—(AP)—Featured by the commencement sermon of Dr. Ernest Freeman Title, of Evanshott, Ill., the annual alumni day program at Duke University got underway here today.

An alumni parade and dinner also was on the program. Hundreds of old graduates representing many states and every section of North Carolina were on the campus. Hundreds of visitors including relatives and friends of the graduating class also were present.

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Raleigh, June 7.—The primary race definitely put three candidates into the race for the speakership of the next house. N. A. Townsend, of Harnett county; H. G. (Toke) Connor, of Edgecombe, announced months ago their purpose to seek the speakership if the primary turned out all right for them.

Dinner and Dance Not to Be Staged for Stockholders Only, Manager C. Ross Wenrick States

BUILDING OPEN DURING THE DAY

Interested Persons Invited to Inspect Building From Two to Five O'clock on Thursday Afternoon.

Every interested person and not merely the stockholders are invited to attend the informal and formal opening of the new Hotel Concord on Thursday of this week. The building will be thrown open to the public Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and for three hours the structure will be available for inspection by every one.

At 7:30 the formal opening will begin with dinner and at 9 o'clock a dance will be given. At the same time a four bridge will be played on the mezzanine. Persons who desire to secure places for the dinner and dance are asked to make reservations now with C. Ross Wenrick, manager of the hotel.

Any one who desires to be present can make reservation, it was stated this morning by Mr. Wenrick. "The dinner and dance are not for stockholders and their families only," Mr. Wenrick stated. "The hotel is a community project and we want every one to feel free to use it at any time. Those persons who desire to attend the dinner should notify me at once so reservations can be made." Invitations were sent first to the stockholders, it was explained, because their names were first given to Mr. Wenrick. The management of the hotel hopes to have the dining hall and dance hall filled for the opening.

The full corps of assistants has arrived in Concord to assist Mr. Wenrick, it was stated this morning. All of the employees of the hotel who will handle food were given a physical examination this morning by Dr. S. E. Buchanan. The employees are certain they will have everything in readiness by Thursday.

The final touches were given to the floor of the dance hall this morning. Dining room tables and chairs were placed, all beds were prepared and other last minute matters attended to. Dishes and other equipment in the kitchen have been thoroughly cleaned and already provisions have been purchased in preparation for the formal dinner on Thursday evening.

The hotel will be ready for its first guest Thursday afternoon, Mr. Wenrick stated. The opening of the hotel will be a gala occasion in Concord. It will represent the most comprehensive community project in the history of Concord and will meet a need long felt.

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BROOKHART LEADER OVER CUMMINS IN IOWA

His Vote Almost Large Enough to Give Him a Majority Over the Other Four Candidates.

CUMMINS HOLDS TO SECOND PLACE

Half of Precincts in State Show Brookhart Has 142,150 Votes to 99,611 For Cummins.

Des Moines, Ia., June 8.—(AP)—Iowa republicans want Col. Smith W. Brookhart in the United States Senate, and since he cannot sit in the Senate for which they nominated him in 1924 he is to succeed as the party nominee, Albert Baird Cummins, senate veteran of 18 years' service.

By a vote which hovered close in a majority over all four of his opponents, Brookhart was returned to preference by his party yesterday a scant two months after his disposition from the senate in favor of Dan F. Steck, democrat, who contested the election in 1924.

Returns from 1,519 precincts out of 2,447 gave Brookhart 142,150; Clark 43,458; Cummins 99,611; Eickelberg 2,908; Reardon 3,389. Six hundred and two precincts for the democratic senatorial nomination gave Claude A. Porter 8,023; J. Ray Files 4,453; James Murtagh 4,400; George Finch 1,565.

Rising for the third time as the emissary of the party which both in Iowa and in the arena of his senate activities has disavowed him, Brookhart's looming figure cast across the capital a shadow symbol of displeasure in Iowa at congressional alliances with farm relief, and reinforcement for the Senate insurgent group of which he became in less than four years a vociferous and valued member.

Read out of his party in 1924 by the state central committee of Iowa and in 1925 by the republican senate caucus, assailed by his colleagues after his denunciation in the 1924 campaign of Chas. G. Dawes as the party vice presidential nominee and his support of LaFollette for the presidency, Brookhart won yesterday by a vote approximating the extreme claims of his adherents.

Renominated with him on the face of incomplete returns is Gilbert H. Hagen, as Republican Congressional caucus, assembled by his colleagues after his denunciation in the 1924 campaign of Chas. G. Dawes as the party vice presidential nominee and his support of LaFollette for the presidency, Brookhart won yesterday by a vote approximating the extreme claims of his adherents.

The democrats apparently nominated in a closer fight among four candidates, Claude A. Porter, assistant attorney general in the Wilson administration, and the favorite in the McAdoo wing in Iowa.

Mustard was accounted the candidate favored by the faction which in 1924 supported Al Smith for Presidential nominee. Files is a former state legislator and Finch ran on a wet platform.

Six republican congressmen were renominated without opposition and the five who face contests apparently have been renominated over their opponents.

The republican senatorial victory of Brookhart left in the wake the figure of Iowa's most honored republican of other years. Cummins had served his state three as Governor, had been in the senate for three terms and the unexpected portion of a fourth, had been offered to the republican party as its Presidential candidate almost a score of years ago, and had come in 1923 to the Presidency of the Senate when Coolidge succeeded Harding. The renomination of Cummins at 76 by a progressive coalition his own ascension to the Senate as an insurgent republican almost two decades ago.

Brookhart won yesterday from the man he first opposed for public office. He sought the republican senatorial nomination against Cummins in 1920 and lost. Two years later W. S. Kenyon resigned from the Senate and Brookhart was nominated from a field of 8 to succeed him. Again in 1924 Brookhart was nominated for a full term, but after the primary the state committee openly endorsed Dan F. Steck, his democratic foe, and Steck successfully contested before the Senate a vote which had greatly surprised Brookhart's supporters by its closeness.

Too Much "Fishing"

(By International News Service) Knoxville, Tenn., June 8.—There was, it seemed to officers, entirely too much fishing going on in the Tennessee River near the Pumping Station. So Deputy Sheriffs John Myatt and Ed Thomas decided to join in the sport. After fishing around awhile they caught 44 gallons of white corn liquor.

The officers were attracted to the sport by numerous canoes and boats that gathered there. But none of the occupants claimed the "white lightning."

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably showers in west portion. Moderate southwest wind.

Concord Theatre

LAST TIME TODAY "THE BAT" It Thrilled a Crowded House Last Night

Wednesday RIN TIN TIN The Wonder Dog

"The Night Cry" ALSO STATEWIDE CHARLESTON CONTEST