

NEARLY 15,000 VOTES WERE CAST

Official Figures on Late Election.

INCREASE OF 1,341,531 VOTES

Taft Has Plurality of 1,244,494 Over Bryan.

HIS MAJORITY IS 423,113

Bryan's Vote Shows Great Increase Over Parker's—Taft's Vote Exceeds Roosevelt's—Debs Gains Slightly—Others Lose.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The total popular vote of the Presidential candidates at the last National election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total shows the following vote cast:

Taft, Republican, 7,687,676; Bryan, Democrat, 6,393,182; Debs, Socialist, 448,471.

Chaun, Prohibitionist, 241,235; Hagen, Independent, 83,188; Watson, Populist, 23,871; Gilhaus, Socialist-Labor, 15,421.

Total for all candidates, 14,852,329.

Great Increase Over 1904.

This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the Presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,510,798.

Compared with that election, the candidates of the Republican and Democratic and Socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist and Socialist-Labor parties. The Independent party did not figure in the Presidential election four years ago. Taft's plurality over Bryan was 1,244,494, and his majority over all rivals was 423,113.

The biggest difference in a party vote is shown in an increase for Bryan of 1,315,311 over the total vote cast in 1904 for Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate. Taft received 14,359 votes more than were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904, and Debs ran 45,268 ahead of his predecessor on the Socialist ticket.

Minor Parties Lose Ground.

The heaviest loss is shown by the Populist party, which with the same candidates registered 83,212 votes less this year than in 1904, when its total was 117,182. The Prohibition candidate, Chaun, ran 17,284 votes behind the 1904 mark of his party, and Gilhaus, the Socialist-Labor candidate, received only 50 per cent of the vote given to Corrigan, which was 31,249, in the previous Presidential race.

Gave Taft Big Vote.

New York (50,707), Pennsylvania (745,779) and Illinois (629,932) gave Taft the greatest number of votes among the states while as to Bryan the order was New York (687,485), Ohio (502,721) and Illinois (458,810).

The votes cast for Taft and Bryan were almost identical in number in two states, namely, Maryland and Nevada. In the first mentioned Taft received 111,253 and Bryan 111,117, and in the other 10,214 and 10,655, respectively.

Where Debs Was Strongest.

Debs received his largest vote in Pennsylvania (39,913), Illinois (39,711) and New York (38,451). Delaware gave him only 75 votes.

Hisgan's vote in New York, 35,817, and in his own state, Massachusetts, 19,727, together formed nearly two-thirds of all the votes received in the whole country. In six states not a vote was cast for Hisgan. Nine states registered not a single vote for the Prohibition candidate. The Socialist-Labor candidate received votes in only 13 states, and in only 15 states were votes cast for Watson, of the Populist party.

Popular Vote by States.

Table with 3 columns: State, (Rep.), (Dem.), (Socialist). Lists vote counts for various states including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Totals.

EVEN STOLE MRS. DEKUM'S TRUNK

PORTLAND WIDOW TELLS CHICAGO POLICE SAD STORY.

Penniless and Shamed, She Years for Her Sick Son in Rose City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Amie Dekum, a pretty widow, enticed to Chicago from Portland, Or., and fleeced of her savings under pretense of marriage, made a final appeal to the police today to aid her in getting to her sick son in her home city.

"I am penniless and ashamed," she wept. Captain O'Brien's office, "and I read to go back to Portland and face my friends. But my boy is sick and I must get to his side."

Mrs. Dekum is staying at the Y. W. C. A. home pending a search for Albert B. Carroll, whom she accuses.

"I had mortgaged my house, and after spending a considerable sum for clothes I started East with \$300. Carroll persuaded me on the car to let him have the care of the money, and I gave him the nine \$100 bills and the check to my trunk. When we reached Chicago we went to the Windsor-Clifton Hotel. He asked me to wait in the parlor while he telephoned. That is the last I have seen of him. He has even taken the trunk with him."

NEW NAME FOR OLD TYPE

"Wassermucker" (Muckraker) Is Added to English Language.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—"Wassermucker." This word came to enrich the English language today when President Schneider, of the Chicago Board of Education, made public a letter from A. W. May, whose letterhead proclaimed him a United States Commissioner at Dallas, Texas. Mr. May wrote to announce his sympathy with Mr. Schneider in upholding a public school teacher who publicly announced her opposition to the Prohibition movement.

"Our glorious state," wrote Mr. May, "is also threatened by these wassermuckers and they propose to force state-wide prohibition on us with the aid of the next Legislature."

A "wassermucker" is one who displays marked zeal in fighting the liquor traffic. "Wasser" is German for water, while "mucker" is recognized by the dictionary as meaning a stable clown and also a fall in the mud.

President Schneider declared that "wassermucker" would take its place along with "muckraker."

After summarizing the charges, the President says:

They are false in every particular, from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for contemptuous purposes and in part stories originally concocted with a view of positive blackmail.

SAYS ESTATE IS ROBBED

Widow Accuses Husband's Partner of Stealing Note.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Alleging that M. E. Ward entered the safety deposit box of her deceased husband and took therefrom a note executed by him in favor of her husband for \$300, Mrs. George Harkness today filed a suit against Ward, who is now living in California as a retired capitalist.

Ward and George Harkness formerly conducted a real estate business here, and further allegations declare that he owes the estate of Harkness, who died recently in Maine, over \$15,000. Mrs. Harkness used in her own name and also as executrix to the estate.

Her first complaint charges Ward with not investing a large sum of money which she gave him to invest, but keeping it for his own use. The second complaint states that the taking of the note from the safety deposit box occurred this month in this city.

TO INVESTIGATE REBATES

Federal Grand Jury to Probe Steel Company's Freight Changes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Charges of rebating, made, it is said, against various roads, will be investigated by the Federal grand jury, which began its work here today.

J. B. Young, agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is said to have given the jury information of the rate charged the Illinois Steel Company for handling steel. The traffic relations between this road and the United States Steel Corporation, it was authoritatively stated, would be investigated.

ANOTHER POISON VICTIM

Mrs. Rose Second Person to Die as Result of Launching.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Mrs. August Rose, wife of Bandaman Rose, of Mare Island, died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from ptomaine poisoning, the result of partaking of food served at the luncheon given after the launching of the collier Prometheus, December 1. She is the second person who ate of the luncheon to die. James C. Reynolds, a waiter, expired from the same cause in San Francisco last Wednesday.

RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

Brazil and Argentine Republic Jealous Over Respective Navies.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 15.—The relations existing today between Brazil and the Argentine Republic are distinctly strained as a result of the jealousy following the alleged activities of each country in the matter of increasing its naval force. The incident of the official telegram said to have been intercepted and published by an ex-cabinet minister of Argentina adds to ill feeling, which shows no sign of decreasing.

WANTS PULITZER TO BE PUNISHED

Roosevelt Writes on Canal Purchase.

SAYS NATION IS MALIGNED

New York Publisher Is Denounced in Strong Terms.

SOME SENATORS LAUGH

Denies in Detail Charges of Hostile Newspapers and Proposes Criminal Libel Suit Against Joseph Pulitzer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent to Congress a special message condemning the criticisms of the Panama Canal purchase and recommending that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, be prosecuted by the Government for criminal libel.

The message was received in the Senate by laughter by Hailey and other members. The accompanying documents were not read at all. The House listened with deep interest and the denunciation of Mr. Pulitzer provoked some laughter. The message was referred to committee.

Some Might Believe Pulitzer.

Denouncing charges of wrongdoing in connection with the canal purchase, Mr. Roosevelt says they first came to his attention in the Indianapolis News, whose editor, Delavan Smith, said he accepted the statements of the New York World, published by Joseph Pulitzer. He then says:

It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspapers are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody; unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect, and believe the statements they are printed, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer.

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TOBACCO COMBINE ILLEGAL

United States Circuit Court Enters Decree in Federal Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The decree of the United States Circuit Court in the Government suit against the American Tobacco Company and others, which was filed late this afternoon, declared the American Tobacco Company, the American Snuff Company, the B. J. Reynolds Company, Pierre Lorillard and the Blackwell, Durham Company a monopoly and engaged in an illegal combination.

The decree restrains these holding companies from engaging in foreign and interstate commerce until competition between them is restored. The decree denies the receiverships asked by the Government.

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WIDE SCOPE OF NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN.

Every important phase of industrial life in Oregon will receive attention in the annual New Year's edition of the Oregonian, to be printed January 1, 1909. Not only will dairying, horticulture, grain-raising, lumbering and many other similar subjects be treated by specialists, but the article will be illustrated with pictures that will serve to give people unfamiliar with Oregon a correct impression of the state's vast resources. Although the Annual will cover the industries of the state as a whole, there will be special articles on Portland, showing the phenomenal progress in building construction, growth in commerce and exceptional shipping facilities. The paper will be full of concise, definite information that will be of interest to every Oregonian as recording the advancement made during the year. The annual numbers of the Oregonian in the past have been found the best means of telling one's friends in the East about Oregon, and the forthcoming issue will prove no exception.

SOCIETY WOMEN "EASY"

Book Agent McFarland Says They Snap at Bait.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—John M. McFarland, chief witness in the trial of a clique of book agents accused of swindling rich women all over the country by securing enormous sums of money for de luxe editions, is threatened with exposure tomorrow. Attorneys for the other defendants claim they will prove he was in prison in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake.

McFarland today told how extremely "easy" rich society women were and they snapped up any proposition that looked like easy money or that promised to deprive any other woman of a coveted volume. McFarland told how he, acting for "men blusher up" had first secured \$3000 from Mrs. Patton, wife of the big broker, and subsequently by representing to her that he could buy fine books in Baltimore that were wanted by a Portland, Or., millionaire, and clean up several thousands, Mrs. Patton had been induced to increase her indebtedness to \$22,000.

He said the scheme was to visit some rich woman and ask if she had a certain line of books, offering a fabulous price for them. Of course she did not have them. A week or so later another member of the gang would visit her and offer a rare edition of the same books. With a view to selling them at a big profit to the first agent, she would buy the books and never see either of the agents again.

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"With no amount of 'billingsgate' on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that the Congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people."

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PULITZER READY FOR PROSECUTION

Welcomes Attack From Roosevelt.

WANTS CANAL INVESTIGATED

Says President Assumes More Power Than King.

INACCURATE AS TO FACTS

Roosevelt Charged With Asserting Doctrine of Lese Majeste, Libeling United States, Bulldozing Judges, Slandering Citizens.

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DALLES CITY SUNK IN COLUMBIA RIVER

STRIKES ROCK NEAR CARSON AND FIRES PUT OUT.

SARAH DIXON TAKES OFF PASSENGERS

AND FREIGHT—IN ONLY THREE FEET, BUT PANIC ENSUES.

The Regulator Line steamer Dalles City, Captain Scammon, sunk near Carson, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The vessel struck a rock while attempting to land at that point while a heavy down stream wind was blowing, and a large hole was torn in her bottom. Captain Scammon succeeded in driving the vessel so far ashore that she settled in three feet of water. Her fires were put out, but little of her 60-ton cargo was damaged. A small-sized panic was created among the passengers but their fears were quieted by the master and officers of the boat.

The steamer Sarah Dixon, of the Open River Transportation Company, arrived a few minutes after the accident and took off the passengers and freight, which were taken to The Dalles.

The Dalles City left Portland, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, with 80 tons of freight and a fair sized passenger list. She reached the locks shortly after noon and after leaving that point encountered a heavy down-stream wind. Below the landing at Carson is a reef of rocks and extending outward from the same point is another reef which makes the landing at that place difficult in heavy weather. With the down-stream wind which was blowing at the time it is probable that the boat got away from the officer on watch and landed on one of the boulders.

FIREBUG'S EFFORTS FAIL

Attempt to Burn Geary School in Eugene Thwarted in Time.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Timely discovery by a resident of the Geary school building, was all that prevented consummation of a plot on the part of a firebug to burn that edifice to the ground. The attempt was made at 8:30 o'clock.

P. Pennington, residing near by, changed to go out on his side porch, when he saw flames burst from the rear steps of the school house. At the same instant a man loomed out of the gloom and darted around the corner of the school building and down a side street. Mr. Pennington gave alarm and neighbors responded.

Without sending in a fire department alarm they subdued the flames and found unmistakable evidences of incendiarism. A quantity of rags, soaked with kerosene, had been thrust under the steps.

The Geary school is a large building, which accommodates all the pupils of West Eugene.

BASKETBALL IS "IMMORAL"

School Superintendent Opposed to Game for Girls.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—To supplant athletics and especially basketball, which he considers as "morally detrimental to girls," N. D. McKillop, County Superintendent, elect, proposes to introduce manual training, domestic economy and agriculture in every school in Chehalis County. "Personally I am opposed to athletics on the ground that it does not help those who need the physical benefit," says McKillop. The strong and athletic boys or girls are selected for the sports while the weak and feeble must require this kind of training, never get it. They must look elsewhere. They will get physical training through this agricultural and manual training plan. Basketball is regarded as morally detrimental to girls."

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PLUCKY ITALIAN AGAIN COLLAPSES

Dorando Falls in Sight of Goal.

LONGBOAT WINS MARATHON

Behind in 26th Mile When Antagonist Drops.

HARD CONTEST FROM START

Crowd Almost Hoarse With Excited Shouts at Madison-Square Runners—Indian's Endurance Gains Him Victory.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—As on the memorable occasion of his first Olympiad, Dorando Pietri collapsed within sight of the goal tonight and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had been led by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison-Square Garden.

The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in wild excitement. At 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on an even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position, and the men were fighting it out in the 26th mile with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weaker.

The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap, while the crowd was crying itself hoarse, both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone.

His time for the distance of 26 miles, 388 yards, was 2:40:25-2-8.

REESE REFORMS IN JAIL

Man Who Stole Bicycle Says He Will Profit From Experience.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Donald Reese, just out of jail, after serving a 30-day sentence for stealing a bicycle and selling it for \$3.00, says his stay behind prison bars has been beneficial. He told Sheriff Sappington that he intends to profit by the experience and hereafter will live "on the square." His home is in Salem, Or.

KING EDWARD IMPROVED

Leaves London for Brighton Beach for Week's Stay.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—King Edward left here for Brighton today, his appearance indicating that he had apparently recovered from his recent attack of influenza. He will remain at the seaside resort until about December 21, when he goes to Sandringham for the holidays.

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MILL LAYS LOGGING ROAD

North Fork Company Proposes to Sell Large Output.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The North Fork Logging Company, with mills located on the Lewis River at Yale, Wash., has begun building a seven-mile logging railroad. The new line will be used to transport logs to the river, where they will be rafted and towed to mills in Portland and other points. The construction crew will soon be increased to 200 men, and it is planned to have the railroad ready by Spring.

The company's mill at Yale was started a short time ago, and is now turning out 1000 ties a day for the California market. In the vicinity of the mill the company has 255,000 acres of standing timber, mostly yellow fir.

AMERICAN CASH IN PEKIN

First Yankee Bank in East to Join Group With Nations.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—Arrangements have been making looking to the establishment here of an American branch of the International Banking Corporation. This is the first American bank in the East to join the group of British, French, German and Japanese institutions which has been in existence since 1907. The purpose of the local branch is to test the opportunities for American capital, especially in connection with the development of Manchuria.

WILL GIVE ALL TO LAWYERS

Mrs. Hargis Willing to Spend \$89,000 for Son's Acquittal.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Louisa Hargis has made public announcement that she has \$89,000 which she is prepared to spend in order to secure the acquittal of her son, Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father. To obtain this money Mrs. Hargis has had to mortgage her residence. The trial has begun tomorrow.

