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WILCOX WAITS OFFICIAL COUNT IN CLOSE STATES

Republican Chairman Will Not Concede Election of Wilson Until Definite Figures Are at Hand.

HOUSE WORRIES WILSON

President Fears He Will Not Have Working Majority Behind Him in Congress.

POPULAR VOTE GOSSIP

New York, Nov. 11.—Chairman Willcox called on Mr. Hughes in the afternoon and had an hour's talk with him, after which the chairman reiterated that the re-election of President Wilson would not be conceded until after the official count. It probably will be a week, he said, before this is completed.

New York, Nov. 11.—With Republican National Chairman Willcox still awaiting the official count in close states before conceding the defeat of Charles E. Hughes in the national election, the latest returns today in the close states of California, Minnesota, New Mexico and New Hampshire still presented on their face no change affecting the president's majority in the electoral college.

Mr. Wilson still led in California, New Mexico and apparently New Hampshire, and Mr. Hughes in Minnesota, with only a few districts yet to be accounted for in each state.

President Wilson in Williamstown, Mass., was reported to be chiefly concerned over the complexion of the next congress, which was still in doubt today.

The president's plurality over Mr. Hughes in the total popular vote, according to the latest estimate, based upon incomplete returns, is 403,312. His total vote was 8,563,713 and that of Mr. Hughes 8,160,401.

Wilson Worried Over House.

Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 11.—President Wilson is not concerned over the refusal of the republican campaign managers to concede his re-election. The chief thing worrying him is the political complexion of the next house of representatives, because of its effect on his plans for legislation. He has not yet received final information on this point.

The president is understood to take the result of the election as a vindication of his past course and as approval of the general outlines of policy in domestic and foreign affairs set forth by him in his speeches as a candidate for re-election.

After his return to Washington tomorrow he will catch up immediately on official business, and in the near future will begin the preparation of his December message to congress. Nothing has been given out as to whether he will remain constantly in Washington until congress convenes.

The president took a short walk this morning. He was invited to witness a foot ball game this afternoon between Massachusetts Agricultural college and Williams. On his return trip tonight he will be given a reception at Albany, N. Y. Democrats there have organized a parade in his honor and he may speak briefly from the observation platform of his private car.

Vote of New Hampshire Close.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 11.—President Wilson received a plurality of 63 votes over Charles E. Hughes in New Hampshire, according to certified returns from all except small precincts made public by Secretary of State Bean. In arriving at this figure, Mr. Bean announced, he included in the Wilson total 289 votes cast for him in Ward Two, Dover, but omitted through error from certified returns, and by accepting as probably correct the newspaper returns for Dorchester, the missing precinct, which had not reported officially.

Hughes Holds Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 11.—With at least thirty-eight precincts to be heard from in addition to the results of the vote of the soldiers on the border, Mr. Hughes still is maintaining the slight lead he has held over President Wilson for the last two days in Minnesota.

The last figures received give the republican nominee a lead of 543 votes.

The special commission sent to gather the 2,138 soldier votes on the border returned to St. Paul today.

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NEBRASKA VOTE ON THE STATE OFFICERS

Democrats Make Clean Sweep of the State Without Any Exception.

MORRISSEY IS IN THE LEAD

Two-thirds of the counties and four-fifths of the vote of the state have been heard from, and the returns tabulated on the heads of the ticket. Sixty-six counties give the dries a lead of 16,418, and the rest of the state will increase this materially. On president, Wilson has 27,648 over Hughes in sixty-six counties, and his lead will also be increased. Hitchcock is 11,175 ahead of Kennedy in seventy-seven counties. Sutton is running closer to Neville, being but 5,295 behind in seventy-one counties. Neville's lead is safe enough to insure his election, however, as the twenty-two counties still to hear from will very likely increase this.

Chief Justice Andrew M. Morrissey has a lead of 3,335 over Justice Jacob M. Fawcett for the office of chief justice of the supreme court in the sixty-seven counties heard from. For associate justices Cornish, Sedgwick and Dean are leading, the latter having pulled up ahead of Judge Barnes. Fred Beckman, running for re-election as land commissioner, is the only republican candidate on the state ticket who has any chance for winning, but even he has fallen behind Shumway, democrat.

Following are the latest Nebraska figures:

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For	114,311
Against	97,971
PRESIDENT	
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Hughes, rep.	92,933
SENATOR	
Seventy-nine Counties	130,610
Kennedy, rep.	118,322
GOVERNOR	
Seventy-three Counties	120,161
Neville, dem.	112,695
FOOD AMENDMENT	
For	30,271
Against	37,162
CHIEF JUSTICE	
Seventy-seven Counties	84,733
Fawcett	90,474
ASSOCIATE JUSTICES	
Cornish	91,985
Sedgwick	84,619
Dean	81,608
Barnes	81,129
Hastings	79,852
Martin	78,625
SUBSTANTIVE	
Seventy-eight Counties	102,363
Thomas, rep.	102,234
LAND COMMISSIONER	
Seventy-nine Counties	98,211
Beckman, rep.	98,979
RAILWAY COMMISSIONER	
Seventy-eight Counties	104,518
Clark, dem.	100,477
LIQUOR	
Seventy-seven Counties	101,174
Shumway, rep.	87,423
STATE TREASURER	
Seventy-seven Counties	103,315
Hall, dem.	89,955
REYNOLDS, rep.	89,955
EDITOR	
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Marsh, rep.	88,456
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WRITER ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BLACKMAIL COUNTESS BERNSTORFF

Washington, Nov. 11.—Karl Armgarad Graves, a magazine writer of New York, was arrested by Department of Justice officials here today, charged with attempted blackmail of Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador.

The arrest was made after the embassy officials complained that Graves had tried to sell them what purported to be letters from persons in Germany to the countess and members of the embassy staff and other documents appearing to be official cipher dispatches from the Berlin government to the embassy. Officials said the letters on which the formal charge against the prisoner was based apparently was a communication to the countess from a cousin in Germany.

Smyth in Prospect For Federal Judge

One result of the election is the revival of the candidacy of Constantine J. Smyth of Omaha for appointment to a federal judgeship. It is remembered that Mr. Smyth, who has been an assistant to the attorney-general, was strongly recommended for the succession to Judge Munger which went to Judge Woodrough and it was generally understood at that time that his claim was held in abeyance for the next vacancy. A vacancy now exists on the federal court of appeals for this district through the death of Judge Adams of St. Louis, and still another vacancy is prospect by the expected retirement of Judge Sanborn, who has completed the necessary period of service to entitle him to retire. Mr. Smyth's friends are expecting him to be named for one of these places, although probably no appointment will be made until congress convenes in December, because ratification by the senate is needed.

Japanese Favor Wilson; Feared Protective Tariff

Tokyo, Nov. 11.—The election of President Wilson is welcomed by the Japanese press, which praises his peaceful disposition and believes his continuation in office augurs well for the furtherance of American-Japanese friendship. Business circles are pleased, as they feared a republican protective tariff would be a blow to Japanese exports to America.

REPUBLICANS TO HAVE PLURALITY IN LOWER HOUSE

Latest Count on Returns for Congressmen Gives G. O. P. Lead of Three Members Over Bourbons.

THIS MAY BE CHANGED

Further Returns May Cause Shift in Situation, It Is Believed.

DEM LEADS IN NEW MEXICO

New York, Nov. 11.—The probable complexion of the Sixty-fifth congress was further complicated today by late returns from one close district and a reclassification of the politics of three members of the California delegation. The count in the one doubtful district, that in New Mexico, is not yet complete, but the election of Walton, democrat, is probable, according to latest returns.

A reversal in the Tenth North Carolina district, where complete returns indicate the election of Congressman J. Britt, republican, by a plurality of thirteen votes, broke the tie which existed on the face of the returns, for congress, up to last night.

A reclassification of the politics of three members of the elected California delegation, John J. Nolan in the Fifth district, Everis A. Hayes in the Eighth and Charles H. Randall in the Ninth, in accordance with their political designation in the Congressional Record, also apparently was favorable to the republican side.

The names of the three members appeared on the republican and democratic tickets, and Randall, in addition, was also on the progressive ticket. In the returns as previously announced two had been credited as democrats and one as a republican. The Congressional Record, however, classes Nolan as a progressive, Hayes as a republican and Randall as a prohibitionist.

As a result of these changes the republicans from present indications will have a small plurality in the house, latest figures giving them 216 members, the democrats, 213, and other parties, six.

There are a number of close districts where on the face of complete returns members are apparently elected by very small pluralities. The Third New Jersey district, where Robert Carson, republican, is apparently elected by eleven votes over Thomas J. Scully, democrat, and present member of congress, is a case in point. The official count next week may change some of these close districts.

Germans Deny Any Serious Losses in Big Battle in Air

Berlin, Nov. 11.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The following announcement is from the admiralty:

"On the night of November 9-10 hostile airplanes dropped bombs without success on Ostend and Zeebrugge (Belgium). One British machine was forced down and was captured, and the aviator, a British officer, was made prisoner.

"On the morning of November 10 a German battleplane attacked two British planes between Niepoort and Dunkirk. It shot down one and forced the other to retreat.

"In the forenoon three of our battleplanes met a superior British aircraft squadron off Ostend and attacked it immediately. After a combat the enemy was forced to withdraw. Our machines returned to their base, having suffered insignificant damages."

Two U. S. Regulars Shot to Death by Corporal W. Smith

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 11.—Corporal W. Smith shot and killed Privates Jones and McKnight and wounded Private Coumers, while the four, all members of K troop, Fourthteenth cavalry, were at the camp stables this morning.

Governor Goethals Retires From Army This Week

Washington, Nov. 11.—Major General George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, will pass into the retired list of the army on his own application, dating from November 15, next. Army orders today show President Wilson has approved his application for retirement after forty years of service.

The order of retirement affects only General Goethals' military status and does not operate to relieve him from duty as governor of the canal zone, but is preliminary to his retirement. He probably will be succeeded by Lieutenant Chester Harding, engineers corps, now acting governor.

General Goethals has been selected by President Wilson as chairman of the eight-hour commission, which will review the effect of the Adamson law. It has been understood that General Goethals desires to free himself from canal duties and rest before taking up this new task.

Political Retrospect



TUESDAY NIGHT — WED. A.M. — WED. P.M. — THURS. A.M. — THURS. P.M. — FRIDAY



MISS PYRTLE LEADS FOR TEACHERS' HEAD

Nominations of State Association Are Made, to Be Voted Upon Next Month.

Miss Ruth Pyrtle of Lincoln ran highest among the five teachers nominated for the office of president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association. The other nominees are: Martha Powell, principal of the Long school of Omaha; A. O. Thomas, state superintendent, Lincoln; H. H. Hahn of Wayne Normal, and E. U. Graff, superintendent of the Omaha schools.

Five persons are nominated for each office. The ballots will be sent by mail to all the members of the association November 27. They must be voted and back in the hands of the executive committee by December 7.

LANDSBERG FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE

Widely Known Pianist and Ak-Sar-Ben Composer Ends Life With Revolver.

Sigmund Landsberg, widely known Omaha pianist, composer and instructor, was found shot through the heart yesterday afternoon in his office, 302 Lyric building, Eighteenth and Farnam streets. The authorities assert the evidence points conclusively to suicide.

William Saalfeldt, 1706 Canton street, janitor of the building made the discovery after 3 o'clock. The body was lying face down on the floor, a revolver near the right hand, and the thumb through the trigger guard. Saalfeldt had gone to the office to deliver a package. In the morning he had spoken to the pianist, but the latter acted in a queer manner and did not answer.

Coroner Crosby asserted that Landsberg had been dead several hours when the body was found.

Russians Retake Portion of Ground Lost at Skrobowa

Petrograd, Nov. 11.—(Via London, 2 p. m.)—Determined counter attacks by the Russians have resulted in the recapture of a portion of the position taken from them yesterday by the Germans near Skrobowa, in the Baranovichi region, the war office announced today.

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Dr. E. Holovtchiner, defeated candidate for re-election to the Board of Education, says he feels like a boy on the last day of school, just before a long vacation.

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SWIFT SOAKED BY LANDIS WITH FINE

Packers and Number of Railways Assessed on Charge of Violating Rate Law.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A fine totaling more than \$171,000, was assessed by Federal Judge Landis today against Swift and Company, packers, and a number of railroads convicted of violating the interstate commerce act. In most of the cases the charges were rebating or in shipping less than carload shipments at carload rates.

Swift and Company were fined \$60,000; the Pennsylvania railroad, \$20,000; the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad, \$20,000; the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, \$20,000, in one case, and \$50,000 in another.

North Western Fined.

In addition fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were assessed against the Chicago & North Western railroad, the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. These fines were in most instances for failure to comply with the twenty-four-hour cattle law which prohibits allowing live stock to remain in freight cars more than twenty-eight hours at a stretch without attention.

The Pennsylvania fine and the \$20,000 fine against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis were for rebating to the W. H. Merritt company, Chicago Board of Trade firm; while the \$50,000 fine was for rebating to B. A. Fokhart, head of the Fokhart milling company. Mr. Fokhart was tried for the same offense some time ago, but the case was thrown out of court by Federal Judge Anderson.

Charge Against Swift.

The charge against Swift and company was that it shipped less than carload shipments to Michigan points at the carload rates.

New Kingdom of Arabia Asks the U. S. for Recognition

Washington, Nov. 11.—Formation of the new kingdom of Arabia, with Grand Sherif Hussein Ben Ali as Monarch and Mecca as the capital was reported to the State department today in an undated telegram from Mecca signed by Sherif Abdullah, minister of foreign affairs. The Arabic nation, Abdullah said, would henceforth be an active member of the society of nations and confidently looked forward to recognition by the United States. The new kingdom resulted, he said, from an unanimous meeting of the notables and citizens of the country, who definitely threw off the yoke of the committee of the union and progress at Constantinople.

The State department knows nothing of the new foreign minister and little of the circumstances surrounding the proclamation of the kingdom and does not know how to reach the foreign minister's office in the absence of any consular or diplomatic representative in Arabia. Investigation into the situation, however, may be possible through British or French sources.

The request for recognition is expected to be met in much the same way as other government attaches during the war. Egypt when the new khedivate was established in December, 1914, consular officers were instructed to recognize the new officials as de facto. With respect to the new government of Poland the United States will postpone final action until peace is established.

AMERICAN SHIP IS SUNK; SHELLED BY A SUBMARINE

Columbia Reported by Lloyds to Have Been Sent to Bottom, Having Previously Sent Out Calls.

CREW LANDED AT OORUNA

London Hears Earlier Vessel Made Wireless Appeals for Help From U-Boat.

IT WAS THEN UNDER FIRE

London, Nov. 11.—The American steamer Columbia is believed to have been sunk, according to an announcement by Lloyds.

It was reported here on Wednesday that the Columbia was sending out wireless calls for help, saying it was being shelled by a submarine. The calls were picked up by Admiralty stations. Nothing further, however, had been heard of the Columbia until tonight's statement from Lloyd's shipping agency.

The crew of the American steamship Columbia has arrived at Coruna, Spain, in lifeboats, says a Reuter's dispatch from Madrid.

The Columbia is under American registry and sailed from New York, October 18 and Boston, October 21, bound for Genoa. She was reported as touching at St. Nazaire, France, on November 2, leaving that port the next day for Italy. The Columbia is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company of New York and was built in San Francisco in 1907. The vessel carried no passengers, but had a crew of about 113 officers and men. She was under charter by the French and Canada Steamship company, with offices in New York.

British Paper Thinks Moosers Elected Wilson

London, Nov. 11.—The Manchester Guardian attributes President Wilson's success to the rallying of a sufficient number of the progressive votes which Roosevelt gained in 1912.

"It seems a small thing," this newspaper continues, "but yet it may indicate a new epoch in American political life. The progressive movement arose entirely independently of foreign politics. Many progressive votes given to Wilson are given with the mental reservation that they will not go again to a democratic candidate unless Wilson confirms the faith of the progressives by consolidating what is still only tentative. If he does that he will have established himself as the ablest statesman since Lincoln and he may be destined to play a part in the achievement of peace, which will give him a place in world history."

Indiana Republicans Elect Full Ticket

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—Complete, but unofficial, returns from the 3,143 precincts in Indiana give Charles E. Hughes a plurality of 7,294 votes, Hughes receiving 340,882 and President Wilson 335,388.

The republicans re-elected their full state ticket, James P. Goodrich, for governor leading with 13,629 votes to spare over J. A. Adair, Harry S. New, who will succeed John W. Kern in the United States senate, has a plurality of 11,721. James E. Watson, who defeated Thomas Taggart for the short term in the senate, received a plurality of 11,425.

Indiana will be represented in the house of representatives by nine republicans and four democrats.

Young Hebron Farmer With Rent Money Lost

Grand Island, Nov. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Considerable mystery is attached to the disappearance of Ernest Myers of Hebron. According to a police announcement today, Myers came to this city about a week ago with a considerable sum of money with which he was to pay the rent on a farm he occupies, the payee being former Supreme Judge Harrison. The rent being overdue, Judge Harrison wrote to Hebron, which fact led to the discovery that Myers had left Hebron a week ago today to come here with the money. Apparently he has not been seen there nor here since that time. Myers is described as a man 23 years of age, between 155 and 165 pounds, dark brown eyes and walking with a decided stoop.

The Greatest Gain In the history of any Omaha newspaper

49,462
More paid Want Ads in the Bee from

January 1st to November 11th, 1916 than in same period, 1915.

The Reasons: Lower Rates Better Results Best Service

Phone Your Ad to Tyler 1000.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	28
6 a. m.	28
7 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	28
9 a. m.	28
10 a. m.	28