

**THE WEATHER**  
Washington, Sept. 16.—Partly cloudy tonight; Wednesday fair.  
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## HEAVY PRIMARY VOTE REPORTED IN ALL DISTRICTS; TWO OF ROTAN'S MEN TAKE PRISONER; ARE ARRESTED

### MOORE CHIEFS SEE VICTORY IN BIG EARLY VOTE

Reports of infidelity by Vare Workers Worry Leaders of G. O. P. Organization

HEAR LIEUTENANTS JUMP TO INDEPENDENT FORCES

Rumor Also That Regulars Are Knifing Governor Sproull's Judicial Choices

VARE DENIES ALL STORIES Says Only Ward Chief to Desert Was Conner—Costello Is Mentioned

**Eleventh-Hour Predictions in Mayoralty Fight**

Moore will win by from 40,000 to 50,000. —Senator Penrose. Landslide. —Congressman Moore. "Everything looks favorable." —Judge Patterson. "I say Patterson will have 50,000 majority." —Senator Vare.

Heavy voting was evident today in all the city's forty-eight wards, in keeping with the unparalleled registration which, Independent leaders say, points to a sweeping victory for Congressman Moore.

"A landslide for the entire Moore ticket," was the prediction of opponents of the contractor ring and the Vare-backed candidate, Judge Patterson, as an avalanche of votes swept into the ballot boxes in the 1555 election divisions.

Organization leaders were equally confident that Judge Patterson and their entire ticket would be nominated. "Two reports that worried the Vare leadership were current before noon. One report was that Vare division workers had kicked over the organization traces on the judgeship contest and threatened to plunge the local organization in a war of reprisals with Governor Sproull.

The other report was that leaders high in the Vare councils were tossing aside their pledges of allegiance and were deserting to the Moore camp. The leaders mentioned were Conner, Costello, Forty-first ward; Representative James A. Dunn, Twenty-third ward, and Milton V. Reedmore, Twenty-eighth ward, "Mayor Smith's own."

There were no reports of violence from any of the wards, but rumors of riotous behavior were current. The district attorney's detective staff and private detectives employed by the committee of seventy were busy gathering evidence of fraud. The confusion and rush on the two days when the registration commission sat to enroll voters had their reflection today. There were numerous instances where voters attempted to vote at the wrong polling places.

"Everybody is talking Moore," said Thomas W. Cunningham, Republican Alliance head, who predicted a landslide for the anti-contractor champion. After a motorcar tour of many wards, George W. Coles, chairman of the Town Meeting party, expressed confidence that the entire Moore ticket would be named.

Vare Sees Victory in South Philly Senator Vare claimed a big victory for Judge Patterson in South Philadelphia. That section below South street, he said, will give Judge Patterson a majority of from 20,000 to 25,000. He said the judge also will carry some of the independent wards.

**Offices Candidates Seek at the Primaries Today**  
Philadelphia electors are voting at the primaries today for candidates for nomination for the following offices:  
Mayor, city controller, recorder of deeds, county commissioners, sheriff, coroner, clerk of Quarter Sessions, magistrates and City Council under the new charter.

**ASKS JAPAN WHEN SHANTUNG REVERTS**  
Wilson's Political Exigencies Prompt Negotiations to Have Definite Time Settled

**LODGE PLAYS CHINA'S CARDS**  
Honolulu, Sept. 16.—The United States has "asked" the Japanese Government to fix a definite date for the return of Kiao-Chau to China, according to cables advised received here today by the Nippo Jiji, a Japanese daily newspaper.

The cable added that the Japanese Government had not answered the communication.  
By CLINTON W. GILBERT  
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger  
Washington, Sept. 16.—The administration is working hard through the ordinary diplomatic channels to repair the oversight at Paris and have Japan fix a definite date for its withdrawal from Shantung.

This date may not take the form of naming a certain day. It may be rather a statement on the part of Japan that a certain number of months after the establishment of peace, through the acceptance of the treaty, she will retire in China's favor.

These negotiations have been going on for some time; in fact, since the President was disappointed in the statement made by Japan in response to urging from this country that she would make clear her intentions with regard to Shantung.

The Shantung game is a diplomatic contest between China and Japan, China very skillfully, through the Republican majority in the Senate, is making this country play her diplomatic game for her.

On the one hand Japan wants certain things from China. She is strengthened in her position by the once-secret treaties with England and France, and by the fact that the German treaty is sure to be ratified as it stands by the allied powers and thus become valid. She is sure of Shantung and of the right to return Shantung in her own time.

On the other hand, China has stiffened in her opposition to Japan's demands, whatever they may be, by the fact that this country disapproves the Shantung settlement and by the fact that Mr. Wilson's political necessities require that Japan should name an early date for her retirement from Shantung.

The negotiations have dragged, despite the exigencies which require speed at this end. That fact alone proves their difficulty. If we get Japan's promise of withdrawal at an early date, it will probably be at a price to be disclosed later. It could probably have been bought cheaper at Paris.

**GIRL FOUND WITH THIEVES**  
Kidnapped Year Ago and Arrested With Five Mexicans  
Akron, O., Sept. 16.—(By A. P.)—In the arrest of five Mexicans and a sixteen-year-old girl said to have been kidnapped in Oil City, Pa., a year ago, the police believe today they had broken up a band of thieves who have operated for several weeks in Akron and other Ohio cities.

Mary Kulashin, for whom a nationwide search had been conducted since her disappearance from her home in Oil City one year ago, was arrested in the Belmont Hotel. Several hundred dollars' worth of silks and many silk waists and shirts and a \$250 fur which was recently stolen from a local furrier, were found in her room.

### "Silent Vote" to Decide Election, Asserts McCain

Citizens Who Do Not Fall for "Hurrah Stuff," Writer Says, Are Those Who Will Swing Primary—Sees Little Fraud Today

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN  
Moore will have at least 34,700 majority. —Thomas W. Cunningham, president of the Republican Alliance.  
Patterson's majority will be 58,450. —Harry C. Ransley, chairman Republican city committee.  
I say Patterson will have 50,000 majority. —Senator Edwin H. Vane.

There is but one deduction to be drawn from these widely divergent claims by prominent factional leaders on either side—they are naming majorities they hope to see but cannot even approximately estimate.  
Why? Because they have no substantial basis for a comparison of possible results. No one of them has ever gone through such a campaign as this before. There has not been a fight in recent years in which there have been so many unknown factors, so many conflicting interests, such a number of disappointed, sore and disgruntled workers who are ready for revolt.

**LANDSLIDE, MOORE SAYS AS HE VOTES**  
Demonstration When Candidate Casts Ballot at Third and Cypress

Congressman Moore predicted he would carry his ward and the city at large when he appeared to cast his ballot today in his home division voting place at Third and Cypress streets.

"The heavy vote cast in the early morning hours indicates an independent landslide," said Mr. Moore after he had voted.  
"It forecasts a revolution against the existing contractor government in Philadelphia. This is a big day for the Fifth ward and a big day for the city generally. I am confident that my own ward will help me pile up my majority."

Mr. Moore's appearance at the Ninth division of the Fifth ward, where he has voted for years, was the signal for a popular demonstration that pleased the candidate.

On his way from his residence at 209 South Fourth street to the polling place he was greeted by numerous friends, who stopped him to shake his hand and predict success in today's balloting. It was 10 o'clock when he arrived at the voting place of the division. A large group of his adherents, including several of the Moore committeemen of the ward, were on hand to greet him. They shouted, rang bells and blew horns when he came into Cypress street at Third. He smiled at the greeting, and shook hands right and left as he entered the booth.

The noise was halted for a few moments while Mr. Moore cast his ballot. He received the ballot from a gray-haired official, entered the little covered booth to mark it, came out in a moment with the ballot folded once, completed the folding and deposited the ballot in the box.

Then he shook hands with John J. Patterson, who had just voted.  
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**PATTERSON VISITS MAYOR**  
Enters Office, but Only as Visitor Is Confident

Judge Patterson entered the Mayor's office today.  
But only as a visitor. The organization candidate called on Mayor Smith in City Hall before noon. Before going into the private office he strolled about the big reception room, admiring the war picture exhibit.

### SPROUL, GUARDED BY CONSTABULARY, AT CHESTER POLLS

Governor Visits Home Town to War on "McClure Whisky Ring" at Primary

**POLICE "OUT" OF POLITICS: ARE HELD IN STATION**  
Special Policemen Patrol City While Regular Force Takes a "Rest"

Indignation was aroused today when Edgar A. Richardson, a negro, attempted to mark the ballot of Fred Lockley, an old soldier. Lockley went to the polling place and announced he wanted to vote for Mayor McDowell.

**NEW YORK TO DISCONTINUE SALE OF ARMY FOOD**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Municipal sale of surplus army food will be discontinued when the government opens its stores in this city, probably September 23, Jonathan A. Day, city commissioner of markets, announced today.

**LANE VOTES: IS SILENT**  
"Uncle Dave" Does Not Venture a Prediction

**VARE KNIFE SHOWN IN JUDICIAL CONTEST DESPITE HIS 'ORDER'**  
Sample Ballots, Independents Say, Indicate Organization Is Cutting McCullen

The sheathed Vare knife in the judgeship fight is a fiction, according to Independent leaders, who say the blade is flashing in various wards against the candidates endorsed by Governor Sproull.

**TROLLEYS DAMAGED**  
A crowd estimated at 10,000 drew itself around the New York Shipbuilding Company loop and attacked trolleys today.

**Election Weather**  
Partly cloudy tonight. With the ballots a-flying. But a Wednesday that's bright. With the gentle winds sighing. And the moral please note. Be on hand with your vote!

**HIGHLIGHTS ON LABOR UNREST**  
American Federation of Labor officials meet in Pittsburgh to set on a footing steel strike, set for September 22, until after Wilson's labor conference, October 6.  
Samuel Gompers, back in Washington, wants "truce" until White House session ends.  
Macon, Ga., police and firemen refuse to quit union or jobs.  
Boston fire officials refuse to join strike. Hundred local unions taking ballot, with general suspension improbable.  
United miners in Cleveland urge steel workers to postpone strike until Washington conference is held.

**TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES—AMERICAN LEAGUE**

CLEVELAND	1	3	2	1	0
ATHLETICS (St.)	0	1	1	0	0

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

BOSTON	—	—	—	—	—
ST. LOUIS (St.)	—	—	—	—	—

**GERMANY PLANS MOTORLESS SUNDAYS**  
BERLIN, Sept. 16.—The government is planning to prohibit automobile traffic on Sundays and at night between midnight and 6 a. m. on account of the shortage in petrol. The action to be taken because motorists have disregarded the government's plea to use cars for business purposes only. Physicians are to be excepted from the rule.

**BOSTON FIREMEN VOTE AGAINST STRIKE**  
BOSTON, Sept. 16.—The Boston firemen will not strike to support the new policemen's union. A statement issued today by officers of Local 19, international association of fire fighters, of which the men of the department, are members said, "the firemen have never voted to strike, will not vote to strike, and will not strike"

**MOORE VICTORY, SAYS COLES**  
Town Meeting Head Pleased by Heavy Vote

There is every indication of a Moore landslide, according to George W. Coles, chairman of the Town Meeting party. He made a tour of several sections of Philadelphia, and said the voting was heavier than ever before at a primary election.

**VOTE HEAVY IN NORTH PHILA.**  
Both Factions Claim Majority—Mills to Close Early

Three wards in the northern section of this city report that voting so far has been the heaviest experienced in the history of the city. Both factions claim a majority.

**DOWNTOWN FOR PATTERSON**  
In direct violation of the new charter it is reported that a city employee, a Water Bureau employee, is on the job in the sixth division. Thirty-second ward, for the Vare forces. Another city employee was reported working for Vare in the thirty-first division of the Thirty-second ward.

**SOUTH PHILADELPHIA SHOWS NORMAL VOTE—TRAINER BLENDS CONFIDENCE**  
Vare supporters in South Philadelphia are confident of a majority for Judge Patterson. Republican organization candidate for Mayor. The vote this morning was reported as a normal steady vote for Patterson.

**SERBIA TO SIGN TREATY**  
Will Attach Signature to Belated Document, Paris Paper Says  
Paris, Sept. 16.—(By A. P.)—Serbia, one of the two nations in interest which did not sign the Austrian peace treaty, Rumanian being the other, will attach a belated signature to that document, according to the Echo de Paris today. It has information, it says, that such a step on the part of Serbia's delegates is certain and that action to this end is to be the first taken by the new Serbian ministry when its formation is completed.

### DETECTIVES HELD WITH VARE WORKER ACCUSED BY THEM

District Attorney's Office Forces Immediate Hearing in Court

**THREE TAKEN IN CUSTODY AT POLLS IN FOURTH WARD**  
16th Division Worker Charged With Obstructing Election and Disorderly Conduct

Two members of District Attorney Rotan's county detective force were arrested by patrolmen at noon today after they had taken a Vare watcher into custody at the polling place of the Sixteenth division of the Fourth ward. This is in the heart of the Vare stronghold in South Philadelphia.

The detectives arrested were Edward Ochsle and J. Gordon Lehman, of Chief Costello's staff. They had taken William Solomon, of 1331 South Sixth street, a prisoner on the steps of the polling place at 117 Fitzwater street.

All three were hurried to the Second and Christian streets police station, where the detectives were held, along with their prisoner, until the arrival of Assistant District Attorney James C. Gordon. He, accompanied by Chief Costello, they both hurried to the station house in an automobile as soon as word was received of the detectives' arrest.

District Attorney Rotan, at City Hall, assigned Assistant District Attorney Fox to the case, and Judge Martin was told the facts as they were known to the district attorney's office.

Judge Martin issued an order for the immediate production of the prisoners in Common Pleas Court No. 5, for a hearing before Judge Monghian. The hearing is now under way.

**Obstructed Election Is Charge**  
County Detective Ochsle, at the station house, asserted that William Solomon had a watcher's certificate made out in the name of "Graham," and that he was standing on the steps of the polling place, refusing any admittance to the booth. Detectives Ochsle and Lehman placed him under arrest, according to Ochsle, charging him with disorderly conduct and obstructing an election.

When the detectives preferred charges against Solomon he insisted that they, too, be put in a cell. The lone sergeant on duty at that time said that he would not permit any of the three to be put in a cell.

The detectives had been sent downtown when word was received at Chief Costello's office that the Vare forces were adopting rough tactics in the Fourth ward, and that election officials, watchers and workers were throwing Moore followers out of the voting places.

**Warrants Issued**  
Warrants were issued today for Dan O'Connell, a Vare watcher, and another member of the First ward, who is charged with possessing Louis Foxman, a Moore worker, following a quarrel at the polls and also with assisting a voter without requiring the latter to make the required affidavit.