

HOPE A MIRACLE

Parker Must Get 80 Doubtful Votes.

ROOSEVELT ONLY SIXTEEN

Issue of the Campaign Rests on Nine States.

INDIANA MOST TO PARKER

Should He Get All Other Debatable Territory and Lose It, He Will Result, Which Means House Will Re-Elect President.

FORECAST OF ELECTION.

Surely Republican-Surely Democratic.	
California	10
Illinois	27
Kansas	3
Maine	1
Massachusetts	24
Michigan	11
Minnesota	11
Mississippi	3
Montana	2
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	13
New York	34
Ohio	20
Oregon	3
Rhode Island	1
South Dakota	4
Texas	10
Vermont	1
Washington	3
Wisconsin	11
Wyoming	2
Total	223

States Called Doubtful.	
Colorado	5
Connecticut	5
Delaware	1
Florida	1
Georgia	5
Idaho	1
Indiana	16
Montana	2
Nevada	1
Total	54

Total electoral vote.	
Republican	475
Democratic	161
By Democrats	16

regarded in Republican circles as unquestionably safe.

As before stated, the figures indicate that any 15 electoral votes out of the doubtful list case for Roosevelt would tie the electoral college and make Roosevelt President through the House of Representatives. Of course, that is a remote contingency and its possibility is mentioned only to show how few votes Roosevelt needs from the questionable states. Republicans insist that it is more probable that their candidate will win the so-called doubtful states than that Parker will win any three of them, but no three can elect him, though Indiana is regarded by Republicans as the surest of the doubtful states Democrats declare as theirs. The latter are under the necessity of doing so for reasons already set forth. For the same reason they lay claim to New York and West Virginia and more faintly Connecticut and West Virginia and Delaware.

All hope of their carrying Wisconsin and Illinois, which was their comfort early in the campaign, has been abandoned.

Beef Trust for Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(Special.)—A Chicago special to the World says: "The beef trust is for Roosevelt. Some of its officers have made big contributions to the campaign fund. J. Ogden Armour today said: "We are going to support Roosevelt most emphatically. We have been satisfied with his Administration, and will be well satisfied to have him continue in office."

The Swifts and other members of the other beef trust company are also Republicans and for Roosevelt.

Oregon Will Give Big Majority.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 2.—J. W. Ivey, of Alaska, told the President today Oregon and Washington would each roll up Republican majorities of 50,000 this November.

DAY HOME FROM ALASKA.

Judge Who Investigated Federal Offices Will Not Talk.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—Judge Day, who was sent to Alaska last June to investigate charges brought against Judges Brown and Wickersham and various other officials of the judiciary, has returned to Washington to report to the Attorney-General and President. On his report, the President will determine whether the judges and various district attorneys and marshals shall be reappointed or whether service demands new men. Judge Day absolutely refuses to discuss his findings.

Place for ex-Oregon Official.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—Miss Mollie Gathright, former superintendent of the Umatilla Indian school, has been appointed acting agent at the Carlisle Indian school, Pennsylvania, at a salary of \$1000 per year.

ICE PACK BLOCKS STRAIT.

Winter is Rapidly Settling in the Hudson Bay Country.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Oct. 2.—The French frigate *Stord*, from Hudson Bay, has arrived here. She reports winter is rapidly settling in, and that an ice-pack blocked Hudson Strait on August 12. There had been frequent snowstorms before September 8. The temperature at that time was never above 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Canadian cruiser *Neptune* was sighted on September 10, proceeding west through the Strait. The captain of the *Stord* expressed doubts that the steamer *Neptune* would be able to get through the straits this year.

(The *Neptune* is one of a certain expedition sent to enforce certain laws against American whalers. The steamer *Gauss* was three years ago engaged in Antarctic exploration under the auspices of the Germans. Early this year she was repurchased, named the *Arctic*, and sailed for the North under the command of Captain Bernier for the purpose of annexing a number of Arctic islands to Great Britain, after which she was to proceed as far as possible in the direction of the north pole.)

LIVES OF FOUR SNUFFED OUT

Earth and Ore Falls in Georgia Mine—Two Men Injured.

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Oct. 4.—By the falling of earth and ore in the Morgan mine, the lives of four men were snuffed out here today. Two others are seriously injured and are expected to die. The dead: R. P. Morgan, president and manager of the Morgan Mining Company; James H. H. White, Cartersville; Robert Boynton, negro, Cartersville. Unknown negro.

Injured: Wright Miller, Cartersville; Al Buford, Cartersville.

COACHES ARE OVERTURNED.

Four Persons Killed and Fifty Injured in English Railway Accident.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Four persons were killed and it is estimated that about 50 were injured, some of them fatally, in a railway accident near Llanelli, 15 miles southeast of Carmarthen, Wales, today. An engine, train drawn by two engines was derailed, the engines jumping the track and several coaches being overturned.

LEAVE TO CHRISTEN SHIP.

Prominent Nebraskans Are En Route to Seattle.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 3.—A party comprising Governor Miley and his staff, five other state officers and ladies with enough others to make a total of 35 left tonight in a special car on the Burlington for Seattle, where on Friday they will take part in the launching of the battleship *Nebraska*. Miss Mary Nain Miley, daughter of the Governor, will christen the ship.

Noted Sculptor Seriously Ill.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Frederick Augustus Bartholdi, the sculptor of the statue of Liberty of New York Bay, is critically ill with tuberculosis.

GAINING ON SLAVS

Tokio Has Reassuring Advices From Arthur.

STEADY PROGRESS OF SIEGE

Russian Squadron Is Reduced to Great Straits.

BIG STEAMER STRIKES MINE

Engaged in Clearing Channel for the Fleet at the Time—Mikado's Army, as Result of New System, Will Contain 1,000,000 Men.

Small outpost fights constitute the sum of the activities reported from the vicinity of Mukden.

The Japanese blockade of Port Arthur is so effective that General Stoesel has been unable to inform the War Office at St. Petersburg of the situation there. The report of the arrival of the Russian armored cruiser *Bayan*, of the Port Arthur squadron, at Hangshu Bay, near Shanghai, has no official confirmation.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

TOKIO, Oct. 2.—It is officially announced here that while the enemy's clearing squadron was operating outside of Port Arthur, on September 29, a large steamer struck a mine and sank. A number of similar disasters have been suffered by the enemy ever since the clearing squadron resumed operations in July.

It now appears that the squadron has been reduced to great straits. According to Russian reports all the Japanese attacks upon Port Arthur between September 20 and 26 have been repulsed by the Russians. These reports are not credited in Tokio, where information has been received showing steady progress of the siege and the recent capture of several important positions.

The Minister of Finance entertained a number of the leading bankers on October 1 at a dinner and later announced that he intended to issue the final installment of the war loan of \$50,000,000 yen (about as much in dollars) at 8 1/2 per cent repayment, to end in seven years. These terms are the same as were made for the last issue, and it is expected that the money will be readily subscribed.

Two hundred and twenty-two miles of the Seoul-Pusan railway have been laid, leaving only 50 miles for completion. The work on the Seoul-Wiju railway is also progressing rapidly, as well as on the Devocille line from Kiulung Cheng to Fung Chwang Chen, whence it will extend next Spring to Liao Yang.

According to the Japanese military system hitherto in force, service with the colors commences at the age of 20 and lasts three years. With the expiration of this term, the men pass into the reserve for a term of nine years and then the territorial army. The latter is not liable to service abroad.

The new system extends the reserve service to fourteen and one third years, and inasmuch as the change became operative on the day of promulgation, all men who served with the colors from 1871 to 1891 are added to the strength of the active army.

Statistics show the number of such men to be 2,315, from which must be deducted 10 per cent for casualties. There remain, then, 208,000 men actually available. This calculation is necessarily based on the returns prior to the program of extension. The total war strength will ultimately be brought up to over a million men.

At the farewell banquet given on Sunday by Prince Karl Van Hohenhausen, at Japanese prince, in proposing the health of Emperor William, said that the despatch of so distinguished a member of the German Imperial family to accompany the Japanese army constitutes a strong proof of the friendship cementing not only two courts but also two empires.

FORCE PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT

Only Twelve Out of 4000 Men Escaped in Port Arthur Assault.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The Daily Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent, citing under date of Sept. 25, says: "Terrible artillery conflicts are adding to the horrors of the situation at Port Arthur. On September 22 and 23 the Russians made sorties against positions held by the Kanagawa Regiment and desperate fighting ensued. The Japanese force was practically annihilated, only one non-commissioned officer and 11 men remaining alive out of the 400 who went into the engagement."

"The Japanese tunnel into Port Arthur was completed on September 31 and was immediately used. The result is unknown."

EXPECTS MORE BATTLES SOON

Russian General Believes Liao Yang Opened a Bloody Campaign.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—General Romanoff, late commander of the Sixth Division of the Russian army at the front, and who received injuries which temporarily incapacitated him, has been interviewed with regard to the situation in the Far East. He said in part: "The present big war really began with the battle at Liao Yang, and we may now expect a series of bloody engagements. The situation is now entering upon a period of Russian advance."

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NO HOPE FOR HIM

Payne Only Kept Alive by Stimulants.

STRENGTH IS FAST FAILING

Family Is Hastily Summoned to Bedside at Midnight.

PATIENT SUDDENLY RALLIES

He Recognizes Those About Him and Says He Is Feeling "First Rate"—Physicians Greatly Fear the Coming of Day.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Postmaster-General Payne is still alive, but only as the result of the injection of the most powerful drugs known to the medical profession. Frequent sinking spells marked the day yesterday, and his condition is decidedly worse this morning than it was twenty-four hours ago. The physicians express not the slightest hope for his recovery, and during the night possessed so little confidence that their distinguished patient could live through until morning that at midnight bulletins were issued predicting dissolution within a few minutes, and at two o'clock this morning they placed the limit at two hours at the outside, with the probability that every moment would be the last.

General Payne, after spending the forepart of the night in a quiet sleep, was seized at midnight with a sinking spell worse than any that had preceded it. Powerful restoratives administered in larger quantities than theretofore given produced not the slightest apparent effect, and the members of the family were hastily summoned to the bedside.

Two hours later, a message was received from the bedside that the General was still alive, but all hope had been abandoned. The physicians refused to state how long their patient could survive, but stated that while he might live for two hours, on the other hand, the end might come the next moment. After administering the stimulants at midnight, the physicians discontinued the use of drugs, and thereafter allowed nature to take its course.

Shortly after half past two, the patient showed signs of reviving, and a few seconds later he completely regained consciousness. "Hello!" he exclaimed to those about him. Dr. Magruder said how he was feeling and received the reply "first rate." Milk was then given him to drink.

Shortly before four o'clock, General Payne's private secretary issued a bulletin in effect, that the patient was resting easily. It was added that General Payne's pulse was steadier and his respiration more natural than it had been for days. A consultation will probably be held this morning. Following are the bulletins from the sick room.

3:45 A. M.—The Postmaster-General is resting easily. Pulse is steadier, and he is breathing more naturally than he has for days. The members of the family are now retired.

5:50—Dr. Magruder said Mr. Payne's respiration was better and more regular than it has been in the past 24 hours, and if the improvement kept up, the patient would last through the night, and that a consultation could probably be held in the morning.

8:25 A. M.—It was announced that the Postmaster-General had awoke and exclaimed "Hello!" to those about him. Milk was then given him to drink. Dr. Magruder said: "First-rate."

12:30 A. M.—Mrs. Grayson and Magruder said the fluid which had been injected at midnight, and the sinking spell which followed, and that the effect is shown by the improved respiration and pulse. It was added that this is not an indication of recovery, but the patient might last until morning. This fluid is a stimulant which was given to him, and at which at five he failed to respond. It was after this failure to respond that it was announced that further administration of stimulants would not avail.

2 A. M.—At 2 o'clock, Mr. Payne was barely alive, and all hope had been abandoned. It was announced that he was just lingering, while he might last two hours, the end might come at any moment. No stimulants are being administered, and the physicians are allowing nature to take its course.

12:30 A. M.—The family of Postmaster-General Payne are now gathered around his bedside. The end is believed to be a matter of a few minutes only.

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