

LABOR VOTE POLLED EARLY; "SILENT" ELEMENT PUZZLES PRESIDENCY FIGHT LEADERS

Sponsors on Both Sides at Sea Over Election Outlook—Betting in Wall Street at Even Money—Many Millions Are Staked

"Hughes Will Have at Least 100 Votes to Spare," Willcox Says—"We Will Carry All So-Called Doubtful States," McCormick's Final Claim as Nation Begins Balloting

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The flood of ballots which will sweep either Wilson or Hughes into the presidency on March 4 began rising early today. While publicity sponsors for the Republican and Democratic organizations declare entire confidence in the vote, privately they are very much at sea. In previous elections has there been such complete lack of indication of which way the straw will blow. The "silent vote" has been more silent than ever before. Since the campaign opened about August 1, there have been half a dozen different "reads" to public sentiment overlapping at times. Today both sides were claiming the benefit of such a current.

Long before the polls were opened in many large cities workingmen were in line. Managers of both parties said the full strength of the labor vote would be polled. The most unusual eleventh-hour developments in connection with the election was in the betting. Wall street prides itself on having always picked a winner. Up until midnight the odds favored Hughes. But today they opened with less advantage to the Republican nominee—almost at even money. At the Waldorf Tex Rickard, discarding for the nonce the role of fight promoter to act as betting commissioner, couldn't place money except at even money. More Republican cash was in evidence than Democratic. It was estimated that at least \$7,000,000 will change hands on the verdict of the voters today—probably the largest sum that has ever been wagered on a presidential election.

CHANGE IN WAGERS But if the odds here were slightly in favor of Hughes, messages from certain mid-west cities indicated a complete reversal. In Cleveland, for instance, betting commissioners here said, Wilson ruled the favorite. Reports received at Republican and Democratic headquarters emphasized the most interest in the result in every section of the country. Long before the polls opened in the various cities long lines of voters were waiting. Here in New York the reports from the various polling places showed that despite the complex nature of the vote coming in fast. Similar reports came from the up-State cities, and the veteran political experts declared that this indicated generally straight balloting with very little cutting.

LAST WORDS OF CHAIRMEN The last word of the national campaign managers today as they waited for the opening of the polls was as follows: "Wilson is the man," said Mr. Willcox, Republican. "Mr. Wilson will have at least 100 votes to spare in the doubtful States," said Mr. McCormick, Democrat. "Late reports from the West indicate that I gave Mr. Hughes too many votes when I allotted him victory in the electoral college. He was going to carry every one of the so-called doubtful States."

The influx of Wilson money in the closing hours of the campaign gladdened the Willcox followers. They saw in it an effort on the part of the professional betting element to "edge" their bets in the light of the latest reports of increasing Wilson sentiment in the West. Singularly enough the Hughes supporters also seemed well pleased with the change in the betting odds. They argued that the Wilson followers had utilized every available dollar in a last minute effort to swing the betting for the effect it would have upon the voters and they argued that this action had come too late, that the money tied up could not be used to their advantage.

NOT FIGHT FOR CONGRESS Although the presidential contest overshadowed all else the fact that control of Congress also hung in the balance today was not lost sight of by the political leaders. The Democrats were confident that they would retain control of the Senate, inasmuch as, while they might lose some seats in the East, they were certain to make up in the West.

The Republicans frankly admitted that they were confident of a victory.

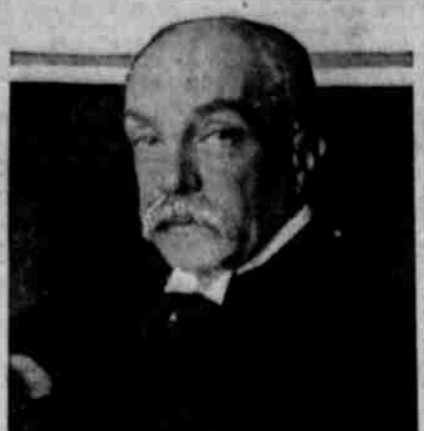
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THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST Based on new discovery in solar physics by WILSON L. MOORE and W. F. GARDNER Forecast for Pennsylvania: Today, November 7.—The week will be unsettled and chilly, fairing up Tuesday with freezing temperatures. Wednesday, November 8.—To Saturday, November 12.—It will be warmer and unsettled. Thursday and Friday with snow, but returning to colder at the close of the week. A west movement due to develop in northern United States November 12 will be a moderate movement, undisturbed in between stronger movements on either side, bringing protracting cold, clear weather in the West. Another movement in due November 13, will be an average movement, bringing a cold wave in the eastern half of the United States and twenty degrees colder in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains.

FORECAST FOR PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY—Fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat cloudy tonight; gentle southerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY: Philadelphia, 11:25 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. ...



DR. CONSTANTIN DUMBA

EX-ENVOY DUMBA DIES

Former Austrian Ambassador to U. S., forced to Quit by Wilson, Expires in Vienna

GENEVA, Nov. 7.—Dr. Constantin Dumba, former Austrian Ambassador to the United States, died today, says a dispatch from Vienna.

On Saturday it was announced in Vienna that Emperor Francis Joseph had accepted Doctor Dumba's resignation from the diplomatic service of Austria-Hungary.

Doctor Dumba was named Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States in 1913 and served until September, 1915, when his recall was asked by President Wilson. The demand for the diplomat's recall followed revelations that he was engaged in a propaganda to cripple the output of American munitions factories by fomenting strikes.

DREAM OF GREAT INSURANCE POOL NOW SHATTERED

O'Neill Promises Sensations in Pension Mutual Company Case

The consolidation of seventy-eight insurance companies into one large company, with himself as the dominating power, was the dream of Lyndon D. Wood, once a humble insurance solicitor, and now president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., against which a decree of dissolution has been asked by the Attorney General's Department.

Examiners of the Insurance Department have discovered that the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which has a branch at Thirtieth and Spring Garden streets, has a total deficiency amounting to \$1,998,422.69. Insurance policies issued by this company to Philadelphia letter carriers and Postoffice clerks alone amount to \$1,024,000.

Attorney General Brown said today that as yet he has not read the report of the insurance examiners, but that he was ready to act against the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company on any recommendation that might be made by Insurance Commissioner O'Neill.

"I will start criminal prosecutions should the evidence warrant it," said Mr. Brown. "Within the last few weeks there have been many charges made by certain persons who had no evidence to confirm the truthfulness of these accusations. On many occasions when some of the charges were investigated we found that there was personal malice back of them."

A part of the examiner's report reads: "About \$971,200 worth of bonds (book value) has disappeared. This, however, startling as it may appear, is a fact. The only explanation for the company not being in possession of these bonds is that given by the secretary of the company, Charles Fritsch, who states that these bonds have been sold."

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SAVES HER BABY FROM FIRE

Woman Leaves Sick Bed and Carries Infant From Home

A woman, sick in bed, saved her one-year-old child and herself today when fire that caused \$1000 damage broke out on the floor below at 4115 Paul street, Frankford.

Mrs. Ruth Ratto was aroused by the smell of smoke. She crept from her bed and went downstairs, finding the flames in the kitchen. Hurrying upstairs, she snatched up her baby Francis and ran from the house. Neighbors cared for her. Miss gnawing matches are thought to have caused the fire.

"Nickel in Handkerchief" Trick Used

On charges of robbery by means of the old "nickel in the handkerchief" trick two women were held last night under \$1000 bail for a further hearing this afternoon by Magistrate Imber. They were Mary Costello, twenty-five years old, and Lena Peat, twenty-three years old, of 1218 South street. The men they were accused of robbing were George Schuman, proprietor of an oyster restaurant at 1421 Victoria street, and Arch Isidor, a member of Fire Engine Company No. 13, at Germantown avenue and Venango street.

ALL REPUBLICAN, SAY LEADERS OF CITY'S BALLOTING

Rush Indicates Heaviest Vote in History of Elections Here

BACK WALLING HEAVILY

Republicans Predict Victory for State and National Tickets

An army of voters flocked to the polls when they opened at 7 o'clock this morning, and both Republican and Democratic leaders look for one of the heaviest votes in the history of the city.

At 2 o'clock more than one-half of the total registered vote in the city had been polled. There was little spitting of tickets, and Wilson failed to poll the percentage of votes that had been predicted for him, except in the northeast. Even there, although his vote is apparently larger than the normal Democratic strength by almost double, the labor vote was almost evenly divided between Wilson and Hughes.

In all sections of the city Justice Emory A. Walling is polling a heavy vote on the nonpartisan ballot. Leaders of both parties are getting out a big vote for him.

COSTELLO LEADING

Congressman Costello, in the northeastern district, and Congressman Darrow, in the West Philadelphia district, received majorities of almost two to one of the total number of votes cast up until 2 o'clock. Dave Martin, who is seeking to succeed Richard V. Farley in the State Senate from the 5th district, was running ahead of Farley by a comfortable majority at noon.

Few instances of trouble were reported, and for a heavy vote the election is unusually quiet. The first report of trouble at the polls came from the 24th division of the 29th Ward. The polling place is located at 1212 Ritner street.

John Moffitt, Democratic minority inspector, complained to the Democratic city committee that, when the polls opened this morning, the Republican election judge, John Cree, had put him out of the polling place and had appointed a minority inspector of his own. Counsel for the Democratic city committee said that the case would be taken into the courts.

Magistrate Imber will sit all day at City Hall to hear cases of irregularities.

ALL REPUBLICAN

The Republican city committee, through William E. Finley, executive director, issued a statement after the polls had been open for two hours predicting an old-time majority for Hughes here. The statement follows:

While voting has been in progress, for only two hours, yet reports from all over the city indicate that all predictions of a big Republican majority will be verified. The voting in the breakfast hours has been unusually heavy, thus indicating that the big Republican vote is being polled. Hughes is polling virtually a unanimous vote in the central and southern wards. The independents in West Philadelphia, Germantown and other outlying sections are returning solidly to the Republican party. Reports from the northeast indicate that the workmen of this section are likewise supporting Hughes.

Democratic City Chairman Edgar W. Lank voted at 9 o'clock at Fifteenth street and Larchwood avenue. "When I voted, 125 ballots had been cast in my division," he said.

"If course I don't expect the Democrats to carry Philadelphia or the State; that would be hoping for too much. But I do expect to see the largest Democratic vote rolled up in both Philadelphia and Pennsylvania that ever has been counted before."

Senator Boies Penrose cast his ballot at 12:20 at 244 South Twelfth street, which is the polling place of the 9th division of the 8th Ward. It took him just one minute to mark his ballot and when he finished he handed it to one of his followers, who placed it in the box. When asked his views on the election, he said "I still adhere to my original prediction, that Hughes would win by a large majority."

VALE OPTIMISTIC

State Senator Edwin H. Vale made the rounds in his home ward, the 39th, early, and then went to his office in the Lincoln Building.

"There is nothing to it but Hughes," he said. "A fair average of how the vote is going in South Philadelphia is shown by the last division I visited, the 2d of the 29th Ward. There 87 votes were cast up to 10:30, and of these only 5 were for Wilson."

Senator Vares cast the thirty-ninth vote at the polling place in the 16th division of the 8th Ward.

WOULD "REPEAT" FOR LADIES

Stimulated Voter Tells Touring Suffragists He'll Vote Second Time in Their Interests

"Hey, ladies, I voted for you this morning and I'm going to vote again for you this afternoon."

This salutation, launched by an 8th Ward citizen, whose wobbly condition proved him not too proud to drink, enlivened the suffrage tour which Mrs. George A. Dunning, chairman of the Woman Suffrage party, and her cohorts made of the Fourth Legislative district this morning.

The brilliantly decorated automobile, with its yellow pennants and flags flapping in the breeze, stopped at many polls. Daniel Shers and E. J. Lafferty were hosts to the women part of the time, took them into the voting booths and explained the intricacies of the ballot.

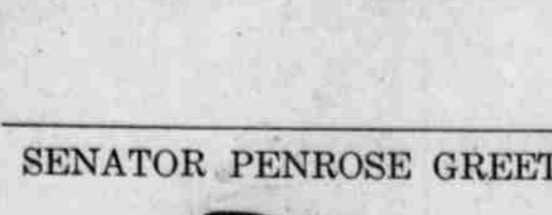
QUICK NEWS

WILSON LEADS IN REPUBLICAN PRECINCT IN KANSAS WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 7.—Wilson had 55 votes and Hughes 29 in the first counting of ballots here today. The count was in the first precinct of the Third Ward, heretofore a Republican precinct.

BIG ELECTION FRAUD ALLEGED IN ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 7.—Charges of wholesale election fraud in this city are being made by Republican Democratic leaders. Fifty-two negroes so far have been arrested at the instigation of Democratic challengers.

WU TING FANG NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER PEKING, Nov. 7.—Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, has been appointed Foreign Minister. The appointment was approved today.

SENATOR PENROSE GREETED AT POLLS



When the Senator appeared at his voting place, at 246 South Twelfth street, today, he was congratulated in advance on the result of today's election by S. H. Wilson, colored, who informed the Senator that he was the father of seven sons, all of whom are helping to turn in a big majority for the "right ticket."

FIRST TOWN TO REPORT GIVES HUGHES 16, WILSON 7

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 7.—New Ashford, smallest town in Massachusetts, fourteen miles north of Pittsfield, in Berkshire County, was the first town in the United States today to announce its election results. Out of 25 registered voters 23 voted. The vote was: Hughes, 16; Wilson, 7. In 1912 New Ashford's vote was: Roosevelt, 6; Taft, 7; Wilson, 4. That President Wilson ran away ahead of his ticket in New Ashford is shown by the vote for other offices. In the vote for United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge received 21 and John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston, 2. For Governor Samuel W. McCall, Republican, received 19 and Frederick W. Mansfield, Democrat, 4. Last year McCall, for Governor, had 15 votes and Walsh, Democrat, 1.

COTTON EXPORTATION JUMPS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Cotton exports for the week ending November 4 were 209,009 bales, against 112,920 bales in the corresponding week of 1915. Exports since August 1 total 1,964,290 bales, against 1,326,130 bales in 1915.

WILCOX GETS LOVING CUP AT REPUBLICAN RECEPTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Receptions for William H. Willcox, national Republican chairman, and the Republican headquarters staff were held at the Harvard Club this afternoon. A silver loving cup was presented to the chairman. Among those present were Charles Evans Hughes and George W. Perkins.

GERMAN AIRMEN AGAIN BOMBARD NANCY

PARIS, Nov. 7.—German aviators have again bombarded Nancy, the French War Office announced today in an official communique.

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES HEAVY, BERLIN ASSERTS

BERLIN, Nov. 7.—Since the war began England has lost fourteen per cent of its battleships, thirty per cent of its armored cruisers and fourteen per cent of its protected cruisers, it was announced today throughout the official overseas news agency. The announcement says that with the sinking of the British cruiser off the Irish coast by a German submarine the British naval losses now aggregate 600,775 tons, not including auxiliary cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines. It is known, says the statement, that England has lost fifty torpedo boats and seventy-six submarines.

SNOW IN DENVER AND EASTERN COLORADO

DENVER, Col., Nov. 7.—A sudden drop in temperature and a sharp north-west wind brought a mountain snowstorm sweeping down upon Denver and eastern Colorado today.

THIS YEAR'S FOREIGN TRADE EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The foreign trade department of the National City Bank of New York has issued a statement in which it predicts that the foreign trade of the United States for this year will approximate \$8,000,000,000, one-fifth of the total of international business. The bulletin declares the volume of trade this year will be fifty per cent greater than in 1915 and double that of 1914. Figures for nine months of the year were used, the statement says, in reaching the conclusion.

READING Y. W. C. A. STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR \$6000 FUND

READING, Pa., Nov. 7.—Under the management of Miss Caroline Jones at Philadelphia, the Reading Y. W. C. A. started a campaign today for raising \$6000 to cover the current expenses of the coming year, the campaign to be carried on for the remainder of the week.

SHIPS AT SEA TO GET FLASH ON ELECTION

Evening Ledger Will Wireless Results Abroad

BLINKS AND TOOTS TO TELL STORY IN CITY

Two Flashes Means It's Hughes, Five Mean Wilson Is Winner

NEARBY SECTIONS JOIN IN

Wireless to Convey Election News to Ships at Sea

THE EVENING LEDGER'S election announcement idea has now become the "EVENING LEDGER Wink-Toot-Wireless Plan" by virtue of an agreement with two wireless stations to flash the result of the presidential election to ships at sea.

The EVENING LEDGER has engaged two powerful wireless stations to snap the news seaward through the air. One station has a radius of 800 miles and the other a radius of 600 miles.

The EVENING LEDGER messages will be marked for relay, so it is likely that they will spread over a greater part of the Atlantic Ocean.

There are 4000 wireless stations in Philadelphia, 6700 in the entire State, 15,000 in New Jersey and Delaware and 27,000 in New York and vicinity. All these will pick up the EVENING LEDGER message and relay it to the 100,000 wireless stations in the United States.

Watch for the winking of the arc lights of the city tonight, and listen for the blasts from factory whistles. They will tell the story of the election. Two blinks and two blasts mean Hughes; five mean Wilson.

The EVENING LEDGER'S plan for announcing the presidential election result is widening in its scope. By virtue of an agreement with F. B. Chambers & Co., wireless operators, 2046 Arch street, an EVENING LEDGER message telling who is elected will be flashed to all ships at sea within a radius of 800 miles of Philadelphia.

So the EVENING LEDGER'S election announcement plan must now be known as the "wink-whistle-wireless-election game."

While the 15,000 arc lights of the city are winking the news, and while the whistles of factories in all sections of the town are whistling the presidential tidings, two powerful wireless stations will be snapping the news through the ozone to hundreds of ships.

The message will read, "Charles Evans Hughes has been elected President of the United States. Signed, EVENING LEDGER"; or "Woodrow Wilson has been re-elected President of the United States. Signed, EVENING LEDGER." Thus will the EVENING LEDGER spread the news of the most momentous presidential election in this nation's history to the thousands of persons who will be aloft tonight in the Atlantic Ocean. Some of these persons aloft are residents of Philadelphia, others are citizens of other American cities and still others are citizens of other countries. But all will be vitally interested in the election of a President of the United States in this critical period in the world's history.

RELAYS ON AND ON The messages sent seaward over the air waves will bear the governmental stamp of the Chambers Company station, which is 3XC, and also the governmental stamp of the station of E. C. Andrews, located at Prince of Peace Chapel, Twenty-second and Morrison streets. The Federal stamp of this station is 2TQ. EVENING LEDGER messages from both stations will also bear the letters QST, which means "relay." In other words, as fast as one ship equipped

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JEALOUS, SHOOTS MAN, CHOPS BODY TO PIECES

Makes Wife Help Pack Remains Into Trunk and Hide Crime

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 7.—Michael Maske, forty-one years old, of this city, confessed to the police here today that he killed Rosalino Crispotti, chopped his body to pieces, packed it in a trunk, carried to an old dump on the outskirts of this city and left it there, where it was discovered several days ago by boys at play.

The wife of the prisoner also revealed to the police her knowledge concerning the crime, and the police state that it agrees in every detail with the confession of Maske. Jealousy was the motive for the murder. Maske says he had long suspected Crispotti of friendship with Mrs. Maske and that last Friday night, when he returned from his work, he found Crispotti and Mrs. Maske together. Maske says he immediately shot Crispotti to death, and then concealed his revenge by committing the crime to assist in dragging the body of the murdered man down to the cellar and burning it to bits in a disintegrating machine and packing it in a trunk.

Predict Local Optimistic Election A prediction that local optimists candidates will be successful throughout Pennsylvania has been made by the Philadelphia Local Optimist League. Members of the league said that local optimists will vote before the 1917 Legislature with greater strength than in any previous session.