



ELECTIONS IN EIGHT STATES DRAW NEAR

Results Next Tuesday Closely Watched.

IMPORTANT ISSUES PENDING

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ISSUES IN TOMORROW'S ELECTION. Massachusetts—State officers, woman suffrage. Maryland—State officers, Legislature, constitutional amendments. Kentucky—State ticket, lower house of Legislature, half of State Senate. New York—New Constitution, woman suffrage; three members of Congress, assembly, 11 Supreme Court judges, District Attorney of New York City. Pennsylvania—Woman suffrage local municipal campaigns. Ohio—Prohibition, state questions, local mayorality campaign. New Jersey—Lower house of Legislature, six State Senators. Mississippi—Democratic ratification of state ticket chosen in primaries.

There will be state-wide elections in eight states tomorrow in this "off year." These elections will be watched closely by National politicians, that some deduction may be made as to sentiment regarding National politics. It is admitted generally that no state will furnish such a guide, since in each of the eight states local affairs occupy a predominant position in the center of the state. Nevertheless, the politicians believe that the prevailing trend may be determined if one party appears to be generally successful.

Eight States Will Ballot.

The states that will ballot are Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Mississippi. These are named in order of their political importance so far as this Fall's elections are concerned.

In four of these states, namely, Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi, Governors will be chosen in six states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky and Mississippi, Legislatures are to be elected, either entirely or partly, and in five states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio, important constitutional issues are to be determined.

Three to Vote on Suffrage.

Three states will vote on woman suffrage, these being New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, while one, Ohio, will vote on state-wide prohibition.

Four members of the lower house of Congress are to be chosen to fill vacancies, three are in New York and one in Pennsylvania. These Congressional elections will furnish the best test of National sentiment.

MASSACHUSETTS FIGHT CLOSE

Issue for Governor Seemingly Between Walsh and McCall.

BOSTON, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—One of the most exciting political campaigns in the history of the Old Bay state is just closing. Although a complete set of state officers is to be chosen, interest is centered largely in the fight for Governor. The candidates are Governor David L. Walsh, Democrat, who aspires to a third term; Samuel W. McCall, Republican; Nelson E. Clark, Progressive; William Shaw, Prohibition; Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist, and Peter O'Rourke, Socialist-Labor. Although all of the first four named profess confidence in their success, it is generally agreed that the fight lies between Governor Walsh and Mr. McCall. It is admittedly close, and the majority either way will probably not exceed 15,000. From the fact that this is normally a Republican commonwealth and that the leaders of the Progressive party during the last three years, especially Charles S. Bird, former Progressive candidate for Governor, are supporting Mr. McCall, his chances appear bright, although Governor Walsh's personal popularity and excellent record in office make him decidedly formidable.

The German-American vote, numbering, it is said, about 20,000, is a puzzle. There was a state meeting last Sunday, called to indicate a candidate, but all leading candidates shied away from such an endorsement, fearing its effect upon other voters. As a result the convention failed to make an endorsement, but denounced President Wilson's Administration. As National politics is somewhat of an issue, many

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LEGHORN PULLET WORLD CHAMPION

LAY OF 314 EGGS IN 363 DAYS SETS NEW RECORD.

Delaware Fowl Weighing 3.1-2 Pounds Wrests Title From Oregon—Pen of Five Lays 1211.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—With a record of 314 eggs in 363 days, Lady Eglantine, a White Leghorn pullet, today became the champion egg-layer of the world. The little hen, weighing three and a half pounds, completed her year egg-laying competition at Delaware College, Newark, Del., and beat the previous record of 301 eggs by 13. The pen of five birds of which she was a member also broke the American pen record with 1211 eggs. The average barnyard fowl produces only 70 eggs in a year.

The previous world's record, for a year's laying was held by Lady MacDuff, an Oregon Agricultural College hen, which last year completed a score of 301 eggs in 365 days. Another Oregon Agricultural College hen has just completed a year's record of 309 eggs.

TRANSPORT HIT BY SHELL

Turks Report Troopship of Allies Was Set on Fire.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Oct. 31.—A shell from a Turkish gun struck one of the transports of the entente allies of the Gallipoli peninsula and apparently set the vessel on fire, according to the Turkish official statement issued by the War Office today. The statement says: "There has been increased activity by the enemy artillery in shipping points on the Dardanelles front. Some enemy vessels participated in the firing. Near Anafarta our artillery hit the transport, which was on fire, which was enveloped in dense smoke. There have been minor events near Ari Warika and Seddul Bahr."

JAPAN'S ARSENALS ROBBED

Chinese Revolutionists, German Spies, Socialists Suspected.

TOKIO, Oct. 31.—There have been many arrests recently for thefts of explosives from magazines, the theory being variously attributed to the press to Chinese revolutionists and German spies, while even the rumors that it was the work of a secret Socialist association has been circulated. Threatening letters have been received by the household department and members of the Cabinet and menacing porters have appeared in the parks. In view of the coronation season, the authorities are adopting extraordinary protective measures.

FEARS OF JAPAN ALLAYED

Pact With Allies Precludes Continuation of War Over Tsing-Tau.

TOKIO, Oct. 31.—Japan's adherence to the agreement among the great powers of the entente not to conclude a separate peace is regarded here as strengthening the future of the nation. Incidentally, it has removed any fear that a German refusal to cede Tsing-Tau would keep Japan in a state of war after peace had been restored in Europe. Japan expects to take part in the discussion of both European and Oriental questions, Premier Okuma has informed members of Parliament.

PRISON SENTENCES FALL

Decrease of 37,000 in 1914 Shown in Great Britain.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The report of the prison commission shows that in 1914 sentences were imposed on 114,233 persons in the United Kingdom, a decrease from the previous year of more than 37,000. The change is ascribed mainly to enactment of the restriction of the sale of liquor and the great demand for labor as contributory reasons.

PANAMA ROAD HAS SLIDE

Heavy Rain Causes Suspension of Railway on Isthmus.

PANAMA, Oct. 31.—A small slide on the Panama railroad north of Pedro Miguel today forced a suspension of railway traffic. A heavy rain caused the movement, which occurred near the continental divide, in what is known as the Isthmian slide area. The damage done was not great, and it is believed that the road will be in operation within 24 hours.

KING GEORGE STILL WEAK

Recovery From Fall From Horse in France Is Slow.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—King George, who was injured by a fall from his horse last Thursday, is suffering less pain, but is still weak. Today's official bulletin reads: "The King makes slow progress. The pain is diminishing, but is Majesty is still weak. Pulse and temperature are normal."

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OLD SUNDAY BLUE LAW NOT INVOKED

No Arrests Made But Evidence Is Taken.

GROGERS' ASSOCIATION BUSY

Photographs Taken of Shops Open in Spite of Law.

LICENSE NUMBERS NOTED

Autoists Who Bought Yesterday to Be Called as Witnesses When Complaints Are Filed if Decision Upholds Statute.

The ancient and honorable Sunday blue law of Oregon, enacted some-where back in the early '60s, and kept tenderly in cold storage until now, when one set of grocers has dug it forth to make another set of grocers close up shop, was not invoked in Portland yesterday. That is to say, no arrests were made for violating the Sunday law, though small grocery stores, confectionery shops, soda fountains, bootblack stands, gasoline-filling stations, billiard halls, bowling alleys, bath houses and cigar stores, not to mention newspapers, streetcar lines and railroads, all of which fall within the purview of the strait-laced old law, kept open just about as usual.

Only Few Lines Exempt.

The railways and streetcar lines might be able to squeeze out of it under the "necessity" clause of the statute. But the only lines of business exempted by the law are restaurants, drug stores, bakeries, butcher shops, livery stables and theaters.

While arrests were stayed yesterday because of the temporary injunction in effect pending Circuit Judge Gantenbein's decision next Saturday as to the constitutionality of the law, on the appeal of State Senator Dan Kellaker, arrested last Sunday for keeping his grocery store open, some half dozen men employed by the Retail Grocers' Association were busy gathering evidence against grocers. Robert G. Duncan, secretary of the association, said complaints would be sworn out on this evidence against the offending grocers after Judge Gantenbein's decision.

Cameras Used to Get Evidence.

His investigators used novel means of obtaining their evidence. Instead of going into the stores and buying groceries, they took cameras with them and made photographs of the grocery stores found open for business.

And that wasn't all. Shocking surprises are ahead for folks in autos who stopped to buy at some of these groceries yesterday, for the men on watch took down the license numbers of the cars. "We shall look up the owners of

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RANCH HAND TIES AND ROBS EMPLOYER

Ontario Prisoner Saved He Is Hugh Whitney

SPECTACULAR CAREER SHORT

Gunman Pays Leisurely Visit to Baker.

HORSE AND MONEY STOLEN

Victim of Holdup Frees Self and Gives Alarm—Desperado Taken From Train and Confesses. Part of Loot Is Found.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Tying his employer hand and foot after robbing him of \$150 and compelling him to saddle a horse, riding by horse and auto 20 miles to Baker, spending nearly three hours in this city, then riding 90 miles to Ontario, where he was captured and soon afterward confessed, was the 10-hour Sunday experience today of a man who boasted he was Hugh Whitney, the Idaho desperado. "I'm Hugh Whitney," he boasts. The man was hired 10 days ago by C. B. Adams, a McEwen bachelor farmer, and had worked for him quietly until this morning. After washing the dishes at 8 o'clock he went to the barn, where Adams was working, poked a revolver into Adams' face and said: "Saddle that horse. I am Hugh Whitney, and I want to get out of here."

MRS. GALT'S FOLKS SAVED

Mother and Brother Menaced by Leaking Gas.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The lives of Mrs. S. W. Bolling, mother of Mrs. Norman Galt, fiancée of President Wilson, and of her son, J. Randolph Bolling, were menaced early today by leaking insecticide gas in the apartment-house in which they live.

Miss Louise Roberts, aged 25, a tenant of the building, was asphyxiated and other occupants were made ill by the gas before its presence was discovered by the coroner, who had been summoned as soon as it was learned that Miss Roberts was dead. The coroner ordered that all occupants of the apartment-house be aroused.

7 ON SHIP BELIEVED LOST

Vancouver, B. C., Steamer for Tacoma Lost in Gulf of Georgia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 31.—Seven men are believed to have lost their lives last night when the steamer Leona, owned by the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company, foundered in the Gulf of Georgia. The Leona was bound from Howe Sound for Tacoma with 1100 tons of copper ore for the smelter there.

YACHT LIKE BRIDAL CRAFT

President Expected to Spend Honeymoon Aboard Mayflower.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Spic and span in a new coat of paint, her machinery completely overhauled, her saloon and staterooms renovated and new furniture installed, the yacht Mayflower, on which President Wilson is expected to spend part of his honeymoon, after his marriage to Mrs. Galt, left this port last night for Washington.

The Mayflower spent more than two weeks here. She was expected to leave in five days when she first arrived, but the time was extended in order to permit the installation of furniture, which was shipped here from New York. A new piano, it is said, was placed in the saloon.

BRITISH CAPTURE PRIZES

Dutch and American Steamers Are Taken Into Halifax.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 31.—The Dutch steamer Hambrum from New York, and the steamer Hoeking, from New York for Norfolk, were brought into port here today by prize crews from a British warship.

The Hoeking was formerly the Danish steamer Gronland, but was recently changed to American registry and was flying the American flag when overhauled by the warships.

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Sunday's War Moves

THE Serbian fortress of Pirot, described as the key to Nish, is in the hands of the Bulgarians, while the Austro-Germans, advancing from the north, endeavoring to form a ring around the Serbian army, are in a situation. Thus, besides endangering both the Serbian war capital and the town where the Serbian munitions are manufactured, the central powers, with Bulgaria, are narrowing the gap through which the Serbian army in the Northeast must escape. Simultaneously the Austrians are attacking Montenegro, to remove, if possible, the danger of having an enemy army on their flank. Little has been said about the fighting between the Austrians and Montenegrins along the Drina River, but apparently it is of a most sanguinary character, as it took the Austrians with far superior equipment more than a week to force a crossing of the river at one point alone, that south of Visegrad. The Anglo-French troops are firmly establishing themselves along the southern end of the Nish railway, and, crossing into Bulgaria, have occupied the hills surrounding Strumitsa, although the capture of that town, which has been reported, is not officially confirmed. The allied fleets, too, have again bombarded the Bulgarian towns on the Aegean Sea. While these efforts take some strain off heavily-tried Serbia, there is no reliable information as to the movements of the greater forces which, it is hoped, will save her. Reports continue to circulate, chiefly from German sources, of a Russian army which is to march across Roumania to the rescue. But of the British and French reinforcements, no news has been received. It is possible that in addition to direct assistance the allies will try indirect means, whereby the Austro-Germans may be prevented from sending reinforcements to Serbia. On her part, she has already undertaken on a general offensive, and there is talk of another offensive on the western front. The German seem to have anticipated this, for on Saturday night they launched a general attack in Champagne over a front of about five miles in an effort to recover ground which the French recently took from them. They succeeded in recapturing the Butte de la Somme, but according to the French account they were repulsed elsewhere, suffering extremely heavy losses, and to the north of Le Mesnil they actually lost one of their own trenches. There has also been some fighting in Artois. Despite the coming of Winter, there has been more activity on the Russian front. The fighting in Courland, where the Germans apparently have failed to take Riga or Dvinsk or to impose to any marked degree their position. It is believed they are preparing for another drive. It must be made soon, as snow is already falling and the movement of heavy artillery is becoming more difficult. Along the Stry the Germans are engaged in a counter offensive and have recovered some territory which General Ivanoff took from them. Further south, in Galicia, the Russians have returned to the offensive and, according to Vienna, have made unsuccessful attempts to cross the Stripa.

AMERICAN ARMY DEIFIED

Villa was almost in sight of the Mexican town at the time. Pointing his finger toward it, he said: "There is food and rest for our men. We may have to fight the whole American army if necessary, but no matter, it will be ours."

"When?" he was asked. "I know," was the reply. Suddenly Villa asked again if it were true that the United States Government had permitted General Carranza to transport reinforcements over American territory. Then continuing, he said: "This is the way the United States repays me for the treatment and protection I have given foreigners in Mexico. Hereafter I don't give a damn what happens to foreigners in Mexico or in my territory."

Villa Through With United States.

I can fight my battles; let them fight theirs.

"I am whip Carranza and his entire army. It is asking a great deal to whip the United States also, but I suppose I can do that, too."

Villa asserted that his entire plan of campaign had been mapped out. At that time the General was with a small bodyguard three miles east of Nigger Head, a barren butte just below the border, and almost within range of the three-inch guns of the Agua Prieta garrison. Photographs were taken of some in his party, but Villa himself declined to pose.

"No more of my pictures for the United States," he explained, smilingly.

Water Supply Exhausted.

Part of the flank guard approached and asked about water. They were told that there was water at the Gallardo ranch.

"Oh," replied a Mexican officer, "we have drunk all the water there."

This officer also said that a detachment of 3000 men had been deployed on the desert four miles east of Agua Prieta, was almost entirely without water.

The Agua Prieta garrison became active immediately after the first of the Villa advance was reported in sight. Bullets sounded and the men were sent to the trenches and to the fort, which is on the southeast flank of the women and children camp followers assembled by hundreds at the border opposite the United States custom-house, while Mexican officers sought permission for them to cross to the United States, which was refused.

Refugees to Be Interned. United States customs officials declared that the refugees and camp followers would not be allowed to cross until firing actually ceased. It was said, they would be interned, under guard, until it was safe to take them back to Agua Prieta.

Most of the Calles troops remained in their trenches tonight. Searchlights played on the brass-covered mesa over which the Villa forces must advance to the attack. General Calles sent to Douglas today nearly 2000 head of horses, intended for the trenches facing the Mexican side to maintain the utmost vigilance tonight. General Davis said he had received no word from Villa. "I do not want to talk to any of them," he said.

Force Estimated at 10,000 Men.

Villa, according to reliable estimates, has 10,000 soldiers. He himself says he has 18,000 men. The battle may be resumed tomorrow.

Attack on Americans Is Threatened.

General Says He Will Fight United States, if Necessary.

CAMPAIGN IS MAPPED OUT

American Troopers Disposed Along Boundary, Ready to Act if Bullets Fly to Northern Side. Battle Impending.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Oct. 31.—General Francisco Villa began moving his troops into position tonight for an attack on Agua Prieta, Sonora, opposite here, regardless, he personally declared, of any consequences or effects from the United States.

"If necessary, I will fight the United States Army assembled along the border," he declared, after hearing today for the first time that the American Government had given permission for Carranza to transport troops from Laredo and Eagle Pass, Texas, to reinforce the garrison at Agua Prieta.

Garrison Further Strengthened. Four of these troop trains arrived tonight, bringing the total fighting men of the garrison, commanded by General P. Elias Calles, to approximately 6000 men.

Villa himself was with his cavalry, forming a flank guard, which passed along the border today. It was on this march that he learned that Carranza reinforcements had been transported over American territory and launched a verbal attack on the United States, which he declared would turn into a physical attack, if necessary. "Agua Prieta will be mine," he asserted, "Americans or no Americans."

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