

CLASH ELECTORAL SEERS FORECAST "Unbranded" Voters Will Decide the Day, Say Party Leaders EAST IS REPUBLICAN

By JOHN EDWIN NEVIN NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Judged as never before in American political history, the great national political campaign of 1916 entered its last two weeks today.

The outcome will be close. That is one of the certainties gleaned from conversations with the men who manage the fight in the two big headquarters here.

Former Justice Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee, will be busy from now until the curtain falls down on the eve of the election. Personally he is supremely confident.

Mr. Hughes feels certain that he will win. His argument, as submitted to the few persons who are in his confidence, runs about as follows: The country is Republican. The fight this year is between only two parties.

Swinging down the home stretch it is today even emphatically more apparent that political opinion was still far from crystallized. Most of the East seems certainly Republican.

Republican leaders at headquarters are changing over making predictions regarding individual States. They admitted today that the doubtful States were the largest in number in the history of the nation.

President Wilson will have a strong support from the voters who are desiring for a President the first time. He will have the advantage of the office-holding class and this despite the fact that there is a well-defined opposition in most communities to his selection.

TWO MEN SHOT IN STREET BATTLE BETWEEN STRIKERS AND GUARDS



The neighborhood of Ninth street and Girard avenue was turned into a battlefield today when armed guards, seated on the wagons of the George B. Newton Coal Company, opened fire on negro strikers who were following delivery vehicles.

City News in Brief

BLANCHE M. DOOLEY, a vaudeville actress, residing at the Majestic Hotel, entered suit for divorce today against her husband, William O. Dooley, of New York.

NO CLUE to the whereabouts of Harry Carr, alias Harry Kennedy, who escaped from the Philadelphia County prison at Holmesburg Sunday, has been obtained by the police.

THE CLASS of 1916 at the University of Pennsylvania has elected the following officers: President, Thomas White Pearce, assistant manager of the basketball team;

SUFFERING FROM an injured leg, it is believed, led Charles Maylock, 44 years old, of 4616 Ridge avenue, to end his life.

AN AVIATION school may be established in Philadelphia for civilians by the War Department. The Philadelphia School of Aviation field at Essington has been inspected by Major Mitchell, of the United States Signal Corps, to ascertain the flying facilities.

WEST BRANCH Y. M. C. A. has the largest membership of boys under 18 years old in Pennsylvania, according to the Year Book of the International Committee Y. M. C. A.

A SPARK FROM a motor started a blaze in the mixing room of the gun manufacturing establishment of the DuPonts, today, causing more than three hundred men and women employees to flee to the street and damaging property estimated at \$100,000.

GERMAN-AMERICANS have completed the first membership drive in the city and physicians from Philadelphia to minister to the civilian population of Germany.

THE DEMOCRATIC Students' Club of the University of Pennsylvania has challenged the University branch of the Public Health College Alliance to a public debate on the issue of the presidential campaign.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL UNION was asked to help raise \$300,000 for 300,000 Christmas boxes for soldiers in the trenches of Europe at its first dinner of the season at the Bellevue-Stratford last night.

SELECT JURY TO TRY CHORUS GIRL'S SLAYER

Wilson Ashbridge on Trial in Camden for Killing Elizabeth Dunbar

Wilson Ashbridge was placed on trial today before Justice Garrison, of the New Jersey Supreme Court in Camden, for the murder of Elizabeth Dunbar.

The court room was crowded during the opening proceedings. Many women were present in the galleries and in the back of the room.

The first witness called was accepted and became foreman of the jury. He is Thomas E. Schuler, of Gloucester. Five succeeding witnesses were objected to by Prosecutor.

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ELECTRICITY SHOWN AS BOON TO SURGERY

Continued from Page One ERNEST LAFAYETTE, Philadelphia, said that fifty per cent of the deaths following operations were not due to faulty operating by the surgeon but resulted from the neglect and delay of the patient.

Blame for failure to prevent disease was placed squarely upon the shoulders of the medical profession by Dr. Charles H. Mayo, the famous surgeon, before the opening meeting of the surgeons at the Bellevue-Stratford last night.

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Guard on Coal Wagon Knocked Senseless in Fusillade of Missiles

Two negroes were shot, a private detective was knocked unconscious with a brick and several men were injured by flying milk bottles and other missiles during a riot at Tenth street and Girard avenue.

Frank Edwards, negro, 2347 Orkney street, is expected to die from a bullet wound in the abdomen inflicted by a private detective employed by the coal company to guard one of its wagons.

The riot started when a coal wagon, driven by a strikebreaker, passed a crowd of strikers and strike sympathizers at Tenth street and Girard avenue.

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News at a Glance

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MRS. T. H. FISH TO WED Will Become Bride of Charles E. Morgan, 3d, at Portland, Me.

The marriage of Mrs. Theresa Hamilton Fish, daughter of John Thackeray Fish, of Fallington, to Charles E. Morgan, 3d, of Philadelphia, will take place Saturday in Portland, Me.

22 CRAP SHOOTERS CAUGHT Police Raid Organization Chartered as Penrose Club

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 24.—Police officers raided an organization of negroes chartered as the Penrose Club. Twenty-two men were captured, and the combined forfeits posted with the police totaled \$130, none of which was claimed.

HUGHES PLANS VOLLEY INTO DEMOCRATS FOR HYPHEN ALLEGATIONS

May Reply in Queens Tonight to Charges of Collusion—Willcox, Turns Accusation Upon Opponents

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Charles E. Hughes, speaking in Queens borough tonight, probably will have something to say about the hyphen charge. The candidate himself was silent today, but those close to him suggested he might reply to the Democratic allegations.

The Democratic National Committee continued its hyphen drive against the Republican nominee. The latest installment in the series concerning the admitted conference between Hughes and the American Independence Conference linked the name of Supreme Court Justice Cohan, of this city, as with the hyphen organization.

Answering this, Chairman Willcox, of the Republican National Committee, reiterated his statement that Hughes had made the organization no pledges and had entered into no agreement of deal.

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40,000 POWDER WORKMEN FOR HUGHES, SAYS LEADER

Du Pont Men Against Wilson for Tax, Declares New Jersey Man

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The Times today prints the following special dispatch from its correspondent at Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 23: "There are 40,000 workers engaged in powder making in New Jersey who will vote almost solidly for Hughes, according to James Lynch, manager of the du Pont works here, who is conducting a vigorous campaign among the 3500 employees under him."

"The employees of this factory are perfectly free to be for President Wilson, if they want to," said Mr. Lynch. "None of them will be punished for being Democrats, if they want to be. As a matter of fact, a few of them are Democrats now and have not been disturbed. When the meeting was called at the clubhouse last Tuesday, I announced that the purpose was to launch the Hughes campaign, and about fifteen employees expressed their disapproval by leaving the room. We have nothing against them on that account."

"We have got into the campaign this time, principally because the firm has been hard hit and many of us have been personally hit by the retroactive tax which the Wilson Administration has placed on the munition business. For the last eleven years the du Pont Company has made a practice of giving bonus stock to its employees. Following the war, about one employee in six had bonus stock, and every man had then and still has a chance to earn it."

"These men are hit in the pocketbook by anything that injures the company. Consequently there is no necessity for using pressure to get a strong Hughes movement started in this factory, and I have reason to believe that the same is true of all the other du Pont factories in this State, in Delaware and in New York, which employ a total of 70,000 men. The total of employees has jumped since the war from 6000 to 30,000, and the 64,000 new employees, who are well paid and have good jobs, know that their interests are the same as those of the company."

"Furthermore, this Hughes movement is a movement of the du Pont employees, and has not been fostered or encouraged by the directors of the company, some of whom are Wilson men. Statements that we have threatened to take away the jobs of Wilson supporters or refused to permit employees to wear Wilson buttons are vital falsehoods."

There are two other economic arguments which are circulated among du Pont employees as reasons why they should vote for Hughes. One is that the company will personally use such apparatus. The first is that, if Wilson is elected, the du Pont employees will lose the twenty per cent war bonus which was added to all salaries shortly after the war. The second is that, if Hughes is elected, all of the 64,000 new employees will be retained after the war to work on "infant industries," which will be substituted for powder-making, whereas they will all be out of jobs if Wilson is elected, for the reason that these industries could not be reared under a Democratic tariff.

MEXICANS SCURRY NORTH AS BANDITS STRIKE CHIHUAHUA

Refugees Tell of Continued Villa Victories at Carranza Post

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 24.—Hundreds of refugees fleeing from Chihuahua City, entered the United States during the night and early today, bringing with them reports of Villa's presence outside the Carranza post on the western side of the city. An estimate on the northern Mexican capital is expected at any moment.

About midnight 300 residents of Chihuahua City arrived in Juarez, Carranza, and the family of General Villa returned to Chihuahua City only a few days ago.

In one car were thirty girls, members of the most prominent families in the city. Many of the refugees crossed to the American side of the border. Nearly all had left because they feared Villa would again enter Chihuahua City. Some of the refugees brought confirmation of the defeat suffered by the Carranza troops in the two-day battle Friday and Saturday at Palomas.

O. HENRY'S GENIUS GREEN BEHIND PRISON WALLS

Biographer Tells For First Time Full Story of Writer's Conviction

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The late William Sydney Porter, known under the pen name of O. Henry as one of the greatest short-story writers of the generation, served nearly two years in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, for embezzlement. While there he met the actress Jimmie Valentine and several other women who were later to figure in the story of his life.

Through Professor C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia, the stigma of the honor placed on the author's memory, and the name of the O. Henry story, was cleared away and removed, six years after Porter's death. In December, 1910, O. Henry's trial and imprisonment were given in the O. Henry biography to be published next Friday by Doubleday, Page & Co., and will be referred to by Professor Smith today in his address on O. Henry at Chickering Hall.

O. Henry, in January, 1891, was sentenced to the penitentiary April 23, 1891, on a charge of embezzlement from the bank of Austin, Texas. The concern was carelessly managed and positions being allowed to go behind the counter and take cash, leaving memoranda on the position of O. Henry, who had resigned in December, 1890, to go to San Antonio, later joining the staff of the Houston Daily Post, conducting a column of verses and paragraphs.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS HILLMAN—Oct. 23, 1916. G. Hillman, 67, died at the University of Pennsylvania. Friends will be notified by the University of Pennsylvania.

HELP WANTED—MALE BOY, over sixteen years of age, for position of messenger. Good opportunity. Apply to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Advertisement for Pennsylvania Railroad, featuring a train and the text "SUNDAY EXCURSION OCTOBER 29 NEW YORK".