

State's Democracy Literally Crushed

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It is the greatest landslide in the state's history.

Nothing Left Undone
No scheme that political ingenuity could devise was left untried by them. Charges and counter-charges of fraud, intimidation, and the usual schedule of election dodges flew like birdshot.

Sign Worth Watching
It is a political weather vane well worth watching. A large proportion of it came from the industrial yards, notably in the northern and southern sections.

In the Twenty-eighth ward 1233 votes were piled up for Debs. In the Thirty-ninth, 1708; the First, 873; the Thirty-third ward, 1031; the Forty-third ward, 987, and in the Forty-sixth, 620.

In contrast with the size of the Socialist vote is that of Christiansen, the candidate of the Farmer-Labor party, which cut such spectacular shins at its Chicago convention. Its principles apparently carved no ice—or none to amount to anything—with industrial workers.

Not even burnt brandy, much less contraband whisky, which was peddled openly in Democratic and supposedly doubtful congressional districts, could save the untried from the wrath of disgruntled communities.

It looks as though the Democratic representation from Pennsylvania in the next Congress would be about two.

The outcome is in sorry contrast with the foolish and flamboyant claims of the Democratic State Committee of three days ago. Then it was claiming eighteen districts, just half the delegation in Congress.

The nickel-plated nerve of Secretary Van Dyke which induced him to make such a prediction, or even encourage it, was political prophecy raised to the nth power of the prophecies.

Doubt in Erie-Crawford
A triangular fight is in doubt in the Erie-Crawford district, the Twenty-fifth. Milton W. Shreve, the present congressman, is the candidate of the "drys," while R. J. Firman is running as the Republican, with M. B. Halbach as the Democrat.

The big feature of the entire congressional fight is the election, on the latest returns, of Gerner, Republican, over Duma, Democrat, in the Democratic Berks-Lehigh fortress.

This, the Thirtieth district, was, up until yesterday, the apple of the Democratic eye; the Democratic stronghold of the state. It was the one district where a Democratic nomination has always been equivalent to an election.

But alas! and alack! Likewise was the Berks-Lehigh district has gone Republican and the traditions of generations have been shattered.

As though this did not sink the iron deep enough into the soul of Democracy, Patrick McLane has been licked by Charles R. Connell in Luzerne county. Congressman McLane counted on the support of the miners in that section of the anthracite region.

But Mr. McLane got the wrong count. The miners have evidently had enough of Wilsonism. Anyhow, they voted for a mine owner who has the reputation of being one of the "square" operators in that district. Besides, the

congressman-elect is a nephew of the noted William Connell, once the big Republican leader of the Luzerne district.

Democratic hopes fell yesterday like the leaves of Vallambrosa. Congressman John J. Casey, of Wilkes-Barre the Lackawanna district, was one of them. He dropped beside Patrick McLane. Clarence D. Coughlin, Republican, is his successor. It is another instance where the labor vote went where it wasn't expected to go.

Butler and Westmoreland counties, the Twenty-second Congressional district, also redeemed themselves. John H. Wilson, Democrat, who really won on a fluke last year, was defeated by Adam M. Wyant, and once more the great bituminous counties will be represented in Washington by a Republican.

Mayor Praises Police Work
Mayor Moore, through Director of Public Safety Cortelyou, today commended Superintendent of Police Mills and Assistant Superintendent Tempest for the splendid manner in which the police maintained order at the polls during the election.

It is likely that John V. Leshar, present Democratic congressman from Sunbury in the Sixteenth district, has been returned.

Great doubt exists about Attorney General Palmer's district, the Twenty-sixth. Reports are lacking, and it is counted at this hour as doubtful. W. H. Kirkpatrick, of Easton, is the Republican who is making the fight against George W. Gelsler, also of Easton.

It would be Democracy's crown of sorrow should this, a cabinet officer's district, about face and become Republican. But it looks that way now. Anyhow, it is notorious that General Palmer didn't turn a finger to help Cox on the stump, and why, they ask, should he help him at the polls?

Kindly extend your assistants and the police my high appreciation of the efficient manner in which they performed their duties, and said the Mayor. "It is very gratifying to know that with a few trifling exceptions no disorder prevailed at the polls and that the voters generally were free and unmolested to express their will at the ballot-box."

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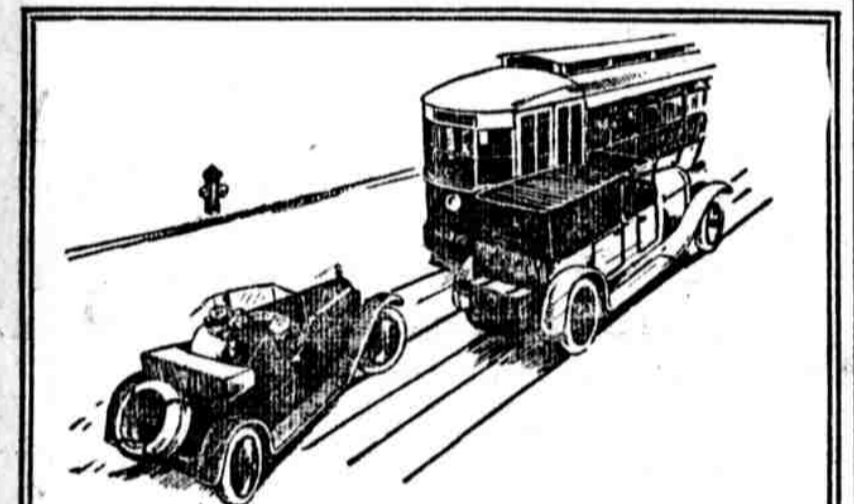
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