

A FOLLETTE LEADS IN WISCONSIN VOTE

Republican Landslide in Bluffs

Only Two Democrats Weather Storm That Sweeps Opponents Into Office.

Zurmuehlen Is Defeated

Only two democrats weathered the republican landslide which swept through the Council Bluffs polls in the city election there Monday.

Fery Cross Blazes

Bluffs citizens were wondering Tuesday whether the fiery cross which blazed forth at 1:30 a. m. at the corner of Main and Broadway was an indication that the Ku Klux Klan assumes credit for the republican victory.

At least one office will be contested as a result of the theft of 265 absent and sick voters' ballots from the office of the city clerk Sunday.

With this one exception, however, margins in all other elections seem to be large enough to preclude contest on this ground.

Both the proposition to establish a municipal court and the one for a band tax levy seem to have carried in the election by safe margins.

Upsets Give Surprises

V. A. Morgan, republican, who defeated Robert B. Organ, democrat, decisively, will begin his third term of office as city attorney.

Expected to Be Hott

Victory of W. W. Clatterbuck and Gus Clawson, republican nominees for alderman-at-large, over their democratic opponents, Frank Case and C. C. Sulhoff, was anticipated if the election was normally republican.

Contests between G. H. Henderson, republican, and Lou Green, democrat, for first ward alderman, and between J. F. Stageman, republican incumbent, and Frank Snyder, democrat, in the second ward, were expected to be hot.

Election of N. H. Ellbert, republican incumbent, over M. E. O'Keefe in the third ward has been conceded, but H. C. Jenkins, democrat incumbent, from the fourth ward, was slated to defeat J. H. Johnson, republican winner.

Close contest was expected between D. L. Stanton, republican, and L. H. Kramer, democrat victor, in the sixth ward.

Figures regarding the municipal court and band tax levies propositions were not available today because judges in a majority of precincts placed the separate ballots in envelopes and sealed them in the official ballot sacks, neglecting to note the results on the outside of the sacks.

We Have With Us Today

James Putnam Goodrich, Winchester, Ind., Former Governor of Indiana.

James Putnam Goodrich is still a busy man, although he has reached the proverbial three-score year mark.

James Goodrich was born at Winchester, Ind., February 18, 1854. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1888 and has since practiced law in Winchester and Indianapolis.

He was named receiver for the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railroad. He is president of the Peoples Loan and Trust company, is a director of the Union Heat, Light and Power company of Winchester and of the Aetna Trust company, Indianapolis.

Mr. Putnam was a chairman of the republican state central committee for eight years and is a member of the republican national executive committee.

Between 1917 and 1921 he was governor of Indiana. He also is trustee of Wabash college and of McCormick Theological seminary, Chicago. He is a member of the Indiana Bankers' association.

There Are Moments When One Wants to Be Alone.



Nebraska Naval Officers Accused of \$120,000 Theft

Lieut. Ervine Brown, Who Enlisted From Lincoln, Disappears at New Orleans—Search Started.

Washington, April 1.—A nationwide search was begun by the Navy department today for Lieut. Ervine Ralph Brown of the supply corps, paymaster of Destroyer division No. 21, Pacific coast, who is alleged to have absconded with \$120,000.

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur made announcement of the disappearance of the officer and the sealing of his safe on the destroyer Somers.

Brown was given two days' leave at Mobile, March 10, and was due to rejoin the Somers March 12 at Pensacola.

When Brown failed to arrive on the Farragut, he was marked 'overboard' and his safe was entered and the alleged shortage discovered.

Brown's shore address as given by Secretary Wilbur is Coronado, Cal., where it is said he has a wife and three children, and a mother who depends on him for support.

The person in charge of the department has the address 1929 R street, Lincoln, Neb., from which state he was appointed to the navy, although a native of Missouri.

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OIL POSSIBILITIES WILL BE STUDIED

A committee from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce is to investigate reports that there is oil in Nebraska and determine whether the indications are of sufficient worth to warrant promotion.

The committee had requested that anyone in the state who knows of oil outcroppings notify them and either supply or allow them to acquire geological data to use in their investigation.

Women Elected to All Offices in Iowa Town

Columbus Junction, Ia., April 1.—A ticket composed of women was elected to office here.

Eva Bretz was elected mayor, Mary Moore city treasurer and Nellie Moore assessor.

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. Schock, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Richele were elected to the city council. The women will serve two years.

Judge Orders Sale of Contraband Liquor

Butte, Mont., April 1.—Judge Carroll of the district court issued an order today authorizing the sale of 118 bottles of whisky and cognac.

The liquor, supposed to have been consigned here from Seattle for a Christmas party, was seized at the railroad station.

At the same time, Chief Justice McCoy in the district supreme court ordered the impounding of a special grand jury here on April 16 before which the criminal charges growing out of the investigation of the naval oil leases. The evidence is now being put in shape for presentation by special government counsel in the oil cases.

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AK-SAR-BEN BOARD MEMBERS RESIGN

Charles E. Black and J. D. Foster, designated from the Ak-Sar-Ben board of governors at a meeting at the Omaha club Monday night, ill-health was given by Foster as the reason for his resignation, while Black said that he believed raw blood should be admitted to the organization.

"I have had all the honors given me that it is in the power of Ak-Sar-Ben to give," said Black. "It is time for someone else to enter the lists and be honored."

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War department announced today that the Fort Crook flying field will be officially known, effective May 15, as Offutt field in honor of First Lieut. Jarvis J. Offutt, Omaha, who lost his life in the air service.

Sinclair Pleads Not Guilty in Contempt Case

\$5,000 Bond Furnished—Political Activities of Late Jake Hamon Aired Before Oil Committee.

Washington, April 1.—As the oil committee got back today to the trail of an alleged conspiracy at the republican national convention in 1920 for the exploitation of the public domain, Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome, appeared in the District of Columbia supreme court and entered a plea of not guilty of an indictment charging contempt of the United States senate.

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BROKER, FREED, ASKS DAMAGES

Lynn Young, former bond broker, filed suit in district court Tuesday for \$100,000 damages against the General Casualty & Surety company of Detroit, Mich., charging that his credit and reputation have been injured by his alleged false accusation and arrest on a charge of embezzlement.

John F. Zimmer and Bert S. Smith, comprising the firm of Zimmer & Smith, Lincoln, general state agents for the company, are also named defendants.

Young was acquitted last week after a trial lasting several days in District Judge Stuffer's court, where he was charged with embezzling \$5,683 of funds received in payment of premiums on bonds written for the parent company.

Earthquake Reported

Moscow, April 1.—An earthquake was reported today from Kuplansk, near Kharkov. Slight damage was done and no casualties were reported. Volcanic eruptions are taking place at Irkutsk, Siberia.

Alcohol Victims Die at Toledo

Two More Drinkers of Denatured Liquor Expected to Succumb—Four Others in Hospitals.

Toledo, O., April 1.—Deaths in Toledo since Sunday from drinking denatured alcohol mounted to 12 late today, when Charles O'Donnell, 55, Buffalo, N. Y., died at Municipal hospital. O'Donnell's death was the fifth today. Seven men died Sunday night and Monday.

Half a dozen are in hospitals suffering from alcohol poisoning. Physicians expect two to die.

Police began a drive against druggists and others who sell denatured alcohol for beverage purposes, and arrested Meyer Selzman, 25, druggist, and two of his clerks, Harry Forter, 16, and Martin Bracker, 24. Bracker and Forter admitted, police said, that they are not registered or licensed druggists' clerks.

Porter and Bracker are said to have told the police they were instructed by Selzman to sell denatured alcohol without labeling the bottles poison.

Federal action against Selzman was promised by prohibition enforcement officers, who say Selzman admitted he knew his customers were using the denatured alcohol for beverage purposes.

Spread of Cattle Disease Causing New Quarantines

Foot and Mouth Malady Discovered in Kern County, California; Destruction of Stock Begins.

Sacramento, Cal., April 1.—The foot and mouth disease was discovered today in Kern county, and destruction of cattle in Merced and Los Angeles counties was begun. In San Francisco one plant at the stockyards was released from quarantine and government authorities announced the possibility of others being released within a few days.

Counties throughout the state are instituting quarantines and posting guards to prevent the driving or shipping of cattle into their counties from other counties.

All packing houses, two stockyards, one feeding yard and one dairy yard at Los Angeles are under quarantine. The loss to date in Los Angeles is placed at 1,700 head, not including the cattle at the Globe mills feeding yard, where 4,500 head of cattle are being slaughtered, of which authorities estimate 900 will be lost as infected.

G. H. Hecke, director of the state department of agriculture announced he will ask the fish and game commission to postpone the opening of the fishing season in sections of the state where there is danger of further spread of the epidemic.

Hecke fears anglers might carry the disease on their shoes to non-infected districts.

San Joaquin began maintaining disinfecting vans on roads at the county line crossings for use of automobiles and other vehicles. All vehicles entering the county must drive through the vans.

FRENCH FRANCS TOUCH NEW HIGH

New York, April 1.—Settlements on short interests which fell due today showed the French franc to a new high for the year of 54 cents. The previous high was 53 cents on March 24.

The Belgian franc also touched a new high of 4.71.

Shelby High Winner of Debate With Stromsburg

Shelby, Neb., April 1.—Shelby High school won a debate from the Stromsburg High school in the Shelby school auditorium. The decision was 3 to 0.

The question debated was "Resolved That the United States Should Further Restrict Immigration."

Shelby also won from Marquette unanimously a week ago. Shelby has won eight of 12 contests.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Names and Addresses: Age.

James Wood, Omaha, 21; Lucille White, Omaha, 19; Frank and the Omaha Nebraska; Marie Blarke, South Omaha, 24; Mayer Cohn, Omaha, 27; Gertrude Marks, Council Bluffs, 21; John McDonald, Syracuse, N. Y., 21; Thelma Bredend, Nemaha, Neb., 21; Milton Fernald, Norfolk, Neb., 21; Marie Davis, Norfolk, 20; Nappalia Hill, Omaha, 21; Katie Johnson, Omaha, 21.

Musical Comedy Star Will Wed Millionaire and Sing in Opera

New York, April 1.—Grace Moore's girlhood dream is coming true. She is going to marry a millionaire and be a famous singer, too.

The prima donna of the Music Box Revue announced today that she is engaged to George Biddle, the wealthy Philadelphia artist. The marriage will take place after she makes her debut in grand opera.

When Miss Moore was just a slip of a lass singing in the Presbyterian church at Jellico, Tenn., she used to dream that some day she would be a famous singer and wed a millionaire. Now she believes that dreams come true.

One of the interesting points about the affair is that a year ago she was seen much in the company of Thomas M. Robertson, who is soon to wed Mrs. Cordelia Biddle Duke, widow of Angier B. Duke and a cousin of George Biddle. All four are the best of friends.

Miss Moore and Robertson broke their engagement when he expressed the belief that wives should not have a career. Biddle wants her to have a career, the same as he has.

Miss Moore told the story this way today: "George and I are going to be married. You know, of course, that for two years I was engaged to marry Tommy Robertson. I broke the engagement a year ago. Tommy didn't want me to have a career. We will not marry until after I make my debut in grand opera. That will be next year, I hope."

Miss Moore has known fortune in all its flickers. She ran away from school to go on the stage. Her first engagement never paid her a cent. She returned to New York one Christmas Eve with 5 cents in her purse. After an engagement or two she became prima donna in "Fitchy-Koo."

Then she went to Paris, where Irving Berlin heard her sing. Biddle, who was in Paris, heard her, too. Berlin took her to lunch and asked her if she would like to be prima donna in the third Music Box Revue. That's why she returned to America. In the meantime, as she put it:

"George did trail around after me a bit as I traveled through Europe." He saw her in Paris, San Sebastian, Florence and—well, almost everywhere she went.

Waterway Work to Start in 1924, States Official

War Department Engineers Being Selected Now, Says James P. Goodrich, of Commission.

"We hope to set the Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project definitely under way this year."

This is the message of James P. Goodrich, former governor of Indiana and member of the waterway commission, who was in Omaha Tuesday.

Mr. Goodrich, who is on a business trip to Wyoming, stopped off in Omaha a few hours to look over the city and call on friends.

"Herbert Hoover, chairman of the commission, is now making arrangements to secure the best engineers from the War department," continued Mr. Goodrich, "and we expect announcement of their selection soon."

When this canal is built and the Great Lakes are made available for ocean-going ships, it will mean a saving of from 6 to 8 cents on every bushel of wheat shipped out of Nebraska for export.

"The total cost of the canal, including the big dam below the rapids in the St. Lawrence, will be about \$275,000,000. This is less than the Panama canal and the project is of infinitely greater importance. It will carry many times the tonnage now carried through the isthmian waterway and will be of benefit to more people, particularly the farmers of the middle west."

"Canada and the United States have appointed commissioners to study the project and work out the details. In addition to giving a much needed route from the interior to the sea, the canal will develop about 1,500,000 horsepower."

It is estimated the revenue from the use of this electrical energy will pay for the canal within a short period of years.

The only objection to the canal, according to ex-Governor Goodrich, comes from certain sections in the east where the handling of grain and other commodities in transit might be interfered with.

BANK CLEARINGS GAIN FOR MARCH

Bank clearings in Omaha increased in the month of March more than \$21,000,000 over the clearings of February.

The figures as compiled by the Nebraska Bankers' association are: February, \$148,562,746.75, and in March, \$177,508,050.49. The increase was \$28,945,303.74.

Boy Slayer of Policeman Found Guilty of Murder

Salt Lake City, April 1.—Ralph Seybold, alias Saunders, one of three youths arrested at Ludlow, Cal., last October, charged with the fatal shooting of Patrolman David Crouther of Salt Lake City, was found guilty of first degree murder by a district court jury late today.

No recommendation as to punishment was made and it is possible that Seybold will be sentenced to death. His two companions remain to be tried.

Family of Three Burns to Death in Rooming House

Houston, Tex., April 1.—Russ Forth, 32, actor, his wife, Irene, 24, and their 4-year-old daughter, formerly of Evansville, Ind., were burned to death in a rooming house fire today.

City officials began an investigation to determine whether this and several other recent fatal fires were of incendiary origin.

State Vote May Go to Coolidge

Seven Candidates at Large Named by La Follette Faction Are Declared Illegal by Opposition.

Heavy Voting Reported

Madison, Wis., April 1.—United States Senator Robert M. La Follette was leading President Coolidge in today's presidential primary in Wisconsin, according to estimates made at the polls. The polls closed at 8.

Heavy voting was reported from most of the state. Milwaukee will roll up a record-breaking flood of ballots, according to word from that city.

It developed today that in spite of the outcome of the primary, Wisconsin's vote may go to Coolidge at the Cleveland convention.

The state law provides that four delegates-at-large shall be elected. The republican national committee assigned seven delegates-at-large to this state.

The Coolidge faction certified four candidates for places on the ballot. The La Follette faction placed seven names on the ballot.

Former Governor E. L. Phillips, himself a Coolidge delegate candidate, issued a statement during the day declaring an effort would be made to have every ballot on which seven candidates were voted declared illegal. Two ways are open for the governor—to secure an injunction restraining the secretary of state from certifying the election of seven delegates-at-large for La Follette, or carry the fight to the credentials committee at Cleveland.

The latter course might result in the contest going on the floor of the convention.

EIGHT THOUSAND MINERS STRIKE

Calgary, Alberta, April 1.—Eight thousand miners in the coal fields of Alberta and northeastern British Columbia struck early today after the last shift in District 18, United Workers of America, had finished their tasks. Maintenance men remained at work.

The strike was ordered March 15 when union officials and representatives of the Western Canada Coal Operators' association failed to reach an agreement on a new wage contract.

ENGLAND QUITS SECRET PACTS

London, April 1.—Under Foreign Secretary Arthur Ponsonby today announced the end of secret treaties for England.

The under secretary announced in commons that in the future the government will present every treaty to parliament for 21 days, then ask for ratification. This will make the negotiation of secret pacts impossible.

Coal Prices Cut

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company today announced a reduction of 50 cents a ton at the mines on broken egg and nut coal, 40 cents a ton on stove and 60 cents on pea coal. Reductions are expected from other coal producing companies.

Summary of The Day In Washington

The White House announced that President Coolidge would spend the summer in Washington.

Reports of favorable conditions were laid before President Coolidge at the cabinet meeting.

It was indicated at the White House that President Coolidge would select a new attorney general within two days.

An adjusted pension bill designed to remove inequities in payments to veterans of several past wars was passed by the senate.

The senate Daugherty committee questioned witnesses in regard to a land case in Oklahoma, and a federal judgeship appointment.

The appropriation bill for the Department of State, Justice, Commerce and Labor was reported by the house appropriations committee carrying \$86,849,160.

Chairman Smead of the senate finance committee declared on the floor of the senate that a tax bill was assured of passage at this session.

Senator Robinson, Arkansas, the democratic leader, disclaimed any disposition by senate democrats to prolong unduly the present round of investigations.

The senate committee investigated alleged Texas land frauds, received over protest of counsel for R. B. Creeger, correspondence in files relating to complaints.

Harry F. Sinclair pleaded not guilty of contempt of the senate, and the oil committee took further testimony relating to the political activities of the late Jake Hamon, republican national committeeman from Oklahoma.

Gen. Ludendorff Is Acquitted of Treason Charge

Nine Companions Get Light Sentences—Leaders Soon to Be Free to Resume Nationalist Move.

Berlin, April 1.—Gen. Erich von Ludendorff is a free man today.

As he himself predicted, the stormy and dramatic session, acquitted the famous general of high treason against his country, whose armies he led through the world war.

The acquitted released the pent-up emotions of the populace and with wild acclaim there were showers of flowers for the war leader such as few men have received.

Other Nine Convicted. The same court's verdict against Ludendorff's companions in the Munich beer hall revolt of last November fell just short of acquittal. All the other nine, including Ludendorff's stepson, Lieutenant Permet, were found guilty, but the sentences were a mere formality.

Adolph Hitler, former Chief of Police Proehner, Colonel Kriebel, and Dr. Weber were sentenced to high treason to five years' confinement in a fortress and fined \$50 each, but their sentences are suspended after six months.

Captain Boehm, Dr. Frick and Lieutenants Brueckner, Wagner and Permet were sentenced for aiding and abetting high treason to 15 months' confinement in a fortress and \$25 fine, but all their sentences were suspended immediately.

Move to Be Resumed. The sentences were imposed on the anniversary of Bismarck's birthday. Through the verdict, at Pioneer State the Munich putch whose end and aim is the restoration of the monarchy, are either free or soon will be, and ready and eager once more to push the nationalistic movement which they even announced in their last defiant statements before the court, and which they reiterated after the announcement of the verdict.

Today, also, General Ludendorff definitely entered the reichstag election lists of the nationalists, so that within two months this protagonist of the monarchy will take his seat in the German parliament.

200 Stockholders Ask Release of W. V. Matthews

Signatures of 200 stockholders and creditors of the bankrupt Guaranty Securities company are Pioneer State before the petition asking parole of Willard V. Matthews, former president of the two concerns. Matthews is now in the state penitentiary for violation of the state banking laws.

The petition was filed with the board of pardons Tuesday.

Matthews has already served two years of his indeterminate sentence of 1 to 10 years.

The stockholders say that Matthews is needed on the outside to conserve the assets of the two companies now in bankruptcy court.

La Follette Reported on Road Toward Recovery

Washington, April 1.—Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, who has pneumonia, has passed the crisis and now is on the road to recovery, according to an announcement made at his home today.

Members of his family said that Senator La Follette has been convalescent for the last three days and his fever is now very light.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending at 7 p. m., April 1, 1924.

Barometer, inches and hundredths: Total, 30.1; since January 1, 2.3; excess, .64.

Hourly Temperatures:

7 a. m. 31 10 a. m. 34 1 p. m. 37 4 p. m. 39

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