

HARDING WINS GREAT VICTORY

Republican Avalanche Sweeps Every Northern State.

BREAKS INTO SOLID SOUTH

G. O. P. Gets 404 Electoral Votes in 37 States; Democrats Capture but 127 in 11 States—Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico Fail to Turn to Cox—Great Gains in Senate and House—Features of the Tremendous Vote.

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Harding has won a tremendous victory. Here's the story in brief: Harding carried 37 states with 404 electoral votes; Cox carried 11 with 127 votes.

Republicans have margin of 22 in senate and 150 in house. In comment, the household word avalanche seems the handiest. The Republican avalanche began at the Canadian border, from Maine to Washington, and swept the country clean clear to Mason and Dixon's line and broke the Solid South.

The Republican avalanche swept Tennessee, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. In Kentucky Richard J. Ernst, Republican, is elected to the senate over J. C. W. Beckham. For the first time in history several counties in Alabama went Republican, and several precincts in the sixth Mississippi district did the same almost unbelievable thing. Harding carried St. Petersburg, Orlando, Daytona and other towns in Florida; nine counties in northern Georgia and a dozen parishes in the sugar belt of Louisiana. The G. O. P. picked up a congressman in Texas; Harry M. Wurzbach defeated Carlos Bee, brother-in-law of Postmaster General Burleson.

President-elect Harding, whatever else he does, is going to take a rest. He's already off on a real vacation of a month. His immediate destination is Point Isabel, Tex., via San Antonio and Brownsville. Point Isabel is on the Gulf, 20 miles from Brownsville and six miles from the Mexican line. It has a population of 100 whites and 150 Mexicans. There golf, bathing, fishing and hunting are right at hand. Col. F. E. Scobey, now of San Antonio and formerly sheriff of Marion county, Ohio, made him promise to go, win or lose, the night he was nominated. R. B. Creager, a San Antonio banker, who seconded his nomination at Chicago, has turned over his cottage. Of course, the poor man will be guarded by secret service operatives and pestered by newspaper men and photographers, but he will have a goodly company of golf buddies and other intimate friends along. And politics and visitors will be barred.

Mr. Harding is planning to go to the Canal Zone, after a fortnight at Point Isabel. He has been preaching that the new American merchant marine should pass free through the Panama canal and he wants first-hand information on conditions. Return is set for December 6. He plans to resign his seat as senator January 10, when Governor-elect Davis of Ohio will be inaugurated and Senator-elect Willis will be appointed Mr. Harding's successor.

Alfred E. Smith, Democratic governor of New York, earned a new title in the election—"Miracle Man of American Politics." Why, he almost re-elected himself in the face of a Harding majority of more than a million. The presidential vote was about this: Harding, 1,842,222; Cox, 782,693. The gubernatorial vote was about this: Miller, 1,319,586; Smith, 1,256,311. Republicans and Democrats alike say the feat is unprecedented. "Al" as everybody calls him, has come up from an orphan newsboy. Now he is spoken of as the logical candidate for the presidency in 1924.

By-products of the election are many and interesting. Harding shatters a tradition that no sitting senator can be elevated to the White House. Coolidge, who violates every principle of politics laid down by the practical politicians, wins his seventeenth successive candidacy.

Oklahoma elects Alice M. Robertson of Muskogee, Republican, aged sixty-six, to congress; she went to Indian Territory by prairie schooner, has taught in Indian schools most of her life, would let no soldier or sailor pay in her cafeteria and is a heaven-born cook.

California overwhelmingly indorses the anti-alien land law recently adopted by the state legislature. Massachusetts approves the act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and wines of 2.75 alcoholic content. Wisconsin approves 2.5 per cent beer. New York approves a bonus for soldiers by the issue of bonds not to exceed \$45,000,000.

Favor Beers and Wines. The voters of Massachusetts on Tuesday gave a majority of 19,000 in favor of legalizing the sale of 2.75 per cent beers and wines. With 16 towns falling to report, the indicated results are: Yes, 496,572; no, 417,276.

The Victory in Ohio. With only 23 precincts to be heard from the Republican national ticket has a plurality of 393,103 in Ohio, thus bearing out Senator Harding's prediction that it would be nearly 500,000.

Election Story in Figures

Table with columns: State, Electoral Vote, Cox, Plur., Est'd. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with their respective electoral votes and margins.

Totals 404 127 Total vote 531 Necessary to choice 266 *Complete. Estimates are still necessary because of delayed returns from isolated districts.

Make Up of New Congress

Table showing the composition of the new Congress by state, including the number of representatives and senators for each state.

Election of Governors

Table listing the winners of gubernatorial elections across various states, including names and political affiliations.

Socialists Gain in New York.

The Socialists, according to revised returns, will have one representative in the New York state senate, and three in the assembly, with the election of August Claessens of the Seventeenth Manhattan district still in doubt.

Hull May Be Beaten.

Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, and a Democratic national committee member, also appears to have been defeated.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO HAVE BIG DEBATE

MORE THAN 250 SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THIS FUNCTION.

SUBJECT, CAPITAL AND LABOR

Previous Winners Were Waynesville, Asheville, Durham, Graham, Wilson, Winston and Pleasant Garden.

More than 250 high schools of North Carolina are expected to take part in the 1921 state-wide debate of the high school debating union, announcements concerning which have just been sent out by Secretary E. R. Rankin to all the high schools in the state.

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 should prevail in American industry."

As usual the schools entering the 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.

No Raise in Car Fares.

A conference of officials of the Southern Public Utilities company from Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greenville and Anderson was held at the office of President Z. V. Taylor in Charlotte recently.

It has been a matter of general knowledge for sometime that the Southern Public Utilities company was contemplating an application for an increase in car fare from seven to eight cents to take care of increased operating expenses, including an increase effective September 1 in the schedule of wages paid to street car men.

President Taylor stated that the company had delayed making application in the hope that there would be such a decline in the cost of material and supplies as would enable the company to continue operation at present fares.

Seaboard Laying Off Men.

Former employes in the shops of the Seaboard railway here who have been discharged are preparing to go to other cities to find employment. More than 100 are affected by the order which reached the main offices of the Seaboard.

It does not appear why the railroads were laid off but it is presumed that the reduction at the Raleigh shops is in line with similar action taken at Portsmouth several days ago. The supposition is that less repair facilities are to be maintained in the southern states.

D. A. R. Meets at Asheville.

The 27th annual convention of the U. D. C. will be held in Asheville November 8, to 12, Mrs. Roy McKinney, of Palucah, Ky., president general, will preside over all business meetings.

This is the first opportunity the Daughters of the North Carolina division have had to attend a general convention in their own state, it is expected that many who have never attended a general convention, will take advantage of this occasion.

Income Tax Approved.

That the income tax is approved by all counties and all states except North Carolina, the statement of Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, speaker of the House, in final appeal to the voters to vote for the amendment establishing the income tax.

Now Rivals Kentucky.

North Carolina is rapidly becoming a rival of Kentucky in the production of tobacco. The estimates of the United States department of agriculture of the 1920 crop, made the first of September, indicate that North Carolina will fall very little short of Kentucky in its yield for the current year.

There is nothing in the forecast of the department of agriculture to show that the quality of the tobacco grown in Kentucky surpasses that of any state which might aspire to be a rival in the quantity of its output, bare figures as to the condition of the crop and the probable production in pounds being given. But it is known that Kentucky is not in danger of losing its supremacy as a tobacco growing state, even in view of the increased size of the North Carolina crop.

According to the estimates of the department of agriculture, Kentucky's tobacco crop for this year is expected to be 442,431,000 pounds compared with 456,500,000 pounds last year. But North Carolina's crop which in 1919 was 310,240,000 pounds, is expected this year to be 424,525,000 pounds, only about 18,000,000 pounds less than Kentucky's yield. Virginia, ranks third among the tobacco production this year of 177,586,000.

Two Highways Completed.

The division highway office of the state highway commission announces the completion of construction projects in Cabarrus and Forsyth counties. Project No. 76 in Cabarrus and No. 56 in Forsyth were completed October 29.

The Cabarrus project extends from Kannapolis to Glass, a distance of 1.35 miles and is of hard surface construction.

The Forsyth project is a part of the road from Winston-Salem to Madison. It is topsoil construction.

Florence Macbeth Coming.

Florence Macbeth, the American coloratura soprano, and member of the Chicago Opera company, will appear in song recital at the North Carolina College for Women on the evening of November 10, at 8:30 o'clock. This will be the first number in this year's lyceum course at the college and will no doubt be eagerly looked forward to by the students of the college and townspeople.

Wannamaker Wires Bickett.

A law reducing the cotton acreage in North Carolina by 33 1-3 per cent and fixing 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 requests for special sessions to enact laws.

Oteen Hospital Taken Over.

The United States Public Health Service announces the taking over of the army hospital at Oteen, eight miles from Asheville. It will be continued as a tuberculosis hospital, with about 1,000 beds.

Death of Mrs. Hoke.

Mrs. William A. Hoke, wife of Associate Justice Hoke of the Supreme Court, was found dead at her home in Cameron Park, death evidently having followed a short attack of acute indigestion or probably due to heart failure.

Griffin Makes Strong Denial.

J. S. Griffin, former clerk to the Corporation Commission flatly denied that his opposition to the income tax amendment was not known to the commission until ten days ago. "I do not care to go into that part of it here and now but if my statement is challenged, I will come for it with the proof," declared Mr. Griffin. "If the commission wants it, they can get it."

N. C. Federation of Women.

At the opening session of the council of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, which is meeting in Henderson, Mr. E. C. Lindeman, of the Carolina College for Women, the chief speaker of the evening, struck the keynote of the meeting as he emphasized the need of providing clean, wholesome recreation in every community.

Recreation he declared to be the greatest factor in the growth of people, mentally, morally and physically.

25,000 High School Students.

Figures obtained by the state department of public instruction show that there are enrolled in the high schools of North Carolina 25,000 pupils. Of these, 3,000 will be graduated in the spring of 1921. This is an increase of nearly 400 per cent in the number of graduates in five years, as there were only 800 during the session of 1915-1916.

LIQUOR MAY BE STORED OUTSIDE

APPEAL BROUGHT FROM LOWER COURT WHICH REFUSED AN INJUNCTION ASKED FOR.

DECISION BY JUSTICE CLARKE

Removal of Such Stores From a Warehouse to Legal Residence of Owner is Not "Transportation."

Washington.—Liquor lawfully acquired by a person for his personal use may be stored in a place other than his home under a ruling of the supreme court.

The court's decision was on an appeal brought by William G. Street, of New York city, from lower court decrees refusing an injunction prohibiting federal prohibition officers from seizing liquor which he had stored in a room leased from a safe deposit company. The court declared congress did not intend to prohibit such storage when the liquor was lawfully acquired for a lawful purpose.

The question presented, Mr. Clarke said, was simply, "may a warehousing corporation lawfully permit to be stored in its warehouse, after the effective date of the Volstead act, liquors admitted to have been lawfully acquired before that date and which are so stored solely and in good faith."

After answering the question in the affirmative, Justice Clarke declared the court could not bring itself to the conclusion that such retention of the liquor on the part of the storage company constituted "possession" within the meaning of the section under consideration, nor would the transportation of such stores to the legal residence of the owner from the warehouse, constitute "transportation" under the act.

Rice Growers Facing Ruin.

Little Rock, Ark.—E. A. Eignus, of Beaumont, Texas, secretary of the Southern Rice Growers' Association, told June P. Wooten, United States District Attorney, at a conference here that rice growers would face ruin unless some action is permitted that would stabilize the price of their product.

Congressional Appropriations.

Washington.—Estimates upon which congress will make appropriations for the first fiscal year of the new republican administration are now being prepared by the various government departments under the direction of democratic cabinet officers.

Not to Return Our Dead.

Washington.—The bodies of about 550 American soldiers who died in England are to remain permanently in that country by request of the families of the men, Secretary Baker announced that orders had been given to concentrate the bodies in a permanent cemetery near London.

Reds Controlling Armenia.

Constantinople.—Armenia is passing under bolshevik control, it is said in reports received here from Tiflis. Turks and bolshevik Tartars have effected a junction at Alexandropol, and it is probable the city of Erivan has been occupied by Turkish troops.

Flour Prices Drop.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Flour prices continued their downward slide and reached what millers said was pre-war prices. At one large mill here family patent flour declined 40 cents a barrel to a new low price of \$10.

Constitutionalists Won.

Rome.—Municipal elections at Milan, Naples, Bari, Palermo, Pisa, Genoa and Florence, were held and constitutionalist candidates were successful at all these cities.

Three Billion Corn Crop.

Washington.—The corn crop this year amounts to 3,199,126,000 bushels the department of agriculture announced in its preliminary estimate.

Further Clashes in Mexico.

Mexico City.—Further clashes of Socialists and Liberals in Yucatan, arising out of the state election campaign there, was reported in dispatches from Merida.

Death of Football Player.

Emporia, Kan.—Jack Reeves, 23, fullback for the Kansas State Normal football team and former fullback on the Great Lakes naval training station team, died here of injuries he received in the Normal-Washburn game.

Hunter Breaks His Neck.

Toccoa, Ga.—While engaged in a fight with an opossum in the top of a persimmon tree, Herbert Cobb, prominent young white man, fell to the ground, breaking his neck. He lived only a few minutes.

New Certificates Issue.

Washington.—Secretary Houston announced a new offering of treasury certificates of indebtedness for \$200,000,000. The issue, which will bear 5 3-4 per cent interest, will be dated November 15.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

Snow Hill.—The Green teachers met at Snow Hill August 22, 1918, organized as a local unit of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. All members present became members of the unit.

Raleigh.—Jesse Robertson, visitor to the Negro State Fair, closed, arraigned in city court on charge of picking the pockets of Cooley, mulatto boy of Wendell, convicted and sentenced to 30 months on the roads of Wake county.

Charlotte.—Body of Lewis Tucker accidentally killed in August 22, 1918, arrived in the city and the funeral will be held at the North Charlotte Methodist church. Mr. Tucker was a member of the quartermaster corps of the army.

Rocky Mount.—Five men, who possessed of a total of only seven and eight arms, were arrested at a local hotel on a charge of gambling. The men, according to the report, made up a party of professional gamblers who were en route to Tarboro.

Durham.—The Durham Trust Company began its fight to annul its part of the deed of gift of formal objections with city attorneys to street assessments recently made against the company and Main street property owners.

Raleigh.—Governor Bickett has issued a proclamation setting aside November 11, armistice day, as a holiday in North Carolina and other states upon "our people to desist from their usual employment and join in celebrating the day of the world's redemption from the grip of fire and sword."

New Bern.—Stephens H. F. register of deeds for Craven county for many years, offered his resignation to the board of commissioners which have been in regular session this to make effect on November 15 and Garrison A. Farrow, who is elected to that office in the present session, was appointed to take charge of the office.

Asheville.—The death of J. I. Rhinehardt, of Marion, in the 20th more hospital, brings the total death for the serious accident which occurred at Morrison crossing, near Fort, when an auto was struck by train No. 15, to four.

Salisbury.—Theresa Cook, freeso old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cook, was seriously injured when a truck backed over her. One leg and foot were badly crushed.

Greensboro.—The fall meeting of North Carolina Association of Dullies convened here, meeting at the O. Henry hotel. About fifteen members were present.

Smithfield.—Tobacco prices in the local market averaged from 2 to 2 1/2 cents for the entire offering of 500,000 pounds at the three warehouses, this being the best for the season.

Charlotte.—James P. Taylor, a Confederate veteran and for many years a prominent citizen of the county of city, died at his home, 503 South Broadway street, while in his 75th year.

Washington, N. C.—Considerable excitement was caused in Grimesville when B. G. Avery, white, shot at a negro, missed the man and hit the white men instead. None of the men were injured seriously.

Kinston.—Jacob Sammett, of this city, tried in United States court at New Bern for violation of the prohibition laws, drew a fine of \$500, according to police and federal officers who were witnesses at the trial.

Wilmington.—Fire wiped out the plant of the Widemer Lumber company at Smith's creek, caused a loss of \$100,000 partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Goldboro.—Judge J. Langhorne Barham, one of the most eminent and learned attorneys of the state, died at his home in this city. Judge Barham had been ill only a few weeks, and his death was a great shock to his many friends and to the legal fraternity.

Wadesboro.—A union service of all the churches was held at the Methodist church in honor of the retiring pastor of the Methodist church, the Rev. E. R. Welch, who has been transferred to the charge at Lenoir.

Raleigh.—Wilbert Watkins, eight years old, who was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. N. E. Cansdy of the North Carolina Insurance Department while attempting to cross Fayetteville street was reported as getting along nicely.

Wilmington.—Because a gallon of whiskey was not returned seven men raided a negro construction camp near Pikeville, and shot up the sleeping quarters. Willis Murrell, 17 year old negro, was killed, his body being riddled with bullets.