

**REPUBLICANS ELATED
BY ELECTION RETURNS**

**Attitude of Governor Coolidge Toward
Striking Police In Contrast
With Wilson.**

Special Correspondence
Washington, Nov. 12.—As the result of the four gubernatorial elections held in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Maryland and New Jersey the Republicans of the House and Senate are viewing with equanimity but not overconfidence the campaign of 1920.

By an increase of his majority from 17,000 to 124,000 Governor Calvin Coolidge was reelected in Massachusetts. This was a direct slap at President Wilson in more ways than one. He had taken an opposite stand from that of Governor Coolidge. The Washington police has sought to become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Commissioner Brownlow had threatened to dismiss them. The President, then on his tour of the west, wired Brownlow that he should desist until after the meeting of the Industrial Conference. The conference came and blew up. In the meantime Coolidge fired all the striking policemen. The people backed him up. Then the President wired Coolidge that the upholding of law and order has no partisanship. This courage of the governor of Massachusetts was the chief issue of the campaign, and the Republican party won by the largest majority in its history. Another element in the election, though a minor one, was the attitude of Senator Lodge on the league of nations, and he, too, was sustained.

In Kentucky there was a great overturn. Ed Morrow, the Republican candidate for governor, was swept in by 30,000 majority. He had declared that the league as drawn up at Versailles did not suit him without reservations. Black, his Democratic opponent, confessed to having swallowed the document entire. The result was never in doubt, and it means that Kentucky will be in the Republican column next year.

In New Jersey the result was due somewhat to the shifting of President Wilson on the liquor question. Edwards, the Democratic candidate for governor, had during the campaign announced that if elected he would make the state as "wet" as the Atlantic; that he would do all in his power to nullify the national prohibition act. He did not merely announce this from the stump; he said it over his own signature in a formal declaration. In the midst of the campaign the President vetoed the war prohibition section of the enforcement bill. Congress promptly upheld the law and passed it over his veto. The damage was done, however, as many of the voters of New Jersey were led to believe that it would be possible by the combined efforts of the Democratic Governor and the Democratic President to nullify the new law. They did not know the promise was entirely for election purposes and as fruitless as "he kept us out of war." Hence the Republican majority, built upon national issues, was wiped out and a 14,000 Democratic majority put in its place. Because this was due to a local and specious issue, the Republicans here attach no importance to it in relation to next year.

Maryland went Democratic by a few hundred on issues which were not national. So close a result and so great a reduction from recent Democratic majorities give the Republican leaders the practical certainty of carrying the state in the national election of next year.

Incidentally, Murphy's Tammany judges were overthrown in New York, solely by the assistance of the Republican party. Major LaGuardia, the Republican member of the House who volunteered in the war and became an aviator on the Austrian front, was chosen president of the Board of Aldermen. In New York and other states the Republicans gained in the state legislatures.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Portland Oregonian: President Wilson assumed a heavy responsibility in his veto of the prohibition act. Clearly he undertook to restore in the 'wet' states a short 'wet' period before constitutional prohibition could become effective. The reopening of the saloons, once wisely and effectively closed, means an orgy of drunkenness, dissipation, waste, idleness and crime in metropolitan centers and a demoralizing and wretched experience wherever the saloon is tolerated. The President sought to render a service to the makers and owners of stores of liquor. But in doing it he served the country illy.

San Francisco Chronicle: Shantung will be returned to China, says Ambassador Shidehara, but it is significant that he refused to say when. The German concession was for ninety-nine years. As the Japanese are standing on the contention that what they took over was German and not

Chinese property, it may not be unreasonable to assume that they will stand for the full term that Germany extorted from China.

Washington Post: Is the United States navy to be maintained or is it to be allowed to disintegrate? This question would have been absurd a year ago when the navy was adding fresh laurels to a glorious record, but it is pertinent now when gallant officers are resigning and the brand new ships are unable to keep the sea. Fifty officers, all graduates of the Naval Academy, have just resigned. About one thousand officers would like to resign. The enlisted men are almost all invariably quitting the navy as their terms of enlistment expire. While the navy's personnel is thus disintegrating the ships are necessarily becoming ineffective. The back channel at the Philadelphia navy yard is a forest of masts of vessels laid up because there are no crews. The battleships Virginia and New Jersey, now at Boston, are supposed to be attached to the Pacific fleet, but how can they go to the Pacific when they have only 200 men each when there should be 2,000 men? In the meantime other governments are increasing their naval strength and improving their naval efficiency. Great Britain does not permit her navy to lag for lack of men. Japan is going ahead rapidly in naval power and efficiency. The vacillation of the present Secretary of the Navy is a notorious factor in our naval degeneration. He began by demanding from Congress a grotesquely excessive construction plan and then, without rhyme or reason, repudiated those plans and refused to

favor even moderate and necessary increases. From the date of the signing of the armistice he has interfered with and nullified the efforts of the General Board and the flag officers, all of them intent on keeping the navy up to a proper standard.

New York Tribune: It is now a habit to eulogize independence and nonpartisanship. To belong to a party is held to be akin to a vice. But seldom is there a continuing institution or practice not based on something strong and sound. American citizens have affiliated themselves with one or the other of the two leading political organizations. For this reason must exist. In other countries a party represents merely a set of echoes of some group of men. Here it is able to give orders to a President, a member of Congress, to a remote sheriff to cooperate in a common end. It thus gathers to itself loyalty. It gives opportunity for public opinion to form and crystallize, provides machinery by which the government officer becomes a representative instead of an agent with plenary power to do as seems good to him. It thus tends to draw democracy out of the mists and make it real and actual.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: The President has leaned very far toward organized labor. He has, we think, encouraged an attitude in some branches of organized labor that is detrimental to its own interests and dangerous to the public welfare. But that very fact should impress the miners with the seriousness of a situation that would compel him to an

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