Messenger Is Hero of Rail Wreck

Express Clerk Risks Life to Salvage $100,000 Worth of Packages From Burning Car.

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Stanton, Ia., Nov. 2.—A crowd of thinly-clad men and women stood dazed and shivering in the cold gray dawn at Stanton yesterday surveying the wreck of two proud passenger trains from which they had just emerged.

As they watched a streak of flame shot up from one of the derailed cars, followed by a cloud of smoke. The crowd shuddered and moved back.

Then, before their bewildered eyes, a form appeared, apparently from beneath the debris. It staggered to an upright position, then, instead of retreating from the advancing flames, it plunged toward a blazing car.

Saves Every Package.

The crowd gasped and stood helplessly. The man entered the car, now a seething furnace of smoke and flames, and began throwing packages through the door. The scantily-robed people forgot to shiver as they watched him, outlined in the lurid light, staggering to and from the door, laden with express packages.

Would he never leave the car?

At last, scorched and burned and scarcely able to stand he staggered forth with a single box under his arm. There was a weak cheer and the crowd surged forward.

Faints With Last Box.

"It's the last package," he gasped, and fainted."

"What is it," asked some one in a strained voice. Several began inspecting the box. On its top was marked:

Two skunks to A. C. Lauener, Denver, Colo. From the Skunk Development Department."

Within lay two woolly little animals, sound asleep.

There was a laugh, somewhat hysterical, but the dramatic situation was relieved.

The railway express messenger who saved his parcels was W. M. Banta of Chicago. He had been reported dead by railroad men, and later declared had he not been asleep when the wreck occurred he would have been killed.

The report of his death brought several American Railway express officials hurrying from Omaha and Lincoln, among them S. B. Culbertson, superintendent at Lincoln. The same report would have reached Banta's young wife of six months, had he not himself intercepted the message of his death speeding toward her.

$100,000 Is Saved.

Superintendent Culbertson estimated last night Banta's "heroism and devotion" to duty had resulted in saving $100,000 worth of goods. His bravery will at least receive favorable comment, said Culbertson.

Wives of Engineer Charles Conklin and Fireman Elmer C. Anderson, both of Creston, killed in the wreck, arrived in Stanton yesterday afternoon to accompany the bodies of their husbands home for burial. They were grief-stricken and surveyed the wreckage in which their husbands met death in horror.

The family of Engineer Charles A. Kindall of Lincoln, Neb., is expected to arrive in Stanton today.

Hobo is Unidentified.

The hobo, who was killed while riding the blinds on the westbound limited, has not been identified. He was youthful and well dressed, but carried nothing that served to identify him. He will be buried in Stanton, probably.

As a result of the wreck, in which an eastbound passenger train crashed into an eastbound freight, which in turn was struck by a westbound passenger train both freight and passenger traffic were much delayed on the Creston division of the Burlington system. Railroad officials are still investigating the cause of the accident, but had issued no statement fixing the blame at midnight last night. An inquest will be held by Coroner Walter Sellegren here Thursday.

Department Store Watchman Drops Gun, Accidentally Shot

Henry Faerber, 2213 Douglas street, night watchman at the Hayden Bros. department store, was accidentally shot in the right leg Monday night when his revolver fell from the holster and was discharged as he stooped over to pick up something from the floor.

Jack Starved, another night watchman, called police, who removed Faerber to the new Fenger hospital, where his wound is reported not serious.

Faerber is one of the two night watchmen who were bound and gagged by a band of robbers who looted the Hayden Bros. safe for $67,000 last December.

Farmers Urged to Vote for Constitutional Convention

Des Moine, Nov. 2—Danger of prosecution under charges of collective bargaining, because of the farmers' strike is said to be the reason for the call to vote for a constitutional convention by E. H. Cunningham, secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Saturday. The Iowa Farmers' Union has again joined hands with the bureau in urging the farmers to vote for the convention.

Navy Recruiting Officers Hold Meeting in Omaha

Two hundred and eighty recruiting officers of the navy met in the Elks club yesterday for conference of the west central division inculding Omaha, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver. Lieut. Commander G. A. Beall, Washington, D. C., spoke at the morning and afternoon sessions.

New First Lady of the Land

Defenders of League Buried Under Avalanche Of G. O. P. Pluralities

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Brandegee and the remainder of the republican ticket to victory.

In the middle west, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin rolled up overwhelming pluralities for Harding. Only in Indiana did the race appear to be closely contested. Ten precincts in Indianapolis in which league of nations sentiment is stronger than elsewhere in the state gave Harding 3,674 and Cox 3,243. Reports from other parts of the state indicated that it was safely in the Harding list.

Colorado is Carried.

Harding probably has carried Colorado, for many years a democratic state, according to incomplete returns. Idaho also appears safely in the republican column.

Kansas, which lined up with Wilson four years ago, has swung back to its traditional republican affiliations in no uncertain fashion. The incomplete figures show Harding beating Cox two to one in this state and likely to carry it by 150,000.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton, Nov. 2.—Four districts out of the state give: Harding, 99; Cox, 65; Debs, 1.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Nov. 2.—Returns from 1,261 precincts of 3,226 in Kentucky give:

Harding, 178,772; Cox, 194,752.

For United States senater, 1,156 precincts give: Ernst (r), 163,751; Beckham (d), 181,251.

ALABAMA.

Birmingham, Nov. 2.—Eighteen election districts out of 1,304 in Alabama give: Cox, 3,773; Harding, 329; Debs, 110.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Nov. 2.—The first 22 precincts in the state to report give:

Harding, 4,219; Cox, 1,640.

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, Nov. 2.—Forty towns out of 168 in Connecticut give:

Harding, 104,554; Cox, 59,081.

For United States senator:

Brandegee (r), 97,219; Lonergan (d), 64,661.

Waterbury, Nov. 2.—Waterbury complete:

Harding, 11,160; Cox, 10,100.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 2.—Hartford complete:

Harding, 21,257; Cox, 14,285.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, Nov. 2.—Two hundred and fifty-one precincts out of 1,868 in West Virginia give:

Cox, 24,713; Harding, 36,359.

In the three-cornered fight for governor, Morgan (r), had 31,964; Koontz (d), 20,565; Montgomery, nonpartisan, 8,218.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, Nov. 2.—The first seven precincts reporting in Louisiana give:

Cox, 1,252; Harding, 382.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Nov. 2.—Returns from 147 election precincts out of 985 outside of Boston give:

For president: Cox, 12,379; Harding, 43,620.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—Returns from 49 districts out of 7,219 in Pennsylvania give:

For president: Harding, 7,081; Cox, 1,706.

For United States senator: Penrose (r), 3,130; Farrell (d) 417.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—Returns from 379 districts out of 1,659 in Georgia gave:

Cox, 25,065; Harding, 8,477; Debs, 222.

OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 2.—Sixty-one precincts out of 2,685 in Oklahoma give:

Cox, 4,787; Harding, 4,012.

Sixty precincts give for senator:

Ferris (d), 4,488; Harrel (r), 4,197.

VERMONT.

Montpelier, Nov. 2.—Returns from 95 towns out of 247 give for president: Cox, 6,825; Harding, 24,123.

KANSAS.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 2.—Ten precincts out of 2,526 in Kansas give for president:

Harding, 1,997; Cox, 828.

For senator: Curtis (r), 1,104; Hodges (d) 526.

For governor: Allen (r), 1,681; Davis (d), 942.

MAINE.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 2.—Returns from 302 precincts of 632 in Maine gave:

Harding, 58,825; Cox, 25,652.

TEXAS.

Dallas, Nov. 2.—The first 15 Texas precincts reporting out of 4,540 give: Cox, 1,126; Harding, 473.

Nine precincts were in San Antonio and gave Cox 288; Harding, 202.

TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Nov. 2.—Ninety-four out of 2,060 precincts in Tennessee give:

Cox, 6,295; Harding, 3,424.

For governor—Roberts (d), 4,921; Taylor (r), 3,558.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Nov. 2.—Twenty-nine precincts out of 2,781 in Michigan give:

Harding, 6,917; Cox, 1,944.

For governor, 25 precincts give:

Groesbeck (r), 4,839; Ferris (d), 1,788.

NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 2.—Returns from 1,375 districts out of 2,733 in New York City give:

President: Cox, 171,352; Harding, 384,402; Debs, 61,679.

Returns from 1,783 districts out of 4,575 in New York, outside of New York City give:

Cox, 226,074; Harding, 489,617.

Returns from 144 districts give for governor:

Smith (d), 251,302; Miller (r), 349,283.

Returns from 1,086 districts give: United States senator: Miller (d), 161,433; Wadsworth (r), 275,105.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 2.—Returns from the first five Utah precincts gave:

Cox, 382; Harding, 624.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 2.—The first district to report in Wilmington gave for president:

Cox, 92; Harding, 315.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 2.—Fifty-nine precincts out of 3,810 in Missouri gave:

Harding, 6,357; Cox, 7,313.

IOWA.

Des Moines, Nov. 2.—Returns from 72 precincts out of 2,360 in Iowa give for president:

Harding, 16,618; Cox, 5,214.

Thirty-four precincts out of 2,360 in Iowa give:

For United States senator: Cummins, 5,305; Porter, 4,008.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Returns from 229 precincts, including 100 in Cook county (Chicago), gave:

Harding, 48,041; Cox, 17,681.

For governor: 179 precincts, including 93 in Cook county, gave: Small (r), 31,194; Lewis (d), 19,793.

For senator: 142 precincts, 76 in Cook county, gave: McKinley (r), 27,368; Waller (d), 11,811.

COLORADO.

Denver, Nov. 2.—The first four precincts of Denver give for president:

Harding, 378; Cox, 138.

For senator: Scott (d), 171; Nicholson (r), 591; Thomas (nationalist) 45.

For governor: Collins (d), 147; Shoup (r), 701.

Two precincts outside Denver: Cox, 265; Harding, 387.

For senator: Scott, 268; Nicholson, 351; Thomas, 4.

WLOMING.

Cheyenne, Nov. 2.—The first precinct in Wyoming to report gave:

Harding, 27; Cox, 3.

ARIZONA.

Phoenix, Nov. 2.—One precinct in Phoenix gave:

Harding, 329; Cox, 185.

For governor: Campbell (r), 235; Simms (d), 202

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Nov. 2.—At 8:30 p. m., 24 scattered precincts in South Dakota had reported the following vote:

Harding, 4,645; Cox, 1,767.

For governor: McMaster (r), 361; Howes (d), 54.

Bee want ads are best business getters.

Vote Heavy In All Parts Of Country

Men and Women of 48 States Go to Polls to Select Successor to Woodrow Wilson.

By The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 2.—Weather running the entire prognasticator's gamut from "fair and warm" in the old south to "rain or snow" in the Great Lakes region, "clear skies" in the west and "unsettled conditions" on the Atlantic seaboard, greeted the nation's voters today as they lined up at polling places to choose their next president.

Before noon scattered reports from the four corners of the country indicated that men and women alike were defying the elements where these threatened, and going early to discharge their ancient prerogative, in the case of the men voters, and their new privilege, in that of the newly enfranchised women.

Nominees Vote Early.

The central figures in the contest voted early with their wives. Senator Harding, republican nominee for president, motored to the golf links after casting his ballot at Marion. Governor Cox of Ohio, the democratic choice, voted at Dayton and then went to his farm. Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts awaited returns in Boston after voting in Northampton, and Franklin D. Roosevelt withdrew to his country home at Hyde Park, overlooking the Hudson, after voting with a number of his relatives.

Before the dawn of another day has broken, the country in all likelihood will know whether Warren G. Harding, republican, or James M. Cox, democrat, has been elected to succeed Woodrow Wilson, for it is generally agreed that, barring a miracle, none of the other five candidates has a chance. This choice, it is estimated, will be registered by a record vote of between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000.

Fight For Congress.

Second only in interest to the contest for the presidency is the fight between the two major parties for the control of the next congress. Thirty-four United States senators, 32 to fill seats now held by 17 democrats and 15 republicans and two to fill the unexpired terms caused by the deaths of Senators Bankhead, Alabama, and Martin, Virginia, both democrats, are being chosen, as well as an entire new house of representatives, composed of 435 members.

The present senate is composed of 47 democrats, 48 republicans and one republican and progressive. The present house consists of 190 democrats, 232 republicans, two independent republicans, one independent and one prohibitionist. There are also nine vacancies.

Will H. Hays and George White, republican and democratic national chairmen, respectively, each continued confident of victory when the polls opened. Mr. Hays reiterated his prediction that the republican ticket was "certain to obtain 368 electoral votes" and that there was a strong possibility that the total might reach the 400 mark. A total of 266 is necessary to elect. Mr. White gave out no last minute prediction on the electoral vote, but renewed his expression of confidence in the election of Governor Cox. Each chairman also predicted control of the next congress by his party.

Unsettled weather, with the possibility of rain, faced the early voters of the eastern states as they trudged to the polls to cast their ballots, while those of the upper Mississippi valley and northern New England and New York prepared for the weather man's prediction of snow. The rest of the country generally is expected to vote under clear skies.

Hays Predicts Sweeping G. O. P. Victory in Boston

New York, Nov. 2.—A message received early tonight by Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, at the party's headquarters state that early returns in Boston forecast a republican plurality of 50,000 in the presidential race. Mr. Hays' informant was Grafton Cushing, prominent republican of Boston.

Boston has not been carried by a republican national ticket since 1896, according to party leaders here. President Wilson carried the city by approximately 18,000 in the last presidential contest.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Nov. 2.—Returns from 244 election precincts out of 985 outside Boston give:

Cox, 25,583; Harding, 83,759.

For governor: Cox (r), 80,519; Walsh (d), 25,097.

To enable persons to examine the inner surfaces of their own teeth a dental mirror that can be attached to a hand glass has been patented.

Petite Miss Gives Degenerate Sound-Beating at Movie

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—"When you are more mad than scared, you can do anything," said Miss Helen Collins, who weighs 110 pounds, in explaining today how and why she had given a degenerate a sound beating in a motion picture theater house last night.

"I have my work to do and cannot spare the time to appear against him in court," she said. "So I asked the police not to arrest him. I do not believe he will bother any more women or girls."

The audience in the theater was surprised to hear a woman cry out: "You beast!" and to notice a decided commotion in the center of the house. Presently Miss Collins emerged from the fray, dragging by the collar one of those pasty-faced morons who bother women and children. She had left her trade mark on his face in the shape of several long, purple welts where her fingernails had clawed him. Several men took up the task and kicked and smacked the degenerate, who was begging for mercy.

Wins Vice Presidency

Socialist Organizer Charges Coercison In National Election

New York, Nov. 2.—Adolph Germer, New York, organizer of the socialist party, in a statement issued at party headquarters here declared that the "usual tactics of intimidation and coercion followed by henchmen of the old party in evidence in previous elections, were also evident in the election today."

A "new method" in strong socialist districts to "cut down the workers' vote" was the inadequate facilities for handling the big number of balloters, Germer said, resulting in socialists being compelled to wait "from one to two hours before being able to cast their vote."

"There is no doubt that the socialist party lost thousands of votes through these tactics," Germer said.

Unfaithfulness for 21 Years Is Claim of Woman

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Leah Blair Norman, was a nurse at Chippewa Falls, Wis., for 20 years. She had laid away a blighted romance amid the lavender and old lace of a woman's memory and today it was brought to light when she filed suit for divorce gainst Fred A. Norman, charging him with unfaithfulness that began in 1899.

They were married in 1891, and lived together until Norman deserted her in Wichita, Kan., in 1899 to follow the lure of Helen Harbough. The deserted wife claims her husband has been living with the Harbough woman almost constantly since. The bill declares that Norman is the father of two sons by the Harbough woman, one 19 and one 17 years of age. Norman was arrested on a bigamy charge in 1915, but his wife did not press the charges.

French Will Transfer Body Of Soldier Armistice Day

Paris, Nov. 2.—It is proposed by the French government to lay before parliament a bill providing for the tranfer of the body of an unknown soldier from the battle zone to the Pantheon in this city, and it is probable an immediate vote will be requested. This movement is similar to one originated some time ago in England, it being decided there to bury an unknown soldier in Westminster abbey on November 11, Armistice day.

Votes of President and Mrs. Wilson Cast at Princeton

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 2.—The ballots of President and Mrs. Wilson arrived here late today, and were cast in the Seventh election district. They had been mailed from Washington early in the day.

11 Mutinous Chinese Ship Crew Members Fired Upon

New Orleans, Nov. 2.—Eleven Chinese members of the crew of the British steamship Elmleaf were wounded early today when guards resorted to pistol fire to quell a mutiny aboard the vessel.

Japanese railroads by substituting electricity for steam, plan to reduce the number of locomotives by 40 per cent.

Omaha Jews Plan Big Mass Meeting

Schedule Meeting for Purpose of Renewing and Increasing Interest In Jewish Congregational Life.

Hon. J. L. Lorie, leading Kansas City attorney, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting of Omaha Jews Friday evening at 8 at Temple Israel, Twenty-ninth avenue and Jackson streets.

This meeting will be one of many in every large city in the United States for the purpose of renewing and increasing interest in Jewish congregational life.

A committee of 100 professional men of national note inaugurate a campaign this month throughout the United States, in which these men will visit 200 cities where local Jewish conditions will be reviewed by local leaders.

Interest is already manifest in the meeting to be held in Omaha. The novel feature of the campaign is that no attempt will be made to raise funds by the visiting Jews.

The sole purpose is to stimulate the interest of the communities visited on behalf of problems and situations of particular importance to the Jewish people, according to Rabbi Frederick Cohn of Temple Israel.

Baby Run Over by Spreader Dies in York Hospital

York, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.) Telegram).—Corine, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Carpenter, who was run over last week by a manure spreader, died in the Lutheran hospital here.

Harding Sweeps Home District of Wilson

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 2.—President Wilson's home district in Princeton went for Harding and Coolidge by about five to one, according to election officials. The count has not yet been completed.

Women in Line To Cast Ballots As Polls Opened

Mrs. Alma Smith, Wife of Pastor of Congregational Church, First Woman to Vote Here.

Mrs. Alma Palmer Smith, wife of Rev. Frank G. Smith, pastor of First Congregational church, was the first Omaha woman to cast a vote Tuesday, under the 18th amendment to the constitution, granting woman suffrage.

She was waiting at the door of the voting place at 3527 Farnam street, when the election board unlocked the entrance and bid the electorate enter.

William Ritchie, jr., judge at this voting precinct, asserted that when the clock started to strike 8, Mrs. Smith started to sign her name and by the time the clock had finished striking, Mrs. Smith was in a booth, marking her ballot.

Early Vote Heavy.

The voting during the first three hours surpassed all previous elections, the advent of women voters being a factor in this situation. In many instances wives went to the polls with their husbands and daughters with their fathers.

In the voting place of the Fourteenth precinct of the Ninth ward, at Fortieth and Farnam streets, 104 voters had been recorded during the first hour and a half and at 9:30 men and women were still coming.

Many Vote in Morning.

It was estimated that one-fourth of the total vote was cast during the first three hours.

In the Ninth of the Ninth, at 3527 Farnam street, the early voting was notably heavy. Women attired in modish morning garments stood in line with mere men.

A small turbine, whirled by water, revolves a new brush intended for cleaning automobiles.