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DRIVE FOR VOTES HERE AT CLIMAX

Primary Election Campaign Which Began Apathetically Reaches Crest With Excitement Surpassing All Years.

INTEREST CENTERS IN RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Supporters of Wood and Johnson Claim Victory, But Admit Gains for Pershing With Each Passing Day.

Nebraska's primary election campaign, which began slowly and apathetically, reached a frenzied climax yesterday, equal in excitement apparently to any in the state since 1896.

Candidates for office, from president down to minor local jobs, let loose a flood of argument upon the bewildered voter by speeches, advertising and circulars. Printing offices were swamped and postoffices jammed.

Voters who were indifferent earlier in the campaign surprised candidates and observers during its closing days by the interest which they showed. Candidates for presidential preference, for national convention seats and for state office found large and attentive audiences, particularly in the smaller cities and towns.

Interest in Presidency.

Interest in the republican primary centered in the contest for presidential preference between Nebraska's candidate, General Pershing, and General Wood and Senator Johnson, with the free-for-all fight for governor second on the list. In the democratic camp, the whole state contest was between Hitchcock and Bryan for control not only of the national convention delegation, but of the national committee and the nomination for governor.

Added to the ordinary zest of the occasion was the participation of women for the first time in a general election.

Pershing Gains Support.

Few denied at the end of the week that General Pershing's candidacy was markedly stronger than at any time during the canvass in his behalf for the republican presidential preference. Supporters of Johnson and Wood claim victory Tuesday, but generally admitted that Pershing had gained with each passing day. Pershing adherents expressed certainty of carrying Douglas county and confidence of the result in the state at large. Johnsonites had no hope of Douglas, but avowed their satisfaction with conditions over the state. The Wood forces, from an

Lincoln Woman Made Delegate to World Suffrage Congress

New York, April 17.—Names of 12 delegates to the first postwar international suffrage congress, to be held in Geneva, June 6 to 12, were announced today by the American Woman Suffrage association. They are:

Mrs. Jacob Bauer, and Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, Chicago; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. W. E. Barkley, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. Halsey Wilson, and Mrs. Maud Nahtan, New York; Mrs. Charles F. Spencer, Topoka, Kan.; Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, Denver; Miss Dorothy Rehfeld, Aberdeen, S. D.; Mrs. H. O. Garvey, Kansas City; Miss Julia Lathrop, Washington; and Dr. Marion Horton, Windsor, Vt.

Premarriage Will O. K.

If Wife Is Made an Heir Chicago, April 17.—The legality of a will drawn by a single man is not affected by his marriage if it provides for his intended wife, according to an Illinois supreme court decision.

Find Bodies of Two More Victims of Colorado Storm

Denver, Colo., April 17.—This section of the west Saturday was in the grip of the second blizzard in a week. The discovery of the frozen bodies of two Trinidad boys on the Las Animas plains brought the death list of last Sunday's storm to

Nebraska's Chance to Honor a Nebraskan

A redeeming trait of American character which deserves honor because of his public service has never been denied it. Every state, every community has some one man to whom it looks as a leader, because of his ability, his public spiritedness and his willingness to go to the front for what is right. Every state takes pride in the men it has furnished whose contributions to the nation's history have made America great.

Nebraskans have such a man today, one whose name is imperishably written, not only in the annals of the state, or the records of the nation, but on the history of the world, where it will remain as long as the story of humanity attracts notice. It will stand for all that is great and noble in American character, an inspiration to mankind forever, because it symbolizes something that can not be told in words, the tremendous impulse of a united country, exerting its utmost energy for the preservation of liberty and the right of self-government for mankind.

John J. Pershing is that man. Neither time nor space here to recount his deeds. The modest soldier, the sincere, honest, hard-working man, who led the American army on its great mission in France, is a Nebraskan. He is presented as a candidate for the presidency of his country.

Can any loyal Nebraskan think of refusing to give to John J. Pershing the support he deserves? As well try to imagine Illinois repudiating Grant, or Ohio McKinley and Garfield.

Accepting at their face value all the claims made for the rival candidates from outside the state, and some are reckless enough, is there presented any good reason why a Nebraskan should vote for a man from New Hampshire, or one from California, when his own state offers a man who is the peer of either in ability, and whose actual achievements in magnitude and importance list among the mightiest ever accomplished by man? Pershing has been a doer and not a talker, but his deeds are more eloquent than any words could be.

Will Nebraska be the first state to tell John J. Pershing that his life-long service does not deserve recognition, that his uniform unfit him for the highest office in the land?

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD IS READY TO BEGIN WORK

Tennessee Man Named Permanent Chairman of Body To Adjust Wage.

Washington, April 17.—The railroad labor board got down to business today with the election of R. M. Barton of Tennessee, a member of the public group, as permanent chairman and the appointment of C. P. Carrithers of Texas as permanent secretary. Mr. Carrithers was formerly secretary of adjustment board No. 1 of the railroad administration.

With its machinery in working order to adjust the wage demands of nearly 2,000,000 railway employes, the board received the controversy it stood when the bipartisan adjustment board failed to reach a settlement on April 1.

W. N. Doak, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, presented the workers' case and E. F. Whiter, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, appeared for the roads.

Action by the board to force the New England Steamship association to reinstate men who had left their jobs during the "outlaw strike" was asked by E. T. Fitzgerald.

Man Killed by Auto At Thirty-First and Farnam Intersection

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Men Kidnap 7-Year-Old Boy To Satisfy an Old Grudge

Danville, Ky., April 17.—Police of Danville and other Kentucky cities are searching for two or more men, who are believed to have kidnaped W. H. Trimble, jr., 7 years old, son of a railroad fireman, here last night, and who are thought to have taken the boy out of the city.

Bill to Increase War Risk Payments Passes House

Washington, April 17.—By unanimous vote the house today passed a bill increasing by \$20 a month the war risk insurance payment of the government to 25,000 disabled soldiers and sailors now receiving vocational rehabilitation. Under the measure, which now goes to the senate, single men would receive \$100 a month and married men \$120.

AMERICAN SLAIN WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE IN GERMAN LEAGUE WITH REDS.

New Jersey Man, Shot While Trying to Escape in German, Thought to Have Been in League With Reds.

SECRETARY OF STATE COMPLETES PROBE

Compromising Papers Found on Body—Was Traveling in Ruhr District With Prussian Leaders of Uprising.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee, Leased Wire. Washington, April 17.—Secretary of State Colby announced today that both the American commission at Berlin and the German government have investigated the case of Paul R. Demott of Paterson, N. J., who was arrested by German government troops near Mulheim and was later shot and killed by his guard.

Reginald Foster, special attaché of the American commission, personally investigated the matter at the scene of the arrest and shooting and his report, communicated to the State department, stated that compromising papers were found on Demott, who was traveling in the Ruhr district with two German leaders of the revolutionary movement.

Carried U. S. Passport. Demott according to Mr. Foster's report, carried an American passport issued by the Department of State at Washington, September 3, 1919, upon his application to go abroad to engage in relief work in France. The passport was extended by the American consulate at Paris on March 9, last, and amended to apply to the Baltic states and western Russia, including countries necessary to pass through in transit and the purpose of the trip was then stated to be newspaper work.

It was stated that a time for the Baltic states and western Russia, "by rail, journalistic work." Demott also had papers issued to him by the British committee on German government at London, September 11, 1919, accrediting him as a representative of the society of Friends of France, and other credentials.

Demott, and two German leaders of the red movement in Germany, were in a disabled automobile when they were arrested by British troops on April 5, surprised the party. Demott and the two Germans with him were armed and the papers they carried and the remarks they made indicated their connection with the red army. They were locked up in the basement of the Eye hospital in Berlin, tried by a court martial within four hours of their arrest and were sentenced to death on the evidence found in the papers taken from them.

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R. B. Howell, republican national committee man for Nebraska, introduced the general at the Auditorium meeting. During his address General Wood referred to the relations between capital and labor, league of nations, immigration, foreign policy, military training, merchant marine, national budget, agriculture and a few other topics of national interest.

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Illinois Contractor Loses \$11,000 Cash To Confidence Men

Texarkana, Tex., April 17.—J. K. Schaeffer, contractor, of Rock Island, Ill., reported to the police here today the loss of \$11,000 cash he paid to confidence men in the hope of making a coup in a stock market operation. The first move in the game was made at Hot Springs, Ark., last week, according to his statement to police, the end coming today when the two men promoting the alleged swindle disappeared with the money.

Boys Alleged to Have Burned Boy Only in "Play"

Lancaster, O., April 17.—That they were "only playing" was the defense given by Darrel Pool, aged 11, and Kenneth Baker, 11, when they were arraigned in juvenile court today charged with attempting to burn Charles Kneller, aged 10, a newsboy, at the stake early this week.

Suspends Shang and Vitt.

Boston, April 17.—The indefinite suspension of Wally Schang and Oscar Vitt of the Boston American league baseball club for failure to report, was announced by the management of the club Saturday.

The Weather

Forecast. Rain and colder Sunday. Hourly Temperatures.

The Passing Show of 1920



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PROTESTS POUR INTO WASHINGTON

Many Wire State and War Departments Against Granting Carranza's Request to Send Troops Through America.

CHARGE FEDERAL LEADER IS HOSTILE TO U. S.

Indications Are That Government Will Refuse Permission—Senators Criticise Stand Taken by U. S. on Problem.

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Washington, April 17.—President Wilson and his Mexican policy were assailed at the capitol today when the state and war departments were considering Mexico's request for permission to transport troops across United States territory in order to attack the secessionist state of Sonora from the north.

Protests against yielding to Carranza's request poured into the State department, particularly from border states. Although no official statements were forthcoming the prevalent opinion tonight is that the request for rtransport of Mexican troops across American territory for the purpose stated would not be granted.

Criticism Government.

In the senate, Senators Ashurst and Smith criticized the government's handling of the Mexican problem; before a subcommittee, Henry Lane Wilson, former ambassador to Mexico, declared that President Wilson was the victim of "an obsession" with respect to his Mexican policy.

The senate's attention was called to the Mexican question by Senator Smith, who read a telegram from citizens of Nogales, Ariz., urging him to insist that the state refuse to permit Carranza troops to cross American soil.

"Carranza," said Senator Smith, "has been and is hostile to every interest of the United States. I am surprised that this government should consider a request of this kind from him. He wants the help of the United States in making war on the one state in the Mexican republic which has been friendly to the United States and has protected life and property. I sincerely hope the State department will not grant permission to the Carranza troops to cross into the United States."

Warns Executives.

Senator Ashurst said he had received a telegram from citizens of Nogales, Ariz., urging him to insist that the state refuse to permit Carranza troops to cross into the United States.

"My colleague and I have been to the War department so many times that we couldn't enumerate them, to tell them about the need for more troops on the border. I now warn the executive departments that they are bringing a totally inadequate force on the border for the protection of Americans in the United States.

"Once before Arizona has been made the highway for murderers. The Carranza troops are just murderers. I hope that if the federal government does not take Arizona that the governor of my state play courage, the manhood, the Americanism to repel by force of arms if necessary these gangs of bandits and murderers."

At the department it was stated that no decision had been reached on Carranza's request. It was stated that previous grants of such requests would not be taken as a precedent in this case, however, as conditions were different.

Agreement Sufficient.

Continuing his testimony before a senate subcommittee, former Ambassador Wilson said that the solution of the Mexican problem might be brought about either by establishment of a stable, orderly republic in northern Mexico, or by American intervention and temporary occupation as in south as Tampico. If a morally binding agreement for protection of lives and property of foreigners could be obtained from the Mexican government, that would be sufficient, Mr. Wilson said.

He told the subcommittee that he had been informed that President Wilson had written a plank for insertion in the democratic platform, stating that peace and order reign in Mexico, and that his Mexican policy therefore has been completely vindicated.

"President Wilson," said Mr. Wilson, "took the position that he understood the situation in Mexico and that no one else did. That has been his trouble. He has clung to this obsession in spite of the collapse of his theory."

Blames President.

The present policy toward Mexico is a result, he declared, of the president's "belief that all knowledge and power rests in the executive."

"Any man who supports the Mexican policy of President Wilson is unpatriotic and un-American," he declared. "A resolution approving his policy, in the light of recent events, would be equivalent to a resolution approving Germany's course in sinking the Lusitania. In both cases Americans were killed; the only difference was that in the case of the Lusitania they all died at once, while in Mexico their deaths have been spread out over a long period."