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QUICK NEWS

ABBOTT NOTIFIED OF DISMISSAL FROM COMMUTERS' CASE

when Edward B. Martin, chairman of the transportation committee

of the United Business Men's Association, dismissed Edwin M. Abbett

as counsel for the association. Abbott is charged with misrepresenta-

tion and exceeding his authority in accepting the rate terms of the

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

furlongs-Sweeter Than Sugar, 104, Lyke, \$37.50, \$13.70, won; Day-

break, 104, Crump, \$11.00, \$11.90, second; Bar of Phoenix, 112.

and up, 2 miles-Torero, 144, Tuckey, \$15.20, \$8.50, \$5.10. won:

Runway, 149, Smott, \$5.40, \$3.60, second; Chevron, 144, Russell,

FIRST WILSON BET PAID

Pirst Pimlico race, claiming, purse, maidens, 2-year-olds, 6.

Second Pimlico race, Emerson claiming, steeplechase, 3-year-olds

The Philadelphia commuters' case rose to a bitter climax today

PRICE ONE CENT

# TEUTONS DEFEAT RUSSIAN FORCES ON THE STOKHOD

Petrograd Admtis Austro-German Victory After Seven Assaults

CZAR'S FORCES RETIRE

Berlin Claims Capture of 49 Officers and 3380 Men at Skrobova

BERLIN, Nov. 10 .- An important Gervictory over the Russians in the res Skrobova was announced by the ar Office this afternoon.

Attacking on a front of two and a half a regiment of the famous Brandentroops under General von Woyna the Muscovites back beyond the boys brook, inflicting heavy losses on retreating opponent.

Forty-nine officers and 3,380 men were prisoners and much booty was cap-

PETROGRAD, Nov. 10 .- A defeat of the ans at the hands of the Austro-Gerarmies in Volhynia was admitted by War Office this afternoon. After seven ous but vain ashaults, the statement the Teutons succeeded in forcing back Russian forces battling on the River

#### TITANTIC ENGAGEMENT ON IN TRANSTLVANIA ALPS. BUCHAREST ANNOUNCES

BUCHAREST, Nov. 10. Heavy fighting is in progress at numerou in the Transylvanian Alps. In the valley a big engagement is going the Rumanian War Office announced to-The Austro-Germans are attacking right wing of the Russo-Rumanians. he sector of Dragoslavele artillery duels raging. A monitor and two patrol tried to approach the Ramadan at Glurgevo, but were driven off r Remanian artillery.

#### RUSSIANS ENGAGE TEUTON ALLIES TWO MILES FROM CERNAVODA BRIDGEHEAD

PETROGRAD, Nov. 10. es, mounted and foot, are ed with the enemy two miles west of the War Office announced to-feter will gain possession of the which is of great strategic

sharp fighting the Russians occu-Dunareay, two miles from Cernavoda. ook a number of prisoners.

LONDON, Nov. 10. rific efforts are being made by the nanian forces in Dobrudja to re-

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## FIRST "FREAK" BET PAID

ton, Who Voted for Hughes, Escorts Reed Around Franklin Square in Wheelbarrow

A large crowd of spectators today witd the paying of an election bet, when am Reed, foreman of the Philadelphia w Machine Company, 624 Race street. wheeled around Franklin Square in a barrow by Mark Houston, one of his

the two men have been very eager in hampionship of the Democratic and candidates for President shout the campaign, and one of their ats culminated in making the above

ton lest, and, arrayed in a high silk and carrying the sign, "I voted for around his neck, the forfeit was dat noon today. He was followed by entire force of the machine shop, who d him mercileasly as he proceeded nd the square.

DRY, FIGURES SHOW

our States Added to Antibooze

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The United

d that in two others—Utah and Florida—

have been elected. In New York Gov-

today indicate that four States

Nebraska, Montana and South

-have joined the anti-booze league,

or legislators pledged to prohibi-

Whitman will be asked to make good

statement during the campaign that

Il help segure legislation permitting York citizens to vote on the liquor

Column-Partial Victories'

in Three

HALF OF UNION NOW



SAYS BULL MOOSE DID IT John M. Parker, candidate for the vice presidency on the Progressive ticket, declares that the Progressive vote was responsible for Woodrow Wilson's re-election.

# POLITICIANS' FEUD MAY BE BARED BY **INSURANCE PROBE**

Pension Mutual Company Mix-up Likely to Air Old Scandal

WORKERS' MONEY TIED UP

Bu a Staff Correspondent

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 10.-Interesting letails of the bitter political feud existing between the Brumbaugh-Smith-Vare faction and the Penrose wing of the Republican organization of Pennsylvania may become public in the present investigation of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of this city.

Impartial observers of the many tribulations of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company say that the application for a receiver for the company, whose total deficits amount to \$1,098,422.60, merely means that the first round has been fought. They refer to the political atmosphere that surrounded the much-tangled affairs of the company, whose main offices are over a small poolroom and barber shop.

Affidavits and certain fetters, which, if with regard to our proposals for the es-made public, would make interesting read-tablishment of 44-trip tickets, but we would ing, and which deal with so-called political schemers, exist. Some of the persons men-tioned in these documents once were de-adjust their differences if it were possible. tailed in the Insurance Department. Others and we feel that as this litigation has been who are mentioned are former State office-

Of course, these documents may never be taken from a certain desk in a certain office for the purpose of making them public. But these letters and affidavits are considered by some persons who were directly responsible to the stockholders and Pennsylvania Railroad has proposed a minipolicyholders of the company as being one of their instruments through which they hope to prove that factional political rows extending between Philadelphia and Harrisburg at certain periods figure in the present probe.

Though there is conclusive proof in existence that the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company erred in obeying the insurance laws of Pennsylvania as far back as 1913, when the Insurance Department was in charge of Charles Johnson, of Philadelphia, this is the first time that real drastic action has been taken against the company. Johnson was appointed by ex-Governor Tener. He had the indorsement

of United States Senator Penrose.

During the regime of Johnson as head of the Imurance Department it is a matter of record that frequently he found occasion to point out to officials of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company that they weren't living up to the law. Once the company almost went into the hands of a

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# RIVAL LAWYERS FOR COMMUTERS IN NEW ATTACKS

Abbot and Others in Letter Deny Edward B. Martin's Authority

ONE SIDE COMPROMISES WILL PROBE FOR ERRORS

Accepts Part of Pennsy's Offer, While Other Says It Will Never Satisfy

The Public Service Commission was notiled today on behalf of the United Business Men's Association and the Cummuters' Association that the Pennsylvania Railroad's proposition in the commutation fare question was rejected.

Further, the commission was informed that rejection of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway's proposal by Edward B. Martin, on behalf of the United Business Men's Association, was without authority.

At the same time that this action was being taken at a meeting of the commuters' awyers in the office of Edwin M. Abbott today, Mr. Martin was sending another letter to the commissioners, in which he set forth that Mr. Abbott no longer represented the United Business Men's Association.

The breach between the attorneys is widened in consequence of these two com-

#### ABBOTT LETTER

The letter sent to the commissioners ever the signatures of William T. Cooper, Matthew Randall, Raymond Pitcairn, Randolph W. Childs and Edwin M. Abbott follows:

"In the matter of the controversy between the United Business Men's Association and Commuters' Association versus Pennsylvania Railroad et al., we would state that we have this day declined to accept the Pennsylvania Ratiroad Company's proposition as submitted, owing to the fact that they have included in their proposal a minimum charge of \$5 for a fifty-trip ticket for all stations within approximately the sevenmile zone. The stations for which they have charged the minimum fare are set forth in their schedule.

"Under former rulings of your comm! sion a maximum of one and one-half cents per mile was ordered. This maximum, we take it, cannot be exceeded for any distance beyond the zone in which the minimum rate has been proposed. We are willing to agree that those schedules shall be accepted on behalf of our clients.

"We are not satisfied with the settle state that we have acceded to your adadjust their differences if it were possible, and as the railroads have made substantial concessions to their patrons, we are justified in asking your body to issue an order confirming the schedules as filed by the Pennsylvania Railroad beyond the territorial limit of seven miles, within which zone the mum rate, and refuse to confirm the minimum rate within that territory.

FOR CENT AND HALF

"We respectfully ask the commission to insist upon the orders heretofore issued by you and that within a seven-mile zone the maximum of one and one-half cents per mile be enforced.

"We are informed that Edward B. Martin, Esq., heretofore associated with us as counsel for the complainant, has notified your commission that the adjustment agreed upon yesterday with the Philadelphia and Reading Rallway Company

would not be acquiesced in by him. "We desire to call the Commission's attention to the fact that Mr. Martin is not a commuter, that he resides at 2009 Columbia avenue in the city of Philadelphia that the United Business Men's Association, of which organization he is chairman of the transportation committee, has not instructed him to take the action which

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## **HUGHES REFUSES** TO ADMIT WILSON VICTOR AT POLLS

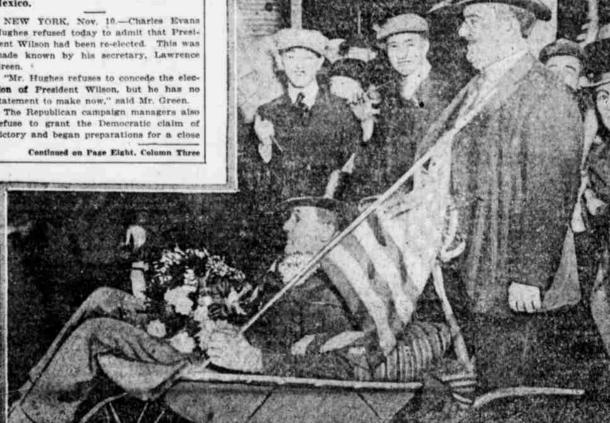
G. O. P. Candidate Will Personally Direct Watch Over Ballots

Chairman Willcox Declares Republicans Seek Fair Tabulation Only

NEW YORK, Nov. 10,-Chairman Willcox announced this afternoon that he had been informed the official vote in California and New Hampshire would be announced by the Secretaries of State in those two commonwealths Monday. He declared the Republican National Committee would take formal steps in the courts to obtain a recount in case there was "evidence or suspicion of fraud or ballot-box stuffing." He said the same procedure would be taken in North Dakota and New Mexico.

Hughes refused today to admit that President Wilson had been re-elected. This was made known by his secretary, Lawrence Green.

"Mr. Hughes refuses to concede the election of President Wilson, but he has no statement to make now," said Mr. Green. The Republican campaign managers also refuse to grant the Democratic claim of victory and began preparations for a close



Philadelphia and Reading.

\$3.80, third. Time, \$.58.

Doyle, \$11.90, third. Time, 1.15.

William Horton had to make good his wager on Hughes last night by pushing Harry Schmidt, who took the Wilson end, around the Washington Hotel, Kensington, in a barrow to the accompaniment of cheers from the population.

made off with \$600 loot.

## BLOCKADE OF FREIGHT CARS ROUSES SHIPPERS TO DEVISE RELIEF PLAN

8050 Loaded Carriers on Pennsylvania Force Embargo, and Manufacturers Join to Clear Traffic

CAUSES OF CONGESTION

Philadelphia manufacturers today are naking a frantic effort to break up a blockade of 8050 loaded freight cars which yes terday caused the Pennsylvania Railroad to impose a sweeping freight embargo, closing this city and suburbs within a radius of fifteen miles to freight of all classes except foodstuffs and less than carload lots of other goods.

In a statement is ned today, T. Noel carriers were partly to blame for the freight granted. congestion

"We have noticed," said Mr. Butter, "reports to the effect that the situation is due to fallure of shippers and consignees to load and unload cars promptly. We concede this to be true to an extent. Some shippers are dilatory in handling freight equipment. On the other hand increased business and heavy-traffic play a part. Carrier delays traffic en route, and placing cars for loading and unloading must also bear a share of the responsibility.

PLAN OF RELIEF "This association represents a majority of the largest shippers and receivers of freight in Philadelphia territory, and a poll of members reveals no serious detays on facto troops at Parral, indications are that their part in releasing cars. Attached is a copy of the notice being sent to all members today and we pledge the co-operation of our members in this pign to relieving the situation."

The notice sent to members of the ariation bears the following cations:

clation bears the following cations:

"Traffic is running heavy; congestion is increasing; embargoes are hurtful to busiciation bears the following captions:

Then below this follows: "These conditions are being experienced by all of us. They are caused by delays, errors, carelessness and inefficient work on the art of the shipper, receiver and carrier. Members will please help clear the situation. When you ship, load heavy—load quickly and load cars home as much as possible. What you receive unload at once and release all cars immediately."

The blockage is growing almost hourly,

immediately."
The blockage is growing almost hourly, and trade organizations have sounded a general slarm of manufacturers and business man pointing out that if the unloading of cars is not speeded up business in the Philadelphia trade sone will come to a standatili. Many manufacturers are already forms.

SAFE IN ILLUMINATED ROOM STOLEN AND ROBBED NEW YORK, Nov. 10.-Safe-cracking has been developed to a fine art in Working in a brilliantly lighted room, in plain view of policemen on duty outside, robbers entered the showroom of the Edison Company in Williamsburg early today, took possession of the 600-pound safe, rolled it into the back yard and jimmied it open. After a leisurely search of the compartments, the safe-crackers

## BANKER PAYS ONE DOLLAR FOR DOZEN EGGS

HARRISBURG, Nov. 10.—Dollar eggs are here. Twelve choice table eggs laid 466,752, Hughes 462,859, a lead for Wilson by Pennsylvania hens are now bringing \$1 a dozen in New York, according to of 3893. advices received by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. On a visit to Jersey Shore, Lycoming County. W. Theodore Wittman, the poultry expert of the department, was told of a contract recently closed with a New York banker for twelve dozen choice table eggs a week up to April 1 next at \$1 a dozen.

BUCHAREST PALACE NOW RED CROSS HOSPITAL GENEVA, Nov. 16.-The Royal palace in Bucharest has been turned into a Red Cross hospital for wounded Rumanian soldiers. The Rumanian Queen has been acting as a nurse.

## INDIANAPOLIS CAR STRIKE THREATENED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 10 .- Apparently reliable reports are current that Indianapolis street car motormen and conductors will go on strike. The union offi-Butler, secretary of the Commercial Traffic cials refused to make any statement. The men recently made demands on the com-

## "BILL" ROPER RESIGNS APPRAISERSHIP

William W. Roper, former Princeton football star and four years ago an ardent supporter of President Wilson, has resigned his position as Federal Appraiser of Customs for the Philadelphia district because, if is understood, he opposed the Presi dent's attitude toward the Adamson law. Roper, known as a Republican, jumped into the fight to elect Governor Wilson President four years ago. He was a warm personal friend of Mr. Wilson at Princeton.

## TAGGART "GIVES" SENATE SEAT TO OPPONENT

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Nov. 10 .- "Dear Jim-I have been trying to hold that seat selected last week, but have decided to let you have it. Congratulations." Thus did "Tom" Taggart congratulate "Jim" Watson today on his election to the United count had been finished. States Senate over Taggart.

## PARKER SAYS PROGRESSIVES ELECTED WILSON

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 10.- John M. Parker, Progressive vice presidential candidate, today said: "In 1912 Progressives voted their honest convictions-voted against the party of privilege and those Old Guard standput Republicans who were overwhelmingly repudiated by their own party. Progressives were responsible for the election of Woodrow Wilson, who has had enacted more human welfare, progressive egislation than had been accomplished in the preceding fifty years. Progressives will be absolutely responsible for Woodrow Wilson's re-election, confidently believing he will be a progressive President."

## TEN HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE AT STEELTON

HARRISBURG, Nov. 10.-Ten houses were destroyed in the west side di trict of Steelton last night and five damaged by a fire of unknown origin. Several families lost all effects because of the rapid spread of the fire, and Harrisburg firemen were called on for help. The less is more than \$10,000.

## BIGGEST BEET SUGAR OUTPUT U. S. HAS KNOWN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.-The greatest beet sugar output the United States has ever produced was reported today by the Bureau of Crop Estimates. The pro-tion amounts to \$18,000 tons, an increase of 44,000 over last year's record out. The United States during the last five years has consumed approximately 4,000

# WILSON KEEPS HIS LEAD; WINS WITH 272 VOTES

Minnesota and New Hampshire Continue Doubtful

CALIFORNIA'S VOTE MAY SHOW DIVISION

Count Not Completed in New Mexico and West Virginia

G. O. P. ASKS RECOUNTS

Democrats Will Have Safe Majority in Senate, but House Is Very Close

The re-election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency, on the face of returns available late this afternoon, was made certain by 272 votes in the electoral

Charles E. Hughes has 243 votes. Minnesota and New Hampshire remain in the doubtful column with a total of 16 votes.

Republicans are claiming Minnesota for Hughes by 1000, with the vote of the State's troops at the border not taken into consideration.

Official returns so far received give New Hampshire to Wilson by 239. Unofficial returns from missing towns put the State back in the Highes column by 71.

California's entire vote has not been counted. Wilson's lead is so commanding that it appears no matter what the result in the few remaining precincts he will have a clear plurality over Hughes. There remained, however, the possibility of a division of the State's electoral vote of thirteen.

The count has not been completed in New Mexico and West Virginia. Wilson is leading in the former State and Hughes in the latter.

Republican headquarters in New York still held out without conceding Wilson's election.

National Chairman Willcox, in statement issued in New York, said: "The result still depends upon the vote of a few close States. We owe it to the country to take all necessary steps to see that an exact and honest count of the vote is made. All we desire is to make sure that the vote be counted as cast."

The same incomplete returns which apparently showed election of the National Democratic ticket also indicated today that President Wilson will have a safe majority in the Senate, but an exceedingly close one in the House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10 .- Complete returns from 5838 out of 5866 precincts in California at 9:20 today gave Wilson

The reduction in the total vote for Wilson was caused by a correction made by County Clerk Kay, of Humboldt County, which showed Wilson had previously been erroneously credited with 1000 votes. In. sending, returns from 76 precincts, Kay gave these figures: Hughes 5679; Wilson, 5014. He declared today that Wilson's total should have been 4014. Two additional precincts in Humboldt County brought Wilson's total to 4049 and Hughea's to 5732.

An additional precinct from San Bernardino County gave Wilson 415 and Hughes

This leaves only 28 precincts in Callfornia to be heard from. The revision of the Humboldt County vote will not change the result in California, In an extra edition this morning the San

Francisco Chronicle, one of the staunch Hughes supporters in the West, conceded California to Wilson by a plurafity of about 2000 and declared the President had been re-elected. Chester Rowell, Republi State chairman, was not willing to concede the State to the President without qualification. He admitted that California had apparently gone Democratic on the face of almost complete returns, but asserted he would not abandon hope until the official

POSSIBLE ERRORS "Because of substantial errors already discovered in unofficial counts," Rowell said. "it is quite possible to change the apparent result of the voting in California by teoting and correcting similar and yet undiscovered errors."

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders, too, a Continued on Page Two. Celuma Two

## THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity Fall tanight; Saturday overcast; colder Sat-urday afternoon; moderate southwest winds.

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Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-vill close the subway-surface lines tooping between 12.43 and 5:12 to the pushing of construction work faw Broad street subway. The goss into effect tomorrow morning, and the surface cars will be op-en the surface on Market street, the City Hall at Juniper street, the City Hall at Juniper street, the City Hall at Juniper street, the City Hall as the City Hall cast-sil be transferred at Fifteenth that and transferred at Fifteenth

a States thus definitely listed as alcohol, there will be twenty-four chibiting the sale of intoxicants or a them by local option. New York the twenty-fifth. Thus more than inton will be "dry."

## COLONEL DIDN'T DRIVE **BULL MOOSE TO HUGHES**

Appeals for Votes Changed Many to Wilson, Study of Returns Shows

Roosevelt Is Silent on Election Result

OYSTER BAY, Nov. 10.
Col. THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S
sole comment today of the reelection of President Wilson was:
"Excuse me, I have nothing to

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 .- As far as can be gathered from the returns the predicted Progressive defection to President Wilson Colonel Roosevelt's attempt to drive back into the Republican ranks has been verified by the results.

In every western State which went for Wilson there are enough Progressives to have swung the electoral vote- the other way had they supported Hughes. In most instances where Colonel Roosevelt attempted to secure Hughes votes by personal ap-peal the people voted for Wilson.

It is clear that the Progressive party, instead of being absorbed by the Repub-lican party, remains still independent, and may yet have to be reckoned with another year.

## VILLA NEARS TORREON WITH 3400 ADDED FORCE

Carranzistas Expected to Abandon City to Outlaws-Juarez Next Goal

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 10 .- Re-enforced by 3400 men from Zacatecas under Generals Valuelos and Contreras, the forces of Pancho Villa today are nearing Torreon, according to reports received here by United States Government agents, As a result of Villa's victory over the de

reon and permit it to be taken without reon and permit it to be taken without resistance. With Torryon in his possession, Villa is expected to move against Chihuabua City and then attack Juarez.

General Trevino, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua, is said to have only 1200 men, and there is doubt of their loyalty. Among the refugees arriving at Juarez today were ten wealthy British residents of Chihuahua. Half of their number were women. They said that it was reported in Chihuahua that Villa has issued orders to his men to kill all Americans and Chinese they find.

the Carranza garrison will evacuate Tor-

Car Jumps Track; Traffic Stopped One woman fainted efter being slightly in-fured and traffic was tied up for fifteen min-utes when a south-bound street car jumped the track at highth and Chestnut streets at 9 o'clock this morning. Mrs. J. F. Boyer, 38 South Saiford street, a passenger fainted after striking her head against the side of the car. She refused to so to the hospital, and told Reserve Pullettean Crawford that she fainted chisfly through fright. He others