

WILCOX PREDICTS HUGHES' VICTORY

Republican Chairman Counts 300 Electoral Votes as Reasonably Certain.

TOTAL PROBABLY IS 325

Good Fighting Chance Seen in 11 Other States With Total of 100 Votes—Maine Is Placed in Republican Column.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Chairman Wilcox, of the Republican National Committee, today authorized his first statement of Hughes' strength based on reports received from state Republican leaders. He claims 300 electoral votes reasonably certain for Hughes.

"I predict that the Republican ticket will have between 300 and 325 electoral votes, and as it takes but 266 to elect, that Mr. Hughes will be the next President of the United States," says Mr. Wilcox.

The following estimate shows the states that are reasonably certain to cast their votes for Hughes and Fairbanks: California 11, Connecticut 7, Idaho 4, Illinois 29, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 18, Michigan 15, Minnesota 12, Montana 4, New Jersey 14, New Hampshire 4, New York 46, North Dakota 5, Ohio 24, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 38, Rhode Island 5, South Dakota 5, Utah 4, Vermont 4, Washington 7, West Virginia 8, Delaware 3; total 300.

Even Chance in 11 States. "I believe in the following states the Republicans have an even chance and in one or two instances a better chance of winning than the Democrats: Arizona 3, Colorado 6, Kentucky 13, Maryland 8, Missouri 18, Nebraska 10, New Mexico 3, Oklahoma 19, Indiana 15, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3.

These 11 states, continues Mr. Wilcox, "have a total of 109 votes, and while none of them has been placed as reasonably certain, several of them might well have been so placed. At any rate, I feel that a guess on 25 votes out of 109 is, to say the least, conservative, and unless I prove to be a poor guesser, Hughes and Fairbanks will poll upward of 325 out of the total of 511 electoral votes in November."

Mr. Wilcox goes into careful analysis of political conditions in each of the "reasonably certain" states he classes as doubtful, but good fighting ground.

Maine Counted As Republican. Maine elections come in September and on it now all political guesses are based. Of this state Mr. Wilcox says: "Maine we have placed in the Republican column for several reasons. First, the state is normally Republican and seldom elects Democratic electors. In 1912, while Wilson carried the state, it was clearly due to the split in the Republican party, and the Progressive vote was 23,925 in excess of the Democratic vote. In 1914, while this difference was not as great, there was a large increase in the Republican vote and a corresponding falling off in the Progressive vote. "Maine is normally Republican by at least 15,000 and with the strenuous campaign to be waged this Fall I have no doubt that, as in the past, its vote will be cast for the Republican candidate."

FRENCH CRUISER MYSTERY

Soundings Taken Near Pensacola Puzzle Marine Observers.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Aug. 13.—The French cruiser Amiral Aube, which unexpectedly entered this port yesterday, left today. Captain Leskivik took on no fuel or supplies, but received a packet of documents from the French Consul.

Marine observers here commented on the cruiser's apparent efforts to get first-hand information of the port. Soundings taken when she appeared, crossed and left the bar did not attract attention, but unusually frequent soundings over an irregular course after she entered the harbor caused considerable speculation.

The Amiral Aube left at 3:30 o'clock and after discharging the pilot turned slightly to the east and proceeded down the coast at about 18-knots speed. She was visible for an hour afterward and did not increase her speed. Tugboat men coming into Pensacola tonight said they had sighted the war-bip southeast of Pensacola light which shows that she had changed her course and was bearing west.

HORST COMPANIES ARE TWO

Oregon Concern Not Under Ban of Britain as "Enemy Concern."

Officers of the E. Clement Horst Company, large hop dealers of Oregon, yesterday announced that the Horst Company, operating in London, the affairs of which the British Board of Trade decided to wind up on the grounds that it was "an enemy concern," is not the same company which is prominent in Oregon, with offices mainly at Portland, Salem and Independence, Or.

The E. Clement Horst Company does a large business in Europe and is one of the biggest hop dealers in the Northwest. It has not come under the disapproval of the British authorities, although it was said yesterday that owing to the similarity of names, many in this part of the country supposed the British order had affected the local concern.

WHEAT BRINGS \$166,666

Walla Walla Farmer Gets Big Price for 150,000 Bushels.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 13.—Charles Fletcher, well-known farmer of the Prosser district, made the largest individual wheat sale of the season Saturday, the amount of his check being \$166,666 for 150,000 bushels. Hugh Martin, buyer for the Farmers Agency, estimated today that nearly half of the 1916 crop had been sold. Much of the wheat sold was left over from last year and is being moved rapidly.

\$500 Raised for Centralia Boys

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The Fiesta de la Compañia M was brought to a successful close last night with approximately \$500 raised for the mass fund of Company M. A street parade preceded the closing night's programme. The Fiesta was planned and staged entirely by the young women of the city.



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES EN TOUR.

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HUGHES TO BE BUSY

Ad Club Talk and Press Club Affair Planned.

HIGHWAY TRIP PLANNED

Ice Palace Is Prepared to Seat 10,000 Persons—Doors Open at 6 o'Clock—"First Come, First Served," Will Be Rule.

30,000 EXPECTED IN TACOMA

Republicans Will Gather From Nearby Cities to Greet Mr. Hughes.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—When Charles E. Hughes speaks in the Stadium here Tuesday afternoon it is predicted that at least 30,000 persons, the seating capacity of the vast amphitheater, will be present to hear him speak.

Special trains will bring Republicans from Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Chehalis, Centralia and other Southwest Washington cities. All the party organizations of those communities have notified the Tacoma officers that they will attend. This is the nearest stop the candidate will make to their homes.

Mr. Hughes will have an opportunity also to speak to the Republican editors of the state here, as private meetings have been arranged by S. A. Perkins, National committeeman for the state, for the writers. They are coming upon his invitation, and Mr. Hughes will address them alone at a meeting to be held at the Tacoma Hotel immediately after lunch. They will attend the larger meeting also.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION

City of Topeka Damages Steam Schooner Coquille River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—In the early morning haze, 25 miles north of Point Reyes, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's passenger steamer City of Topeka, and the steam schooner Coquille River, was in collision today with considerable damage to the latter vessel. The City of Topeka escaped undamaged, and while passengers were awakened there was no panic.

Conflicting causes of the accident are given by the commanders and crews of the two vessels. The steam schooner, owned by the Union Lumber Company, sustained damage to the after part of her main rigging and her hull was crushed at three feet below the water line. Leaking she put back into port and will go on drydock tomorrow for survey and repairs.

The Coquille River was bound for Fort Bragg and the City of Topeka for San Francisco from Eureka. The crew of the Coquille River say that the passenger steamer misinterpreted her signals, and that incorrect signals were given is the charge of the crew of the City of Topeka.

Church Has Outing

WOODBURN, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The annual outing given by members of St. Luke's Catholic Church was held here today at the City Park. After the picnic dinner a musical programme was rendered followed by an address by Judge William Galloway, of Salem. A large crowd participated, coming from Portland, Sublimity, Salem, Donald, Mount Angel, St. Paul and elsewhere.

350 GO ON PICNIC

Press Club Outing at Bonneville Brings Day of Fun.

BALL GAME LENDS TO JOY

Both George Baker's Team and Gus Moser's Nine Claim Victory.

RACE FOR BALD-HEADED MEN

Lean, Long-Haired Man Wins Race for Bald-Headed Men.

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CONGRESS BREAKS EXPENSE RECORDS

Appropriations Will Exceed All Previous Records by Half Billion Dollars.

TOTAL NEAR \$1,700,000,000

Revenue Bill Is Considered by Caucus of Senate Democrats and on Its Final Passage Adjournment Is Expected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The importance of the \$200,000,000 revenue bill, to which Senate Democrats today devoted many hours of deliberation in caucus, is being impressed on leaders by the fact that appropriations now nearing completion have broken all records.

With passage this week of the \$50,000,000 ship-purchase bill and probable approval by the House of the Senate's recent naval bill, the appropriations of the Sixty-fourth Congress will have exceeded the previous high record by at least \$800,000,000.

Other sums yet to be added. Besides regular supply bills, which total, as they now stand, \$1,387,306,250, Congress will have added, when the shipping bill is approved, more than \$6,000,000 for special purposes. There also have been contract authorizations amounting to about \$207,000,000, all of which would bring the grand aggregate to \$1,652,606,250, with the usual certain general deficiency appropriation bill, still in the making, to be added at the end of the session.

Special appropriations include \$20,000,000 for a Government nitrate plant; \$6,000,000 for good roads; \$15,000,000 for rural credits, and \$50,000,000 for a Government shipping project. General supply bills that enter into the session's total are as follows:

Postoffice, \$22,296,577; Navy, yet to be approved, \$315,828,543; Army, \$267,597,000; pensions, \$158,000,000; sundry civil, \$128,396,440; rivers and harbors, \$4,836,085; legislative, executive and judicial, \$37,225,500; Army and Navy and other urgent deficiencies, \$31,013,075; agriculture, \$27,000,000; fortifications, \$28,748,050; District of Columbia, yet to be approved, about \$18,000,000; Indian affairs, \$10,967,644; diplomatic and consular, \$5,355,096; military academy, \$1,325,043.

Little Navy Men Thought Bitten

With President Wilson and a majority of the party leaders urgently supporting the naval building and personnel increases, it is believed the House will agree to them after advocates of a small Navy have made their last fight. In anticipation of a close vote, every absent Representative was notified more than a week ago of the approaching contest, which will mark the climax of the National defense campaign this week.

Appropriations for preparedness alone will aggregate approximately \$640,000,000, unless unforeseen developments should force a curtailment. While the House this week is bringing business to a close, the Senate will pass the shipping bill, workmen's compensation bill and conference reports preparatory for the revenue bill, on which a stubborn assault will be waged by the Republicans.

When the amended revenue bill gets through conference, it is expected Congress will be ready to adjourn. Members of both parties are hoping adjournment will come by September 1.

Nearly 50 per cent of the polls and tubs made in the state of Washington are sent to the Middle West for consumption.



Boost for Coos

The Greatest Celebration in Years Coos Bay Country invites the world to celebrate the coming of the railroad. Hospitality is the keynote of this celebration.

PROGRAMME

NORTH BEND DAY

August 24th Band Concerts—Speaking Ceremonies—Dedication Simpson Park—Street Carnival—Water Sports—Parades—Driving Golden Spikes.

COOS COUNTY DAY

August 25th Trips by rail and boat to Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Powers, Coos Bay, Mussel Reef, Sunset Bay, Cape Arago. See food dinner at Charleston Bay. Fishing at Lakeside—Launch trips on Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD DAY

August 26th Industrial Parade—Water Sports—Auto Racing—Illumined Launch Parade—Fireworks—Dancing—Horse Racing.

Low Round Trip Fares On Sale Aug. 21 to 26, Inc. Return Limit August 31

City Ticket Office, Corner 6th and Oak Sts., for information.

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although they are said to be married according to the rites practiced in certain parts of Russia. The police say that the woman complained of the irregularity of the marriage after a quarrel with Holzman.

CAUSE OF PRIEST ESPOUSED

State Department Seeks Release of Clergyman in Mexico.

MORMONISM UNDER FIRE

DRASTIC STEPS PROPOSED IN NATIONAL REFORM CRUSADE.

Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Polygamy Is One of the Measures Proposed.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A constitutional amendment to forbid polygamy and polygamous living, a proceeding by the Department of Justice to force an accounting of the property which was restored to the Mormon Kingdom in trust and a proceeding to dissolve the Mormon Kingdom property trusteeship as a combination in restraint of trade, an order by the Post Office Department withholding the privileges of the mail from the Mormon Kingdom and its responsible officers so long as they teach the crime of polygamy and a refusal by each house of Congress to seat any man who pays political allegiance to the Mormon Kingdom or is elected by its power, are among the drastic actions advocated by the National Reform Association in its crusade against Mormonism.

These matters are being discussed at the annual Christian Citizenship Institute now being held in this city. Among the speakers who are on the programme to discuss this vital question are Mrs. Francis J. Diefendorfer, president-at-large of the National Order of anti-Polygamy Crusaders, ex-Senator Frank Cannon of Utah, one of the best-informed men on Mormonism in the country, Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard, of Utah, one of the greatest leaders in the crusade against polygamy and a number of prominent leaders who have been converted.

Irregular Marriage Questioned.

Informal methods of marriage in Russia are again in question before the Municipal Court. Molly Silverberg and Jacob Holzman were arrested Saturday night by Patrolman Powell, Richards, Schum and Eubanks and charged with living together without being married.

LAUGHING GAS KILLS GIRL

Granddaughter of Senator Snyder Succumbs in Chair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Helen Vincent, a 16-year-old student of Berkeley, Cal., died suddenly here Saturday in a dentist's chair while under an anesthetic. She had gone to the office of Dr. U. Grant Bartlett with her grandmother to have two teeth extracted and, according to the dentist, failed to respond to respiration treatment on coming out of the anesthetic. Nitrous-oxide, better known as "laughing gas," was the anesthetic employed.

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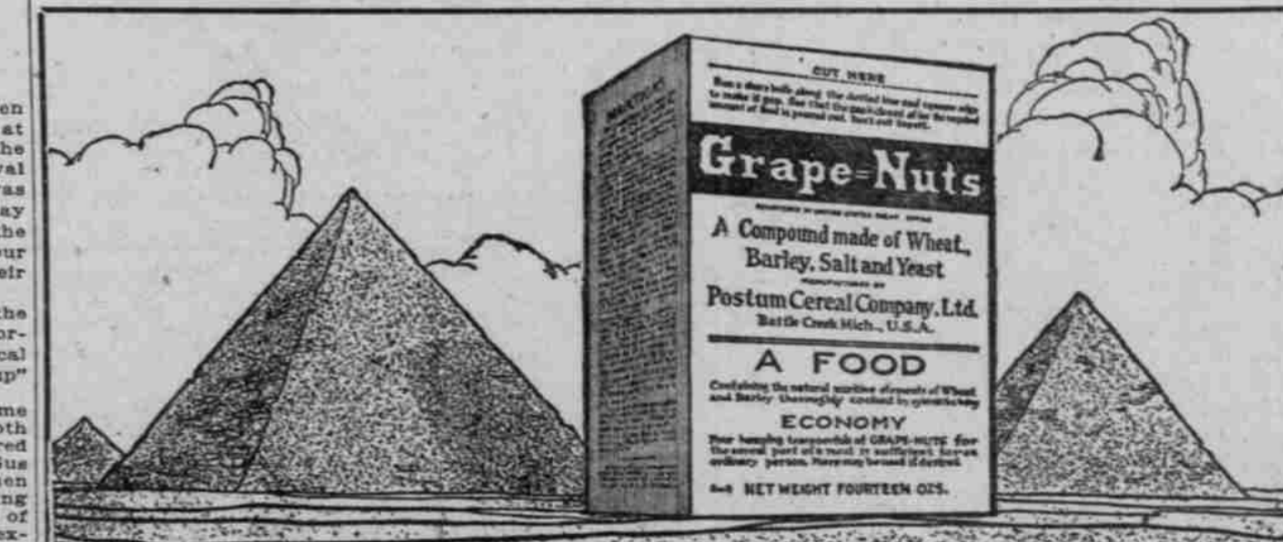
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