

JOHNSON LEADS NEBRASKA VOTE

Early Returns Show Wood Strong Second.

HITCHCOCK AHEAD OF BRYAN

Pershing Runner-Up in One Omaha Precinct.

FIGHT LASTS ALL DAY

Georgia Gives Palmer Big Lead in Convention Votes, With Watson Next.

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—The first 21 precincts in Nebraska, 12 in Douglas county (Omaha) and nine outside of Douglas county to report in today's primary gave: Johnson 805, Wood 325, Pershing 229, Ross 23. There are 1849 precincts in the state. Returns from the first 26 precincts, 12 in Douglas county (Omaha) and 14 outside of Douglas county, show William Jennings Bryan running last among the eight candidates for delegate-at-large on the democratic ballot. These returns show the four Hitchcock delegates leading, with two of the Bryan delegates only 20 votes behind.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 20.—Complete returns from the second precinct, Hall county, give: For president—Republican, Johnson 198, Wood 22, Boss 4, Pershing 8, Democrat—Ross 12, Hitchcock 39.

Complete returns from the fourth precinct, Hall county, give: For president—Republican, Wood 20, Johnson 183, Ross 9, Pershing 13. For republican delegates at large—Beach 123, Baldwin 29, Richards 46, Love 124, Sandall 152, Towle 122, Lowe 79, Kelley 45, Austin 42, Burkett 52.

Democratic delegates at large—Stephens 24, Berg 22, Thomas 24, Bryan 23, Shallenberger 61, Neville 62, McKenney 42, Noble 41.

Partial returns from Lake township, Hall county, give: For president—Republican, Wood 1, Johnson 50, Ross 9, Pershing 0, Democrat, Ross 2, Hitchcock 7. For governor—Republican, McKelvie 4, McMullen 8, Pollard 5, Hall 4, McLaughlin 27, Mathewson 8; Democrat, Shumway 1, Jackson 0, Clark 7, Taylor 1, Morehead 5.

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—Probably never before in its history has Nebraska gone through a primary campaign that was so filled with interest as the one that closed here tonight. The fight was by no means confined to one party, and while Omaha has never before seen the hard work at the polls that was evidenced by the Pershing, Wood and Johnson forces, the democrats were still issuing verbal broadsides even up to the very close of the polls at 8 o'clock.

Bryan-Hitchcock Row Explained.

Shortly before the election officially came to an end John H. Mithen, president of the Hitchcock-for-president league, issued a statement outlining his friction with the league between Senator Hitchcock, who is running for democratic presidential preference, and William Jennings Bryan, who is a candidate for delegate-at-large.

Mr. Mithen's statement said: "The contest between Bryan and Hitchcock involved three principal issues: The league of nations, the right of primary voters to instruct the delegates they elect, and a modification of the Volstead act."

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ADMIRAL "STRAINED POINT," SAYS CAPTAIN

SIMS CHARGES DENIED BY OPERATIONS AIDE.

Position Not Comparable to That of Pershing as Asserted, Declares Pratt.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Rear-Admiral Sims strained a point to make a case against the navy, when he charged that its failure to co-operate fully with the allies during the first few months of the war postponed victory four months, Captain Pratt, wartime assistant chief of operations, declared today before the senate committee investigating the Sims-Danielson case.

Pratt said only one charge made by Sims could properly be considered grave. That, he said, was the assertion that failure of the navy to throw its full weight into the struggle from the start cost \$15,000,000,000 and 500,000 lives.

"What does Admiral Sims mean?" the witness asked. "Can we, a nation at peace, no matter what our inclinations may be, perform overt acts of preparation which are only justified as acts of war? I deny the charge."

Pratt told the committee that during the early part of the war only one or ten anti-submarine craft were kept at home to protect the Atlantic coast, while during the same period the British admiralty kept 111 destroyers with the grand fleet and entirely out of anti-submarine operations.

Sims was under a "misconception of his position when he compared his duties with those of General Pershing," Pratt continued. "The admiral was not an independent commander in chief," he said, but the representative in London of the chief of operations.

Some of the factors that caused delays and mistakes that might be avoided in future wars, the captain said, were lack of material preparation, of adequate supplies and repair bases, of sufficient personnel and training facilities and of modern methods of organization and administration.

RACE ENDS IN ARREST

Trio With Whisky Caught After Chase Across Border.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 20.—After a wild race of 20 miles three Seattle men, Charles Carroll and Mark and Keny Spencer, brothers, were taken into custody here today. The men, driving two cars, crossed the border at Blaine without stopping and were chased to Ferndale by customs officers.

Unable to overtake the suspects, the customs officers telephoned the sheriff's office here and the men were met this side of Ferndale by two deputies. One of the machines went into the ditch and the driver surrendered. The arresting officer said he had several sacks of bottled whisky. One of the sheriff's cars which had been used to block the highway, also was ditched.

NEW PLANES ON EXHIBIT

Latest Types of Craft to Be Seen at San Francisco Show.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Army and navy exhibits of new types of military flying craft will feature the national aeronautical show which opens here tomorrow. Neither branch of the service was able to show any planes at the recent New York aviation show, owing to lack of space.

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WOOL CENTER FOR NORTHWEST IS AIM

Auction of Entire Clip of Portland Sought.

Warehousesmen Pledge Aid at Growers' Session.

STORAGE RATES ARE REDUCED

MILLMEN ALSO ATTEND

All Producers at Meeting Agree to Concentrate Entire Output Here for Sales.

The entire Pacific Northwestern clip of wool, for the season of 1920, will be concentrated in Portland, already the second wool center of the country; if plans agreed upon yesterday by the wool-growers of Oregon are carried to fruition. Shipped from the sheep ranches of the Pacific northwest to the warehouses of this city, the wool will be sold at public auction, attracting many buyers from large eastern factories.

The plan to concentrate northwestern wool shipments in Portland, and to abandon entirely the practice of country sales, was approved yesterday by the Oregon State Wool Growers' association, meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, with 40 of the most representative shepherds of the state present.

GARY GROWING RAPIDLY

Census Shows Increase in Decade of 22.9 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Gary, Ind., 55,744; increase, 28,542 or 22.9 per cent. Ada, Okla., 8012; increase, 3662 or 44.2 per cent. Devil's Lake, N. D., 5140; decrease, 17 or 3 per cent. Newburgh, N. Y., 30,272; increase, 2467 or 8.2 per cent. Dunkirk, N. Y., 19,326; increase, 2115 or 12.3 per cent.

WELL-KNOWN ARTIST DIES

Briton Riviere Widely Celebrated as Painter of Animal Subjects.

LONDON, April 20.—The death was announced today of Briton Riviere, the artist whose 80th birthday would have been celebrated next August.

Mr. Riviere early in life became a painter of general subjects, but in the late '60s turned to animal paintings and produced a series of such subjects which won him wide recognition.

CASH BONUS STARTS CONFLICT OF PARTIES

ELL BLAMES DEMOCRATS FOR "EXTRAVAGANT PLAN."

Gardner Accuses Republicans of "Placing Tax on Bellies and Backs" to Raise Funds.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Conflict between republicans and democrats on soldier relief legislation broke out in the house today after Chairman Good of the appropriations committee had warned members that to put through a cash bonus plan would "bring down the wrath of 106,000,000 men, women and children." "The greatest badge that the American soldier will wear," Representative Good declared, "will be the badge of sacrifice and not the badge of a bonus."

The open fight over the legislation started when Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader, in opposing "any wildcat enterprises costing many millions," charged that the democrats were attempting to foist an extravagant plan on the republican house for political reasons.

The statement of the republican leader brought a quick response from the Representative Gardner of Texas, the democratic whip, who attacked the republican sales tax plan for raising the needed revenues, declaring the republicans were planning "to place a tax on the backs and bellies of the people, instead of taking it from the pockets of those best able to pay."

SUSQUEHANNA IS AGROUND

Vessel on Which Oregon Men Lost Lives Is Safe.

TRIESTE, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American steamer Susquehanna, with 150 passengers aboard, and a crew of 380 men, is aground near Luasino, on the Dalmatian coast near Pola.

The passengers, all of whom are safe, are being transferred to the steamer Argentina.

The Susquehanna, when in the army transport service during the war, was the boat upon which a part of the 1st battalion, 162d infantry, was transported to France and on which several men lost their lives in the harbor of St. Nazaire, France, when an ammonia tank burst. The accident occurred about December 28, 1917.

On her present trip the Susquehanna left New York March 31 for Patras, Duttonnik and Trieste. She is a vessel of 6298 net tons and is in command of Captain Smith.

EXPORTS OVERTOP HIGH IMPORT RECORD

U. S. TRADE BALANCE GAINS \$338,000,000 IN MARCH.

Nation Ships Out \$47,000,000 in Gold and Receives \$17,000,000 During Month.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Although imports in March reached a new high monthly record of \$484,000,000, the trade balance in favor of the United States increased \$338,000,000. Balances against the record imports were exports of \$229,000,000, or the second largest in the history of the country. This total brought the exports for the nine months ending with March to \$4,551,000,000 and left a trade balance for the nine months of \$3,352,000,000.

While its trade balance increased in March, the country's gold and silver supply decreased, exports of gold totaling \$47,000,000 against imports of \$17,000,000 and exports of silver amounting to \$14,000,000 as against imports of \$2,000,000.

Imports for the month were valued at \$484,000,000 and exceed by \$10,000,000 the high record of last January, and showing an increase of \$18,000,000 over that in February. Exports were valued at \$229,000,000, an increase of \$172,000,000 over February and second only to the high record of \$228,000,000 for June, 1919.

Exports for the nine months period ending with March, totaled \$4,551,000,000, or more than a billion dollars in excess of the \$4,551,000,000 of the corresponding period of 1919. Imports for the nine months were valued at \$5,000,000,000, or approximately \$1,500,000,000 more than the corresponding period of the previous year.

Imports of gold for the nine months were valued at \$50,000,000, against \$28,000,000 for the same period the year before and exports were valued at \$409,000,000, compared with the low mark of \$20,000,000 for the corresponding period the previous year.

Imports of silver for the nine months were \$78,000,000, while exports were \$151,000,000.

U. S. AGENTS PROBE SHIP PLANTS HERE

Evidence to Be Presented to Grand Jury.

BOARD ALSO INVESTIGATED

Probe of War-Time Work Moved From Seattle.

RECORDS ARE EXAMINED

Five Operatives of Department of Justice Gathering Data—Only Two Yards Object.

Rigid investigation of the United States shipping board and its relations with local shipbuilding plants which constructed vessels for the government during the war is being made by the United States department of justice.

Five operatives of the department of justice are in Portland from Washington and are piecing together a mass of evidence of every character for presentation to the federal grand jury. Whether or not the present grand jury will be called upon to determine whether indictments shall be brought was not learned. The government operatives could not say just how soon their investigations would be in shape to place the evidence before the federal grand jury.

Plant Records Examined.

Books and records of all local shipbuilding plants are being carefully examined, as well as the records of the local shipping board office. It was announced. Two shipbuilding plants, the Northwest Steel company and the Columbia River Shipbuilding company, declined to give the investigators information which was sought until the officials knew for what purpose such information was desired, according to George G. Wheeler, who is directing the investigation of the department of justice operatives. Other plants have given such information as was demanded, he said.

Probe Moved From Seattle.

"While it was not intended to give publicity to our investigation at the present time, it is true that we are in Portland investigating the shipbuilding board and the work of the shipbuilding plants," said Mr. Wheeler, a spokesman for the party. "The Portland probe is a continuation of the Seattle investigation which resulted in the indictment of Captain John P. Blain, western manager for the United States shipping board."

"It will be impossible to say how long it will be before our work is completed. It may be a week or it may be a month. But when the proper time comes all evidence which is uncovered will be presented to the federal grand jury in Portland."

Mr. Humphreys Co-operating.

After the investigation has been completed locally, the investigators expect to be ordered to San Francisco where the probe will be renewed. Facts uncovered during the Seattle inquiry are said to have been of sufficient importance to impel the department of justice to make its investigation coast-wide in scope.

The men who are here working under the direction of Mr. Wheeler are W. M. Kiehl, New York; Donald E. Long, Washington, D. C.; W. R. Ehrmanngrut, Washington, D. C.; H. L. Kays, Seattle. Mr. Wheeler is from Baltimore.

\$1,500,000 CARGO BURNS

Freighter Badly Damaged While at Brooklyn Berth.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Norwegian freighter Halfred was badly damaged and much of her cargo of nitrates and newspaper paper destroyed Monday in fire of unknown origin which broke out in the forward hold of the vessel, berthed at Brooklyn. Her owners estimate the loss at \$1,500,000.

Eight barges and lighters caught fire from flying sparks and sank. Heavy explosions of nitrates occurred soon after the fire was discovered, breaking windows within a half mile radius and spreading burning embers over the Bush terminal buildings, which were saved with difficulty.

OREGON CANDIDATES PAY STATE \$11,975

FILING FEES RANGE FROM \$10 TO \$150 FOR U. S. SENATOR.

Fund Partly Raised by Amounts for Statements to Be Put in Voters' Pamphlet.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Fees received from the filing of candidates for the primary election, together with the statements for publication in the voters' pamphlet, totaled \$11,975, according to a statement prepared today by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state. This money has been turned over to the state treasurer and is a substantial offset to the cost of printing and distributing of the pamphlets.

Including the candidates for delegate to the national convention of the republican and democratic parties, there was a total of 243 filings prior to midnight on April 16. Of this number 249 were republicans and 14 democrats, which ranged from \$10 for candidates to the legislature to \$150 for candidates for United States senator, aggregated \$2625.

Approximately 95 of the candidates files have submitted statements for the primary pamphlets from which the total fees aggregate \$5710. It is expected that about 20 sets of pamphlets will have to be printed by the secretary of state to cover the state. Of these 27 will contain the statements of republican candidates and three will include the statements of democrats. The sets of pamphlets are devoted to the statements of the candidates of a certain district and are distributed among the voters in that particular section. This accounts for the many sets of pamphlets the secretary of state is required to compile.

WOMAN'S SMILE ANALYZED

Mrs. Woodcock's Conduct at Time of Killing Explained.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Mrs. Alice Harris Woodcock's smile, which figured in the killing of Edward Kelley, newspaper employe, by her husband, Edgar Woodcock, was explained and analyzed today by witnesses in her behalf in her trial for perjury alleged to have been committed in her husband's trial.

The prosecution had endeavored to show that Mrs. Woodcock smiled at Kelley, a stranger, and when he answered the smile he was shot by Woodcock. Witnesses today said that Mrs. Woodcock smiled unconsciously and habitually and that the smile was not of the type that would countenance a street flirtation.

SUGAR TO GO UP AGAIN

Retailers Hear Report of Jobbers Planning Increase.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—Retail grocers today professed to have additional information that jobbers are planning to charge the trade \$26.50 or \$21 a hundredweight for a sugar supply expected from San Francisco on the steamer Fred Baxter, due here tomorrow.

Members of the Seattle Caterers' association may consider the possible banishment of the sugar bowl and restoration of the war-time rationing system in the event they are called upon to pay about 25 cents a pound for sugar, which now does not seem improbable, they declared.

INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 48 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees. TODAY'S—Generally fair; westerly winds.

Foreign.

British may rise against American dry.

National.

Admiral "strained point" in charge, says captain.

April ballot by senate and is now up to conferees.

Cash bonus starts conflict of parties.

Exports exceed high import record.

Continental junket to orient faces some bumps before starting.

Domestic.

Mr. Cummings named temporary chairman at democratic national convention.

Associated Press chief raps foe of great news-gathering agency.

Johnson leads Nebraska vote.

Tornado kills 140 and causes heavy damage.

Leader of insurgent switchmen predicts early end of strike.

Wearers of old clothes will be welcome in New York's projected overall parade.

Pacific Northwest.

Siberia pictured as disease laden by re-shariff.

Oregon candidates pay state \$11,975.

Sports.

Fulton will fight Thompson tonight.

Opening game to be played today if "Supper" is willing.

Commercial and Marine.

Grain bag market quieter, but prices remain firm.

Bullish crop reports cause upturn in corn at Chicago.

Shorts and speculative stocks lower.

Lumber exporters add three carriers.

140 LEFT DEAD IN PATH OF TORNAO

20 Towns Swept; Property Loss Millions.

SOUTHERN STATES HARD HIT

Buildings of All Kinds Blown Down by Gale.

WHOLE FAMILIES KILLED

Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee Get Force of Storm, One of Worst in History.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 20.—A death list which tonight stood at more than 140, and a property loss of many millions of dollars was the toll exacted by a tornado which today swept a score of towns, villages and isolated farms in eastern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama and the southern counties of Tennessee.

Communication with many of the stricken districts was difficult, but fragmentary reports agreed that the tornado obliterated nearly everything that lay in its path. In at least one case—that of Ross Hill, Miss.—virtually the entire town is believed to have been destroyed. In several instances all members of a family were reported to have been killed.

Striking first apparently in Lauderdale county, Mississippi, about 19 o'clock this morning, the storm swept a narrow path across the state, parrying destruction to a dozen or more communities.

Meridian, Miss., the heart of a rich farming district, suffered heaviest, according to reports, with a known death list of 21. The village of Glen, Alcorn county, numbered its dead at 10; Aberdeen, 10; Inogar, 6; Egypt, 5; Baker, 5, and Bay Springs, 7. A lumber camp near Philadelphia, Neshoba county, lost 12 workers killed and 20 injured, several probably fatally.

Sixteen persons were killed, severely injured and property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars destroyed by the storm in the northwestern part of Marion county.

Twenty-one persons were killed on a single plantation near Aberdeen, Miss.

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 20.—Several persons are reported to have been killed, and between 40 and 50 injured in a tornado which struck Aberdeen early today. Early reports estimate the property damage at approximately \$200,000.

The Harbord hog ranch near Aberdeen, one of the largest enterprises of its kind in this section, is reported to have been destroyed.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., April 20.—Four persons are reported killed in a tornado which swept Bay Springs county seat of Jasper county was among those killed.

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 20.—Ten persons were killed on the outskirts of Meridian and two at Runnels bridge, and many others were injured when a tornado struck here today. Houses in the suburbs were blown down. About 4000 people identified houses have been brought into local undertaking establishments.

STARKVILLE, Miss., April 20.—Several persons are reported to have been killed in a tornado which struck Bell schoolhouse, seven miles north of here.

LAUREL, Miss., April 20.—Reports received here today said Bay Springs, 18 miles north of Laurel had been leveled by a tornado and that several persons had been killed.

SHEFFIELD, Ala., April 20.—A tornado swept this section of Alabama today, killing a farmer, his wife and two children in Colbert county. One man is reported to have been killed in Franklin county.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss., April 20.—Twelve persons were killed and 25 injured today in a tornado which struck the Deemer lumber camp six miles north of here.

MANY PERISH IN BLIZZARD

Herd Dies With Herders on Colorado Range.

DENVER, Colo., April 20.—At least six persons lost their lives in the blizzard which raged over Colorado from Saturday to Monday, and many others are reported missing. Three of the dead were sheepherders and their herds perished with them. Nineteen other herds are missing and their herders are believed to be dead.

Conditions in Denver today were nearly normal again.

Practically all railroads have been cleared and are again running on schedules.

J. W. Bradford of Hoquiam, Wash., died in his berth on a Union Pacific train as it was entering this city after having been stormbound. His ticket indicated that he was traveling from Farand, Okla., to Portland, Or. He is believed to have a son in Bristol, Okla.

