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## JOHNSON VICTORY BY 2000 INDICATED

### Plurality Over Wood in State May Be 2300.

### LEAD IN STATE IS 1991

### Margin of 1119 Held on Re-Check of Multnomah.

### 27 COUNTIES TABULATED

### Complete Unofficial Figures for 24 and County Official Figures for Six Countied.

On the basis of available election returns it is estimated that Hiram Johnson, candidate for the republican nomination for president, has won the Oregon primaries by a plurality over Leonard Wood of more than 2000. It may run to 2300.

Complete returns have now been received from 21 counties, official returns from six other counties and returns of varying incompleteness from the remaining nine counties.

There are probably but few more than 3000 votes yet to be counted. Something like 1300 of these are in the strong Johnson counties of Baker, Clatsop, Crook and Columbia. About 1800 votes are still to be reported from Gilliam, Morrow, Hood River, Lane and Douglas counties, all of which have gone for Wood on the incomplete returns, but not so decisively as the Johnson counties above enumerated have gone for Johnson.

The estimate of outstanding votes is based on the assumption that an average of 50 per cent of the unreported republican vote was cast in the counties named.

So the assumption is fair that the leaded returns as they come in will still further increase the Johnson lead.

The figures now stand: Johnson 44,808, Wood 42,817. Johnson's lead, 1991.

### Multnomah Count Checked.

Johnson's lead in Multnomah county is 1119, as shown by a careful recheck made by The Oregonian yesterday. This is a change of only three votes from the tally sheet's original figures which gave Johnson a 1122 plurality in the county, the slight error being due to almost illegible figures on some of the statements.

Three independent tallies show this county lead to be exactly correct, according to the official statements turned in by the election boards.

It may not, however, agree precisely with the official count, which is taken from the tally sheets of the election boards, instead of from the statements. The tally sheets are available only for the official count and usually vary somewhat from the statements, but this difference is not expected to be material.

### New figures on Multnomah:

Johnson, 16,950.  
Wood, 15,831.

### Figures on Delegates Slow.

Figures on the election of delegates to the republican national convention are coming in very slowly from the outside counties. Including the returns received yesterday, however, the standing of the four leading candidates on the republican ticket for delegates at large remains unchanged.

Wallace McCamant, Sanford MacDonald, Charles H. Carey and Conrad P. Olson lead, John L. Rand, who is running fifth, continues to gain on Olson.

Yesterday's additional figures show a gain of more than 400 for Rand, but Olson is still 1500 ahead of the second Oregon man. The vote for the five high candidates as far as counted stands:

McCamant, 54,957.  
MacDonald, 29,798.  
Carey, 25,520.  
Olson, 25,072.  
Rand, 25,514.

In the foregoing totals, figures are entirely lacking from Curry, Gilliam, Harney, Lincoln and Malheur counties.

### First District Race Interests.

An interesting race has developed in the first congressional district between Frank T. Wrightman and Joel Booth for election as the second delegate. Walter L. Toose Jr. apparently is safe. Returns compiled yesterday served to increase Booth's vote and make him a real contender with Wrightman for the second place. This standing is disclosed by the incomplete count, which does not include returns from Columbia, Curry and Lincoln counties. The vote now stands:

Adams, 14,444.  
Booth, 14,629.  
Kendall, 11,061.  
Toose, 19,884.  
Wrightman, 14,752.

In the second congressional district there is also a race between M. Z. Donnell and D. J. Cooper, both of The Dalles, for the second delegate.

W. H. Brooks has a good lead and undoubtedly has been elected, but less than 100 votes separate Donnell and Cooper. The count is quite incomplete in this district and does not include any figures from Gilliam, Harney, Lake, Malheur or Umatilla counties. The vote as far as tabulated shows:

Brooks, 5845.  
Cooper, 4425.  
Curt, 2083.  
Donnell, 4492.

## LOGGED SOLDIER TRANSPORTS MAY GO

### SENATE VOTES FOR SALE OF OLD CARRIERS.

### Annual Army Appropriation Bill Carrying \$415,919,000 Passed and Sent to Conference.

### WASHINGTON, May 25.—The senate today passed the annual army appropriation bill carrying \$415,919,000 and sent it to conference.

Authorization was given by the senate for the sale of the old army transports Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Buford, Kilpatrick, Crook and Warren and of the howitzer plant at Erie, Pa., and establishment from the proceeds of the latter sale of a government-owned plant at the Watervliet arsenal, New York, for the manufacture of medium caliber field artillery.

The bill provides for an increase of approximately \$42,000,000 over the house bill, but is \$323,000,000 less than the appropriation for the present fiscal year. The principal senate increase was \$1,745,000 for the army air service, making its total \$40,000,000.

The senate eliminated house provisions which would give the army air service control of all military aerial operations from land bases and would confine naval aviation to fleet operations, fleet shore bases, training of personnel and construction and experimental work.

## GOLD MINERS ASKING AID

### Excess Tax Suggested on Metal Used by Jewelers.

### WASHINGTON, May 25.—Gold production in this country, already greatly decreased, will virtually cease unless speedy financial relief is given the mining companies, H. W. Seaman, of Chicago, president of the Troian Mining company, testified today before the house ways and means committee.

Seaman testified that the government costs the companies \$5 to \$10 more than the government price of \$20.67, he said.

Immediate passage by congress of a bill levying an excise tax of \$10 an ounce on the gold used by jewelers and other trades, with the money so raised to be a subsidy for the miners, was urged by Mr. Seaman.

## BALL FANS GOOD SPORTS

### Gamblers Overpay Fines to Swell Fund for Dead Policeman.

### CHICAGO, May 25.—The 47 men arrested yesterday for betting on the ball games in the Chicago National league park lived up to the reputation of sports today when they were arraigned in court. Judge Frank H. Graham ordered them to remain away from the bleachers hereafter and to keep the game clean from gambling.

Some of them will fine each of you \$15, said the judge. "If you're arrested again it will be the limit. This money will go to the fund of William Roberts, patrolman, who was killed by a train robber last week."

## JAPANESE BANKS SUSPEND

### Trouble Declared Due to Collapse of Raw Silk Market.

### NEW YORK, May 25.—The seventy-fourth bank of Yokohama, Japan, has been closed for a period of three weeks pending investigation of its books and to advise received by far east banking interests here today. The institution, rated as one of the largest in Japan, with reported deposits of more than \$30,000,000, recently was taken over by S. Mogi of Yokohama.

The Mogi bank of Yokohama, controlled by the same interests as the seventy-fourth bank, also was reported suspended today. Recent inflation and subsequent collapse of the raw silk market were said to have been the cause of difficulties.

## DAMAGES AWARDED KING

### New York Steel Broker Loses in Suit in Name of British Ruler.

### NEW YORK, May 25.—King George of Great Britain and Ireland, was today awarded \$2,575 damages in a \$175,000 suit brought on behalf of the British government against Ernest Harrah, a New York steel broker.

The suit was brought for alleged failure to deliver steel scrap according to contract for use in Italy during the war.

## MORO WHEAT BRINGS \$2.50

### Louis Peetz Contracts to Sell 5000 Sacks of This Year's Crop.

### THE DALLES, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Wheat price of \$2.50 a bushel was established in the auction for this year when Louis Peetz of Moro, Sherman county, contracted to sell 5000 sacks at \$2.50.

A sack contains about two and one-third bushels of wheat.

## RETURNS SHOW 15 LEGISLATORS OUT

### Defeat of Number at Primary Indicated.

### TEN HOUSE MEMBERS FAIL

### Three Representatives Vainly Seek Senate Seats.

### TWO SENATORS DEFEATED

### Incomplete Returns From Eastern Oregon Show Julian A. Hawley Probable Loser in Fight.

An analysis of the vote in the recent primary nominating election discloses that 15 members of the last legislature will not have seats in the 1921 session. Exactly that number of the state's lawmakers sought further service in the legislative halls, but were defeated for nomination. Of that number, ten members of the house failed of re-nomination as state representatives, three representatives unsuccessfully sought membership in the senate and two senators were disappointed in their efforts to succeed themselves.

The ten representatives who were defeated for re-nomination were: S. A. Hughes and George W. Weeks of Marion county; C. A. Sidler, Josephine; W. H. Gore, Douglas and Jackson; W. P. Lafferty, Benton; J. M. Crawford, Yamhill; Loyd M. Graham, Washington; David E. Loggren, Clackamas and Multnomah; H. C. Wheeler, Lane, and Edson I. Ballagh, Columbia.

### Hurley Probably Beaten.

C. Schuebel, Clackamas; D. C. Lewis, Multnomah, and W. E. Dennis, Washington, were the three representatives to try to place in the senate from their respective districts, but each was defeated. Senator F. C. Howell of Multnomah failed of re-nomination, and the incomplete returns from eastern Oregon indicate that Senator J. J. Harney of Grant, Harney and Malheur has probably been defeated for re-nomination by Charles W. Ellis of Harney county.

In the same primary contest, William G. Hare of Washington and C. J. Edwards of Tillamook, members of the house at the last session, have been nominated for the senate. Hare seeks election to the upper house from Washington county, while Edwards would represent the district composed of Lincoln, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill in the senate.

### Upton Reported Winner.

The result of the contest between Jay Upton and Wilson S. Wiley for the republican nomination for senator from the district embracing Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake has not yet been determined because of delay in completing the count. Unofficial reports reaching this city yesterday were to the effect that Upton had won by a slight margin.

Neither is it known who the republican will be to oppose Senator Walter M. Pierce (democrat) from Union and Wallowa counties. No republican having filed for this office, the members of that party in the primary election wrote in the names of Bruce Dennis and Jay H. Dobbins. The vote in Wallowa gave Dobbins a lead of 142 to 53, but the count in Union county, the home of Mr. Dennis, has not been completed and until it is known the contest will remain in doubt.

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## REVISION DOWNWARD OF PRICES IS NOTED

### REVIEW OF CONDITIONS MADE BY RESERVE DISTRICT.

### Business World Anticipating Re-adjustment of Social Influences, Says Report.

### CHICAGO, May 25.—A general revision downward of prices of all commodities except food, a growing tendency toward thrift and improvement in the labor situation are three factors noted in the report of the seventh federal reserve district issued today.

A decided readjustment of the economic and social influences governing national life is being anticipated by the business world, the report says, with the situation complicated by the lack of any precedent by which business men might be guided.

"The continued high price of food is the most important exception to the downward trend," the review states, adding:

"Other living costs, however, offer great encouragement, particularly the price of clothing and shoes. Prices of clothing and dry goods generally had reached such heights as to be almost prohibitive and the public quite naturally curtailed purchases very materially."

## SEVERAL TOWNS DECLINE

### Gains Rule, But Some Cities Show Population Loss.

### WASHINGTON, May 25.—Census announcements today were:

Duluth, Minn., 98,917, increase 29,451 or 29.1 per cent.  
Columbia, Pa., 10,836, decrease 618 or 5.4 per cent.  
Mount Carmel, Pa., 17,469, decrease 53 or 0.4 per cent.  
Cambridge, Mass., 109,456, increase 4617 or 4.4 per cent.  
Ansonia, Conn., 17,543, increase 2491 or 14.4 per cent.  
Titusville, Pa., 8432, decrease 101 or 1.2 per cent.  
Atlanta, Ga., 200,618, increase 45,777 or 23.6 per cent.  
Auburn, Me., 16,285, increase 1921 or 12.8 per cent.  
Nauvoo, Conn., 15,051, increase 2230 or 15.1 per cent.  
Derby, Conn., 11,238, increase 2247 or 25 per cent.

## PARENTHOOD IS DENIED

### Bay City Man to Be Arrested and Charged With Perjury.

### SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—Prosecuting Attorney Brown was summoned into court today by Superior Judge Ronald, who directed that William D'Lois Beslow, alias William L. Beslow, a former Seattle macaroni manufacturer, now residing in San Francisco, be arrested, extradited and brought to trial for alleged perjury.

The action was taken following the reading of an affidavit purporting to be signed by Beslow, in which he denies he is or ever has been the husband of Mrs. Flora L. Beslow or is the father of her ten children.

Counsel for Beslow declared Mrs. Beslow married a half-brother and has become confused in the men, the similarity of features being so great Mrs. Beslow, on the witness stand, was positive Beslow and Beslow are the same.

## GASOLINE SHORTAGE SURE

### 50 Per Cent Curtailment Suggested for Period of Ten Weeks.

### SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—A request that all users of automobiles for pleasure purposes curtail their gasoline purchases 50 per cent for ten weeks was framed today by oil and railroad company executives and the executive committee of the California State Automobile association.

It was announced that restrictions on gasoline were not based on transportation conditions, but on actual shortage.

## "FLYING GOVERNOR" IS SACRAMENTO GUEST

### CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE ENTERTAINS MR. OLCOTT.

### Trip From San Francisco to Southern Capital Ends Air Journey of 1500 Miles.

### SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 25.—Governor Ben W. Olcott of Oregon, who might be termed the "flying governor," was a dinner guest tonight at a hotel with Governor William D. Stephens and members of the chamber of commerce.

Governor Olcott's flight from San Francisco to Sacramento late this afternoon ended a journey of 1500 miles in an airplane piloted by Lieutenant R. M. Kelly, the total flying time being 18 hours and 45 minutes. The trip from Stockton to San Francisco was made in 40 minutes and from San Francisco to this city in 45 minutes, including the time it required to circle around the summit of Mount Tamalpais.

Governor Olcott landed at Sutter field at 5:30 o'clock. Upon his arrival with Governor Olcott, Lieutenant Kelly delivered to Governor Stephens a letter from the premier of British Columbia and one from the governor of Washington.

Governor Olcott will leave early tomorrow for Salem, Or.

## WINE SHIPMENT WATCHED

### Champagne Goes to Chicago for Medical Use, Says Officer.

### SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 25.—A shipment of a quantity of California champagne "extra dry" to Chicago through the California Wine association is being watched by the United States marshal at Los Angeles. It was learned here today, but both the association and the federal prohibition enforcement officer announced that the consignment was a legal one.

The champagne, which has a medicinal quality, is to be used for non-beverage purposes, both of these purposes announced. The consignment was said to number several hundred cases.

## TAFT IS AT ABERDEEN

### Ex-President Enjoys Game of Golf in Afternoon.

### ABERDEEN, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Ex-President Taft arrived in Aberdeen late this afternoon and spoke tonight at the Grand theater on "The League of Nations: Up to Date." He was met in train by representatives of the St. Paul Brotherhood, under whose auspices the lecture was arranged.

He was driven this afternoon to the Grays Harbor Country club by W. J. Patterson, where he enjoyed a game of golf. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Davenport at dinner tonight and went to the Davenport home for the night, following his lecture at the theater.

## CARDINAL TO SAY PRAYER

### Catholic Prelate Accepts Invitation of National Committee.

### BALTIMORE, Md., May 25.—Cardinal Gibbons yesterday received an invitation from the chairman of the republican national committee, in Chicago, to offer the invocation Thursday, June 16, at the convention.

A member of the cardinal's household in Baltimore said last night he had accepted.

## HONOR SYSTEM DECRIED

### Scheme Failure, Declares Warden of Joliet Penitentiary.

### JOLIET, Ill., May 25.—The honor system is a failure and cannot be carried out effectively, Everett J. Murphy, warden of the Joliet penitentiary, said today.

Twenty convicts have escaped from the farm recently.

## SUGAR CONSPIRACY HEARING IS OPENED

### Medford Probe in Hands of Federal Trade Body.

### UTAH-IDAHO FIRM ACCUSED

### Company Alleged to Have Combined in Restraint.

### MAYOR GIVES TESTIMONY

### Official of Rogue River City Says Factory Lost Because "We Got Jipped and Quit."

### MEDFORD, Or., May 25.—The federal trade commission opened hearings at the federal building at 10 o'clock this morning on a charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade against the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake City.

A big feature of the hearing is to bring out facts to refute testimony given at the Salt Lake hearing by company witnesses to the effect that the Rogue River valley was an arid waste and that no sugar beets could be grown in the valley except on trees.

Another feature is to ascertain all facts as to why the sugar beet factory of the company was located at Grants Pass instead of Medford and eventually dismantled and moved to Tappan, Wash., because the company claimed not enough beets could be grown in the valley, and still a third feature is to learn facts concerning George E. Sanders, who was connected with the factory located at Grants Pass.

### Mayor Gates on Stand.

Mayor Gates was on the witness stand this afternoon in response to the question of why Medford did not get the sugar factory. He said: "We got jipped and quit." He testified that when the proposition was broached by the company's representatives, Alexander Nibley and Frank Bramwell, to establish a sugar beet factory in the valley, they stated that 5000 acres must be signed up and that whichever city got the most acres signed up would get the factory.

"We Medford business men had signed up about 3500 acres and felt sure of the factory," the mayor testified, "but we could not get Nibley to say positively that it would come to Medford. He would only say that his father, Bishop Nibley, would come out here from Salt Lake and choose the location. So we became very suspicious, especially as we learned that George E. Sanders, then of Grants Pass, was deep in the organization of the factory proposition and would probably have much to say about where the factory should go. So we withheld turning over about 1500 acres signed up toward the last from Nibley and quit."

### Judge Dunham Presides.

Other witnesses examined today were George Sabin and Clarence Winthrop of Grants Pass, who were among the leading business men of that city instrumental in signing Grants Pass sugar-beet acreage.

Judge Dunham, examiner for the federal trade commission, is presiding at the hearing, with Henry Ward Beer of Washington special attorney, representing the commission, together with W. M. Shaw, an attorney of Denver, his assistant. The Utah-Idaho Sugar company is represented

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## PORTLAND MAN DIES UNDER TRUCK WHEEL

### WORKMAN IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT VANCOUVER.

### Attempt to Dismount From Auto Is Fatal When Foot Slips From Hub of Wheel.

### VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—William J. Sommer of 359 Taylor street, Portland, was run over and killed by an auto truck at Second and Washington streets here just before 5 o'clock today, Sommer, with a number of other workmen from the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation plant, jumped on a big sand and gravel truck owned by the Vancouver Sand & Gravel company where the North Bank track crosses Eleventh street. The truck was driven by E. F. Hickox. At Second and Washington streets, Sommer jumped off the truck, putting one foot on the hub. This threw him under the big car and he was crushed to death under the hind wheel.

The body was taken to the office of W. J. Knapp, county coroner.

Sommer was 43 years old and was a holder in interest in the plant and had worked there since April 18.

William Sommer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sommer of Newberg, Or., and had lived with his brother, Adolph, at the Caples hotel since last winter. He had been employed in Portland in an iron works plant for more than a year prior to taking employment at the Standifer plant. He is survived also by three sisters—Lydia of San Francisco, Mrs. K. E. Rhodes of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. C. N. Reiff of Ritzville, Wash. The body will be taken to Newberg for burial.

## CHURCH TO CONTINUE TIES

### Presbyterians Decide to Remain in World Movement.

### PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Opponents of the plan for the withdrawal of the Presbyterian church from the interchurch world movement scored a victory this afternoon in the general assembly in session here.

The proposal of the executive committee for the church to sever relations was referred back to the committee, together with a substitute proposition that the church continue its ties another year, under a limited budget and financial obligations.

The committee retired to revise its report and is expected to submit a new draft of recommendations tomorrow.

## WRECK KILLS 2, HURTS 30

### Track in New Mexico Is Undermined by High Water.

### ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 25.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 808, due to arrive here at 6:30 P. M., was wrecked this afternoon at La Joy, 23 miles south of here, due to soft track bed resulting from high water, according to a report received here. The engineer and fireman were killed and about 30 passengers injured.

All of the cars were reported to be lying on their sides in the water. A special train with doctors and nurses had been ordered to the scene from Socorro and the wrecker has been ordered from Belen, with all available doctors from there.

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## MONOPOLY ON OIL BY BRITAIN DENIED

### Geddes Brands Militarist Charge as False.

### NATION CALLED PEACEMAKER

### Attempt to Drag U. S. Into War Debt Pool Scouted.

### NAVY HELD CURTAILED

### British Ambassador Declares 5 Per Cent of World's Fuel Controlled in Emergency.

### NEW YORK, May 25.—Sweeping denial that Great Britain was seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply was made here tonight by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, speaking at the "Hilgrims" dinner. Statements that Great Britain had such intentions, he added, were completely without basis in fact, as were charges that Britain today was moved by militarist impulses.

"I say without fear of informed criticism," Sir Auckland declared, "that British foreign policy is directed against no man but is inspired by the desire to seek peace, to bring order out of chaos, to extend the boundaries of freedom, to improve the lot of the oppressed and to increase the material prosperity of the world. That is our programme, those are the principles by which I, as British representative in the land, am guided from day to day."

### War Debt Charge Denied.

The ambassador touched also upon reports that the British government was trying to pool the war debt of Europe "and to drag you (the United States) into the pool."

"You may seek far and wide for evidence on which that statement could be based," he said. "You will not find it. If you look closely you will find my government trying to pour oil on the troubled waters of Europe and you will also find on-lookers who seize the oil as it is poured and throw it on the fires of anti-British feeling here."

"I realize that traditional hatreds and ancient grudges die hard. I think I can make full allowances for these things, but I do plead with each and all to realize that if they have oil to pour they will better serve their day and generation and the cause of all humanity by selecting troubled waters to receive their libation and avoiding smoldering fires."

### Navy Modifying Discussed.

In answering what he characterized as "wild duck" publications as to the British purpose, the ambassador dealt first with the British navy, saying that while more than 1000 ships, including four battle cruisers, were under construction when the armistice was signed, one cruiser, the Hood, too far advanced to permit cancellation, was the only major ship completed.

"We have not at present a single capital ship building or completing, and not one ship, large or small, has been laid down since the armistice," he said.

The British army and air forces had been "even more drastically" dealt with, Sir Auckland continued, and added: "It is no business of mine to compare these facts with the corresponding action of any other nations, but I ask you who know yourselves to be non-militarist, to contrast them with your own national acts if you are tempted to think England is the militarist."

The ambassador, after referring to reports "in some newspaper or magazine that Britain has acquired an oil monopoly and proposes to hold the world to ransom," said 10 per cent of world oil output was from American oil, and 15 per cent from Mexico, American capital controlling three-fourths of the Mexican