DELAY IN CONCEDING DEFEAT EXPLAINED

Willcox Says Official Figures Must Be Awaited to Assure Result.

WEEK OR MORE REQUIRED

Republican Chairman Shows How Apparent Lead of 6237 for Wilson Over Roosevelt Was Finally Wiped Out.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A statement showing the fluctuating of the lead between President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt in California in 1912 from day to day for a month after election and how the state finally went in favor of Roosevelt after Wilson was first credited with winning, was issued here today by Chairman William R. Willcox, of the Republican National Committee, to "show precisely why the Republican National Committee cannot at this time concede the election of Mr. Wilson and must await the official count in this and other states."

"The records show," Mr. Willcox' statement read, "that Mr. Wilson was first in the lead; that subsequently this lead was taken by Colonel Roosevelt and that finally the delegation to the electoral college from California was divided, two electors being for Mr. Wilson and 11 for Colonel Roosevelt.

Reports First All for Wilson.

"The files of the San Francisco Chronicle show the following:

"On Wednesday, November 6, the day after election in 1912, the Chronicle said the indications were that Mr. Wilson had a safe plurality over Colonel Roosevelt. The Democratic state chairman claimed the state by 20,000.

"On November 7 the Chronicle said that a storm had delayed reports and that no figures were available from four counties. Returns from 3668 precincts out of 4372 gave Mr. Wilson a lead of 6237.

Roosevelt Then Shown Ahead.

"On November 8 the Associated Press announced that Colonel Roosevelt was in the lead by 130 votes. Six changes had been made in the vote from Los Angeles in the previous 12 hours; each change increased the lead of Colonel Roosevelt. With three Los Angeles precincts out and 136 precincts elsewhere in the state out, the Wilson vote stood at 280,125 and the Roosevelt vote 280,-225.

"The collapse of the Wilson plurality was due to the way election figures in Los Angeles had been compiled.

"The Democratic County Chairman placed the Roosevelt majority in that county at about 13,000.

Fluctuations Are Many.

"The Clerk of the County was appealed to by political leaders for an accurate count. He made a semi-official tabulation on the returns which showed startling discrepancies from the results obtained unofficially by political headquarters and newspapers. Much of the discrepancy was due to the scratching of Wallace, who headed the Progressive electors.

"On November 9, returns compiled from 4293 precincts out of 4372 gave Colonel Roosevelt 281,497 and Mr. Wilson 280,843.

"On November 13, returns from all but five out of 4372 precincts gave Colonel Roosevelt the state by 24 votes.

"On November 17, it was announced that Secretary of State Jordan went to Los Angeles to take personal charge of the count.

Court Decisions Required.

"On November 24 it was announced that the District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles had thrown out one precinct, which had given Colonel Roosevelt a majority of 104.

"On December 4 the Chronicle announced that if there were no more changes, due to court decisions and to the auditing by the Secretary of State, there would be, according to the official count, two Democratic electors and 11 Progressives. A change of 10 votes would elect another Democrat, it was said."

Conference Held With Hughes.

Mr. Willcox had a conference with Charles E. Hughes today, during which the situation was discussed. No announcement came from Mr. Hughes in regard to his own plans. Mr. Willcox said afterward that he, and, he thought, Mr. Hughes, would remain here until the first of next week.

He said he did not expect official counts from the doubtful states to begin coming in before then and that it will be more than a week at least before they were complete. He would not venture a guess on how much longer than that it might take.

SIX STEAMERS ARE SUNK

Two British, One Danish and Three Norwegians Lost.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The reported sinking of three steamships, two British and one Danish, and confirmation of the sinking of the British steamer Bogota is made in an announcement issued by Lloyds tonight. The Bogota, the shipping agency said, last night was believed to have been sunk. The agency now reports that 17 of the crew of the Bogota have been picked up and that two boats are unaccounted for.

The British steamers Marga and Earl of Forfar are reported lost, and the Danish steamship Freja has been sunk by a German submarine.

The loss of three Norwegian steamers is reported in Reuter dispatches. The Norwegian Tripel is said to have been sunk by a submarine, while the steamers Baltimore and Fordalen were torpedoed. Thirty-six of the crew of the Tripel are reported to have been saved and the crews of the Baltimore and Fordalen have been landed.

REBEL WOMEN END DEFICIT

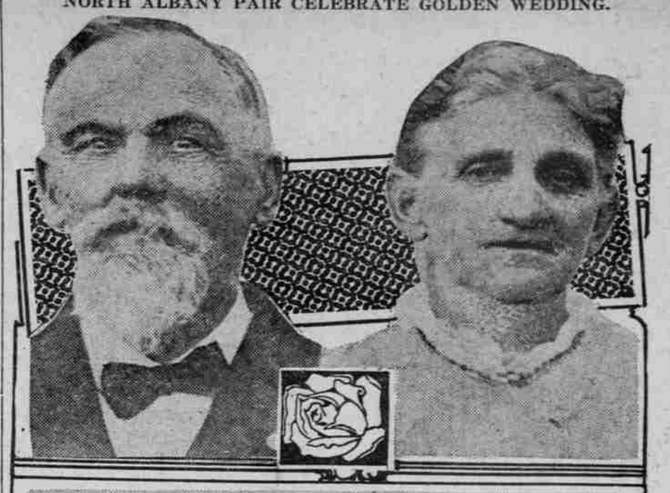
Daughters of Confederacy Have Busy Session at Dallas.

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 11.—Delegates to the general convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy remained in session until a late hour tonight in an effort to transact all pending business and adjourn.

The Daughters wiped out the deficit of the Arlington monument fund, raised sufficient money to install a memorial window in the Red Cross Memorial Hall in Washington, adopted resolutions approving the Congressional project for a Clara Barton window in the same building, declared themselves against text books in Southern schools which "do not portray the true history of the South," and commenced a campaign for the substitution of "the war between the states," for the present designation "Civil War."

Chattanooga, Tenn., was chosen for the 1917 convention.

NORTH ALBANY PAIR CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.



Above—Mr. and Mrs. William P. Small. Below—Their Children (From Left to Right): Mrs. Annie Parker, Elbert B. Small, Ephriam Small, George W. Small and Burley Small.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 11. (Special.)—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Small was celebrated Wednesday, November 8, at their home in North Albany. One hundred and fifty persons, including all of Mr. and Mrs. Small's children and grandchildre other relatives and many friends, participated. Many were prominent members of the Grand Army of he Republic and Ladies of the Grand Army, i which organizations Mr. and Mrs. Small have been active.

E. F. Sox, commander of McPherson Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, was in charge of the programme and made an address giving the history of Mr. and Mrs. Small and their family. Another address was given by Mrs Valerie Benzie, of Portland, department president for Oregon of the Grand Army.

Dr. W. P. White, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Albany, officiated at the golden wedding.

William P. Small and Rebecca Beck ner were married November 8, 1886, in Rush County, Indiana. They came to Oregon in 1887.

Mrs. and Mrs. Small were the parents of five children and all of them were present at the golden wedding. They are: Annie Parker, wife of Hiram Parker, of North Albany; Elbert B. Small, of Albany; Ephriam Small, of Lebanon; George W. Small, of Albany, and Burley Small, of Albany.

BORAH LOOKS AHEAD

Republicans Advised to Forget Past and Unite on Problems.

DUTY IS DECLARED PLAIN

Efficient, Patriotic Minority Party Is Held Second in Importance Only to Majority; Cause of Defeat Not Issue Now.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 11.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, in a statement issued today, refuses to go into the causes that brought about the defeat of Republicans at the recent election, but thinks the time has come when Republicans should look seriously to the future. In part, he says:

"We have been defeated. I am not in favor of discussing how it happened nor where the blame rests. I am in favor of looking forward to the duties and obligations of the future—for the duties and obligations and the influence of the minority party are only less and often little less than those of the majority.

"There will be problems within the next four years growing out of our industrial conditions, particularly at the close of the war, and international situations, which we cannot avoid, which will call for all the ability and patriotism of both the majority and minority parties. We will not hold the offices, but we can have a tremendous part in helping to me.t these problems, and it is clearly our duty, as a party, to put the past behind us, banish disappointments, avoid internal differences and help to meet the situations which are even now upon us.

"Can anyone contemplate the industrial strain to come at the close of this war, the conditions which will confront labor, or look on the situation as it now exists on the border and what that situation may foretell or reflect upon our standing with the nations, from Greece to Japan, without realizing that the task ahead of this Nation, as a whole, for our people as a unit and our Government as a government for all, calls for the best we have in purpose and brain?

"I am greatly disappointed because our party did not win. I believed it best fitted to deal affirmatively with these problems, but I would be still more severely disappointed if I thought it would fail to play an honorable and hopeful and patriotic part in this great work just ahead. The next essential thing to a majority party for good and wise and clean government and the efficient administration of public affairs is a strong, efficient patriotic minority party and there is always this inspiration, that by being a powerful and effective minority we are soon sure to become a majority."

KOENIG TELLS OF LOSS

DEUTSCHLAND CAPTAIN SAYS GERMANS LOST FOUR BIG WARSHIPS.

Lutzow, Battle Cruiser, and Rustok So Badly Crippled in Naval Fight That Teutons Sunk Them.

NEW LONDON, Nov. 11. — Captain Koenig, commander of the Deutschland, was questioned today concerning the battle of May 31, off the Skaggerak. He was in Wilhelmshaven when the German battleships came back from this engagement. The captain repeated again the recital of German losses. He said the battleship Pommern had gone down; that the Lutzow, a battle cruiser, had been sunk by one of the German destroyers to keep her from falling into the hands of the British; the Rustok sank on the way back to port, and the Elving was lost as a result of a collision within the German lines. These and five torpedo boats constituted the German losses, Captain Koenig declared.

The Lutzow and the Rustok were badly crippled during the fight, Captain Koenig went on, but they managed to keep afloat for several days after the engagement. There being still hope that they might make port, the German Admiralty did not announce their loss. When both ships had actually been abandoned, the Admiralty promptly admitted they had gone down.

NEWPORT POLITICS SIMMER

Election of Officers for City to Be Held December 4.

NEWPORT, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Newport citizens are turning their attention to the city election, which will be held December 4. W. G. Walrad, who has been a member of the City Council for the past two years, is a candidate for Mayor. Royal E. Bensell, who has served for two terms, has announced that he will not be a candidate. There are several other prospective candidates for the office.

There will be the usual warm fight for the office of Marshal, and several men have already expressed their willingness to accept the office. D. F. Harding, City Recorder, probably will not be opposed for that office, and as yet no conflict has developed for the office of Councilmen.

French Receipts Gain.

PARIS, Nov. 11.—The receipts of the French government in October were 88,000,000 francs in excess of those of October, 1915, bringing up the gain for the first 10 months of the year to more than 400,000,000 francs.

Oregon Legislators.
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George R. Wilbur, Joint Senator Froom Hood River and Wasco Counties.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—George R. Wilbur, Senator-elect from Hood River and Wasco counties, succeeding R. R. Butler, of The Dalles, one of the Democrats who will sit in the upper house of the 1917 Oregon Legislature, is 37 years of age. Mr. Wilbur is a native of Bonca, Neb. He came to Hood River and began the practice of law in 1909.

Mr. Wilbur for the past two years has been City Attorney of Hood River. He is attorney and secretary of the East Fork Irrigation District, and recently was retained to organize an irrigation district at Underwood, Wash.

Mr. Wilbur, before coming to Oregon, was Deputy County Clerk and County Attorney of Wayne County, Nebraska. During the Spanish-American War Mr. Wilbur was a private in the Second Nebraska Regiment. His regiment, however, was never called into active service. Mr. Wilbur recently was elected Captain of Company 12, C. A. C., O. N. G., organized among local business men and orchardists. He attended the citizens' training camp held at Fort Lawton, Wash.

Mr. Wilbur is a graduate of the University of Michigan law school, and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity.

AMERICAN SCOUT IS HELD BY MEXICANS

Army Officials Fear Prisoner May Be Sent to Chihuahua and Executed.

MAN ONCE WITH VILLA

Effort Being Made to Bring About Release—Mormon Also Held on Charge of Stealing Cattle. Friends Apprehensive.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 11.—Fear that Benjamin Brahan, a scout for General Pershing in Mexico, may be sent to Chihuahua City and executed is causing Army officials here to exert every effort to have the American scout released in Juarez.

According to the report made to the American State Department agents here, Brahan is held because of having formerly been with Villa. He is said to have been employed as a train master for Villa at one time and to have held a commission in the Villa army. Captain William Reid, General Pershing's intelligence officer in Mexico, is here and is making an effort to have the scout released. Brahan is said to have driven to Juarez in an automobile while in El Paso on leave and to have been arrested as soon as he crossed the border.

Joseph Williams, a Mormon resident of the Colonia Dublan district of Western Chihuahua, is also being held in Juarez on a charge of having stolen cattle in his possession. It is feared by his friends that he may be sent to Chihuahua with Brahan.

The matter of the release of Benjamin Brahan, one of General Pershing's scouts, held in Juarez as a Villa spy, was taken up with General Bell tonight by Andres Garcia, inspector-general of Mexican Consulates, who arrived late today from an official trip to Washington and New York. Mr. Garcia said that he was examining the evidence against Brahan, who is alleged to have held a commission in Villa's army, adding that if no case was found the scout would be released immediately. The same course, he said, would be taken in reard to Joseph Williams.

Refugees Reach Juarez.

A train arriving tonight at Juarez from Chihuahua City brought 350 passengers, mostly of the peon class, but no Americans or foreign refugees, as was expected here by government officials. None of the passengers crossed the international bridge tonight.

When the 150 Carranza customs guards were disarmed in Juarez today, the arms were also taken from the garrison of 30 Carranza regular soldiers at Guadalupe, 30 miles southeast of Juarez, likewise, because of suspected disloyalty to the constitutionalist government, it was learned here tonight.

The customs guards are a body of picked men, considered here to be up to the standard of the famous rurales of the Diaz regime. They and the soldiers received no explanation for the action, it is stated. All were allowed to go at large.

GUARDSMEN TO BE RETAINED

None to Be Freed Because of Their Personal Interests.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 11.—National guardsmen are not to be discharged from the Federal service for any reason other than the "interest of the Government," according to new instructions from Secretary of War Baker to Southern Department headquarters. It was admitted by officers here tonight that this ruling practically closes the door to members of the National Guard who are desirous of leaving the service for various reasons.

The information also was given that it was impossible for the War Department to say definitely when the various organizations, or any particular organization of the National Guard, would be returned to their home stations.

Included in the order was the explanation that "the granting of all the numerous applications of business and professional men for discharge from the National Guard would disorganize many militia units and seriously impair the efficiency of the service, and favorable action on any individual application would be a manifest discrimination against many other soldiers similarly circumstanced and equally deserving of favorable consideration."

NO QUARTER, CRY DRYS

"TEETH" TO BE PUT IN PROHIBITION LAW, IS PLEDGE.

Sufficient Backing Is Reported to Carry Most Stringent Measure Through Legislature.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Twenty Republican legislators already have pledged their support to a bill to "put teeth" in the Washington "dry" law and enough others have signified their intention to help to assure its passage, said James H. Davis, today. Mr. Davis was re-elected State Representative from the Twenty-seventh District in Tacoma, a leader in the Legislature for the last 10 years.

Jail sentences would be made compulsory for bootlegging and for issuing fake doctor's prescriptions, under the terms of the proposed measure. Provision probably will be made also for a state dispensary, Mr. Davis said, or for some other effective means of state supervision of all alcohol and liquors brought into the state for mechanical or medicinal purposes.

"We want to make it so that when a bootlegger is convicted the court will have to send him to jail," said Mr. Davis. "We also want to make it compulsory on the court to send to jail a doctor who issues 'phoney' prescriptions. On second conviction we propose to make it a felony, so that the guilty man will go to the state penitentiary."

ONE AMERICAN ON ARABIA

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Saved From Ship Sunk Without Warning.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The American Consul at Bombay, India, states that only one American, Paul Rutledge Danner, was on board the British steamer Arabia, sunk November 6 in the Mediterranean, says a Reuter dispatch from Bombay.

The Peninsular & Oriental Liner Arabia, according to a statement by the British Admiralty November 8, was sunk without warning by a submarine. All of the 437 passengers and all of the crew with the exception of two engineers, who were killed by the explosion, were saved by vessels which went to the rescue. The Arabia was homeward bound from Australia.

Danner, who has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in India, according to his parents in Cambridge, Mass., was returning on the Arabia to spend a furlough at home.

LONG WAR IS PREDICTED

British Writer Says Blunders Will Carry Conflict Far Into 1918.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—J. L. Garvin, writing in the Observer, predicts that unless the entente allies come to more vigorous decisions the war will be prolonged far into 1918 as "the result of the new outburst of German energy on all sides and the unity of direction under Von Hindenburg."

"The allies in the East have perpetrated almost every blunder left to them to commit," writes Editor Garvin, "after a previous record of mismanagement that seemed well nigh exhaustion. The prospect is not disastrous, but is disagreeable, as the fault is reparable only at the cost of several million avoidable casualties and thousands of millions in money which might have been saved.

"The glorious chapter of the allied offensive on the Somme is closed. The new chapter is beginning, as the Germans have fully recovered their morale. There will be no breaking through by the allies on the west this year, nor will there be any extensive withdrawal of the German lines between Arras and Noyon."