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CRISIS FOR COX REVEALED BY POLL

Party's Ranks Threatened With Desertion.

HARDING FAVORITE IN VOTING

Republican Maintains Lead in New York and New Jersey.

DEFECTION DUE TO LEAGUE

Democrats Bolting in Order to "Keep Great Britain From Bossing the United States."

SUMMARIES OF STRAW VOTES IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

New York—	
For Cox	2962
For Harding	4748
For Debs	640
For Christensen	207
Total vote	8557
New Jersey—	
For Cox	114
For Harding	239
For Debs	9
For Christensen	4
Total vote	366

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NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Compilation of the vote taken in the third week of the straw man's presidential polls shows that the nominees have maintained the same relative standing for the last three weeks. Harding has a good lead, but Cox has made some gains during the week and may develop greater strength as the campaign becomes more heated.

Since the poll started the straw man has collected 10,682 ballots, of which 8557 were collected in New York, 1925 in New Jersey and 200 in Connecticut. Other votes have been taken in Connecticut, but they were received too late to be included in this calculation.

Democracy in Grave Straits.

The results of the last week's polls have confirmed the deductions previously drawn that the democracy in the east is in grave straits due to the threatened desertion of its adherents of Irish and German descent, because of opposition to the league of nations. This condition is particularly serious in New York and New Jersey, where these elements have always been the mainstay of the democratic parties of these states.

The poll in Connecticut has not been under way long enough to warrant the forming of conclusions as to the strength of candidates in that state, but judging from present appearances there the democrats have the same up-hill fight that is before them in New York and New Jersey.

Seriousness Is Admitted.

Democratic leaders, while admitting the seriousness of present conditions as disclosed by the straw vote, attribute the showing to the fact that the campaign has not commenced in any of these states. They say that by election time most of the dissatisfied elements will be in line.

It, however, is the opinion of the straw man that many of these recalcitrant democrats are too bitterly opposed to the league of nations to be drawn back into the fold. Some of them will vote for Harding in order to defeat Cox, some will vote for Debs, some for Christensen and many will stay away from the polls.

That is the serious part of it for the democratic organization in New York. The democrats who are now bolting the party have in times past been considered the bulwarks of the organization. They have been included in all calculations heretofore as part of the "rockbottom" strength

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JONES' SHIPPING LAW AUTHOR RAPS WILSON

IGNORING MEASURE LAID TO AUTOCRATIC DISPOSITION.

Deadly Blow Declared Struck at American Merchant Marine by President's Delay.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—Announcement from Washington, D. C., yesterday that President Wilson has declined to take action in annulling existing treaties with foreign countries by which the United States is prevented from granting special import tariffs and transportation rates on imports carried on American bottoms, as provided in the Jones shipping law, drew criticism from Senator Wesley L. Jones, author of the measure, here today.

Senator Jones characterized the attitude of the president as "another example of Mr. Wilson's autocratic disposition and his disregard of such laws as do not suit him, even though he may have signed the measure.

"Congress could abrogate those treaties by legislation," said Mr. Jones, "just as it did abrogate the treaties in the seamen's act. It deemed this a too drastic course and directed the president to proceed in a dignified, courteous way to have them abrogated.

"This act of the president will bring rejoicing to the marine interests of our rivals for world trade and strike a deadly blow to the maintenance of the American merchant marine."

ROAD INJUNCTION DENIED

Toll Bridge Operator Loses Suit to Prevent Highway Work.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The Wasco county circuit court today dismissed the action brought by Silas Moody to enjoin the state highway commission from constructing a public highway across land connecting up the Columbia river highway in eastern Oregon with the new state bridge recently completed over the Deschutes river.

Judge Fred Wilson, who presided at the hearings, held that all the rights-of-way property extending from The Dalles to the new bridge was under control of the state highway commission and there was no provision of law which would warrant the granting of a permanent injunction against the construction of the road.

With the completion of this highway, travelers in eastern Oregon will no longer be compelled to pay tribute to Mr. Moody, who for several years has conducted a toll bridge on the route of the highway from Portland to the Idaho line.

BIG TIMBER DEAL MADE

40,000 Acres of Pine Bring Total of $2,500,000.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Sale of 40,000 acres of pine timber estimated to contain 1,000,000,000 feet by the Hopkins estate to the Weyerhauser company is reported here today.

No official verification is obtainable here. The deal was closed in Tacoma. The tract brought close to $2,500,000.

It lies west of the Klamath river. Seven thousand acres are in Jackson county and the rest in Klamath, with the exception of government forests.

The deal places 99 per cent of the timber west of the Klamath river in in the control of three companies: The Weyerhauser, Oshkosh Land and Timber company and Long-Bell company.

HAIL FRACTURES SKULL

Ice Bigger Than Walnuts Levels Crops in Nebraska.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Sept. 25.—One man was injured, probably fatally, and much damage done to buildings and crops by a tornado which swept through Knox county late today. A gale of wind was followed by a heavy fall of hail, chunks of ice larger than walnuts breaking windows and leveling corn. A farmhand named Nitlfa had his skull fractured by being struck by some of the larger hail stones.

Reports from the country south of here say a number of cattle were killed by lightning.

EXTRADITION OF BARRETT SOUGHT

Britain Applies Formally at Los Angeles.

THEFT OF JEWELS CHARGED

Captain Disappears Following Release by Authorities.

ENGLISH SLEUTHS ACTIVE

Scotland Yard Shadowing American at Instance of Mrs. John D. Spreckles, Jr.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 25.—The British government, acting through the local consulate, today made formal application to the federal authorities here for the extradition to England of Captain William Barrett, alleging that a complaint charging larceny had been filed against him in London at the instance of Mrs. John D. Spreckels Jr.

Captain Barrett was interrogated by the authorities here last Wednesday, was released from surveillance Thursday and disappeared Friday.

The authorities said they did not know where he could be found for extradition.

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LONDON, Sept. 25.—(Special Cable.)—Despite reports from Los Angeles that William Barrett, who eloped in 1919 with Alice Drexel, has cleared himself with the American police in regard to the disappearance of jewels belonging to Mrs. John D. Spreckels Jr., valued at $100,000, it is stated by the authorities here today that the case is nowise closed. On the contrary, if the warrant issued for Barrett's arrest is to be withdrawn, it rests with Mrs. Spreckels to withdraw the charges, and she has not announced any such intention to the police.

English Sleuths Active.

When Mrs. Spreckels called in Scotland Yard, the police immediately went into open court and obtained a warrant for his arrest. Unless Mrs. Spreckels withdraws the charges it is considered certain that extradition proceedings will soon be begun. Meanwhile it is known that Scotland Yard means to have Barrett shadowed.

At Tiffany's London branch today it was admitted that some of the jewels in question were brought there, but when asked if any efforts were being made to bring charges against Barrett it was stated the company was not taking any action whatever in the matter. When asked if any payment had been made for the jewels, the Tiffany representative refused to make any statement.

Mr. and Mrs. Spreckels are believed to have sailed for the United States. Missing details probably will be supplied there if they intend to push the case against Barrett, who is now in Los Angeles.

According to a story told the correspondent from a trustworthy source, Mrs. Spreckels was an actress in San Francisco and the marriage met with the protest of the Spreckels family. It led, however, to a honeymoon trip around the world, which is said not to have been so happy an affair as had been anticipated and which was followed by a temporary separation. During this period Barrett met Mrs. Spreckels at the Sandown park race course.

Credit Is Cabled.

When she sought to buy the now famous necklace and also a diamond studded watch, at the London establishment of Tiffany & Co., it is said Barrett suggested to the management to cable to the firm's New York house and inquire as to the Spreckels credit. In reply to such an inquiry a reply came from New York that the Spreckels credit was good for any

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WHOLESALE BUTTER TO DECLINE 3 CENTS

LOCAL CREAMERIES ANNOUNCE DROP FOR TOMORROW.

Butterfat Market to Fall 4 Cents; Ending of Dry Season and Pasture Increases Receipts.

Butter will decline 3 cents a pound in price at wholesale tomorrow, Portland creameries announced yesterday. Cartoned butter will wholesale at 64 cents and wrapped butter at 63. A corresponding drop in retail prices is counted on.

Simultaneous with the drop in the price of butter the butterfat market will be sliced 4 cents a pound, to 64 cents delivered in Portland.

The ending of the dry season and assurance of fine fall pasture are responsible for the drop in butter, it was stated. This condition was already reflected yesterday in increased receipts of butter from the country.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—Importers of New Zealand butter are pounding away at Western-avenue jobbers for the purpose of unloading 8000 cubes, spaced at the rate of 2000 cubes for October and onward to January.

Quotations for this butter Saturday would enable local creamery men to lay it down in Seattle at a cost of 52 cents per pound. This lot, it is stated, is all that will be offered in the states this year, as the United Kingdom has bought up the bulk of the season's pack.

Pacific coast operators will close on the entire lot at 52 cents per pound, but reserve the right to exact higher prices, according to the movement of pound sterling. Local jobbers are pondering over the offer, but generally seem afraid to negotiate. Canadian butter is offering freely for the next 60 days and possibly longer, and, should buying of imported stock begin

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TRADE BALANCE CUT IN HALF SINCE 1919

$1,483,000,000 REPORTED FOR 8 MONTHS OF 1920.

Report Shows Imports Expanding at More Rapid Rate Than Country's Exports.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The American trade balance for the first eight months of 1920 was $1,483,000,000, compared to more than $3,000,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1919, according to figures made public today by the department of commerce. They showed its import trade is expanding at a more rapid pace than export trade. Imports for the eight months of the year exceeded those of the 12 months of 1919 by approximately $100,000,000. Imports in 1919 established a new high record.

On the other hand, exports for the eight months were $2,347,171,869 less than those in the 12 months of 1919 and were only $211,000,000 greater than the exports for the first eight months of last year. The total of exports for the months was $5,483,254,121.

The total of imports for the eight months was $4,000,627,445, compared with $2,261,550,446 for the corresponding period in 1919.

BIRD'S MESSAGE MYSTERY

Strange Communication Found on Pigeon at Bakersfield.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Sept. 25.—A pigeon killed by flying into a high tension wire at an oil lease near here today bore this message:

"Zudon, Germany. Send troops at once. Captain Guntz. S. O. S. W. E. S. N."

The pigeon bore the number A. J-20-1542 on a band around its leg. The message was in a metal case attached to the bird's neck.

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HIGH PRICES HERE HITTING TOBOGGAN

Portland Benefiting by Downward Tendency.

BUSINESS MEN ARE DUBIOUS

People Urged Not to Expect Too Much From Decline.

SILKS AND COTTON DROP

Sales of Apparel Now Going On Given as Indicating Move to New Price Level.

Portland residents may expect some relief from high prices as a result of the present downward tendency. In fact, some decline of prices on the local market already has resulted. That much is known. How much relief from high prices may be expected is a matter which decidedly is not known and concerning which merchants, wholesalers and business men expressed a considerable divergence of opinion yesterday.

Silks have come down considerably from the peak of several months ago, cotton goods are due to drop slightly in a number of the stores within the next few days, it was announced, and the present sales of men's and women's suits and overcoats, going on in a number of the stores, was given as a preparatory move to a new price level. And follow'ng the inspiration of Henry Ford and Mr. Franklin, these two cars, and second-hand machines in a number of makes and models took a hasty toboggan and are now staple on a reduced basis.

Extreme Decline Not Expected.

Dealers and business men, however, are practically of one accord that no considerable reduction along staple lines of clothing and household goods can be expected. They urge that the people not expect too great a downward movement, as such a tendency would mean reduction in wages and general tightening of business.

The day of the millennium, when pie is again five cents a wedge, is still far around the corner, they declare, and many are of the opinion that the old pre-war prices will never again be known.

"In goods in which labor is the main element of cost little if any reduction can be expected," declared D. A. Dinsmoor, of Olds, Wortman & King, in commenting on the situation. "We look for a steady but slow decline in prices for some time to come, but do not consider it possible that there will be any radical reduction in any articles except such few as have been profiteered, that is, where the price has been forced beyond that justified by the cost of production.

"While there seems to be a decline at this time along some lines, from the standpoint of the wholesaler and the manufacturer, the buying public cannot expect to reap an immediate reward, if any. These reductions are in many cases reductions from abnormal wholesale figures, at which none of the Portland stores, in many cases, had purchased. For example, if our store had purchased a large stock of underwear some months ago, and if the wholesale price had advanced sharply shortly after we purchased, and then if the wholesale price would be reduced at this time to what it was before, the whole fluctuation would mean nothing to the buying public in so far as we are concerned, because we have been selling all along on the price which we paid for the goods originally.

Price Pyramiding Charged.

"Thus some of the reductions at this time may be looked upon as a saving only from future higher prices, rather than any direct reduction now. I believe we all want to see labor stay up, and while some slight reduction would be possible, no big re-

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6 HURT WHEN RAIL AUTO HITS TRAIN

DRIVER ON MT. HOOD LINE HAS FRACTURED SKULL.

Two Women Are Among Others Slightly Hurt in Wreck Caused by Work Train's Presence.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Lee Slutz, driver of a passenger rail automobile of the Mount Hood Railroad company, sustained a fractured skull today when his machine collided with a work train about half a mile south of Dee. Five passengers were slightly injured by flying glass and debris or from bruises. Mr. Slutz was removed to the Cottage hospital here.

While his skull is cracked for about three inches, no depression appears, and it was thought that he will recover. The wreck occurred about 11:30 A. M. The rail auto was proceeding on schedule time and it was reported that Mr. Slutz had no notice that the work train, engaged in bridge construction, was on the main line. The steam train and motor car came together head-on.

Mrs. Dean, an upper valley resident, and Mrs. Murdock of Portland, sustained bruises and minor lacerations. Three apple pickers, whose names have not been learned, were slightly hurt.

The accident is the first that has resulted to injuries to rail auto passengers.

HOLDUP MEN GET CASH

Robbers Line Up 7 Persons in Penny Store and Rifle Register.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Two unmasked men entered the J. C. Penny store here at 8:30 o'clock tonight, leveled their revolvers at five clerks, a man and woman customer, emptied the cash register and escaped.

After lining up the clerks and the man customer the robbers tied their hands above their heads. The woman was not molested.

Late this afternoon the day's receipts were deposited in bank and the robbers got only a small sum of money.

ALLEGED MURDERER FREE

South Dakota Ranchman Acquitted in Federal Court.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 25.—David Hancock, a ranchman of Valentine, Neb., charged with the murder of his brother, Larkin Hancock, on the Rosebud Indian reservation, was found not guilty in federal court today.

Self-defense was the plea of the defendant. The jury was out 19 hours.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST

Frost Predicted Likely in Interior of Oregon and Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Rocky mountain and plateau regions fair and cool, and frosts the first part of week, generally fair with normal temperature thereafter.

Pacific states generally fair and cool, frosts are likely in interior of Washington and Oregon.

THOMAS BODY ARRIVES

Funeral Service for Poisoned Actress to Be Held Tuesday.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The body of Olive Thomas, motion picture actress, who died recently in Paris of mercurial poison, arrived here today on the steamship Mauretania.

The funeral services will be held next Tuesday in St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal church.

CHINESE GETS 67 YEARS

Boy's Sentence Four Years for Every Bicycle Stolen.

MANILA, Sept. 25.—Li Shing Tea, a Chinese youth, was sentenced today to 67 years in the penitentiary for stealing 16 bicycles.

The sentence was for a fraction more than four years for each bicycle stolen.

SMITH IS WORLD'S BEST BUCKAROO

Miles City, Mont., Man Wins Round-Up Title.

INDIAN RIDER IS KILLED

Winnemucca Jack Kicked on Head in Last Contest.

SHOW COMES TO CLOSE

Attendance Records for Historic Drama of Wild West Are Broken by 11th Show.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Tex Smith of Miles City, Mont., won the title of champion bucking horse rider of the world in the finals of this event held before a crowd of 30,000 persons, who attended the last day of the 11th annual Round-up held here this afternoon.

The new champion won the title over two ex-champions, Enos A. ("Yakima") Canutt, Colfax, Wash., champion last year and in 1919, and Hugh Strickland, Fort Worth, Tex., title winner in 1918, who rode with him in the finals today. Strickland got second honors today and Canutt third.

Smith won third place in the bucking annual last year in the Round-up here. Today he beat Sam Jackson in a pretty ride which brought the crowd to its feet. As winner he takes $450 in cash and the $500 hand-made saddle.

Wyoming Man Is Beaten.

Bell of Cheyenne, Wyo., winner of third place in the finals last year, was eliminated from an excellent chance to win both the bucking horse championship and the title of all-around cowboy champion when, as the fourth man selected for the finals of the bucking contest, he pulled leather and was disqualified. He drew You Tell 'Em, one of the worst buckers on the field. Bell won the steer-roping contest.

Today's performance saw the second casualty that has ever occurred in the 11 years of the big show. Winnemucca Jack, veteran Indian, was kicked in the head by a horse in the wild horse race, the final event, and was dead when carried from the field. Three men were injured in the bulldogging contest, only one of them seriously. The Indian was killed early in the final contest when he was attempting to saddle an unbroken horse.

Record Attendance Is Set.

Today's attendance set a new record for the Round-up. The bleachers and grandstand were well filled before the show began, and when the programme was well under way the aisles between seats and every available space was filled with people. A new pleacher section of circus seats added for today's show was filled.

Ideal weather prevailed during the afternoon.

A western breeze was a bit chilly, but the enthusiastic thousands noticed it not in the wild glamor of the biggest day Round-up fans have ever witnessed at the annual show.

Thirty thousand stood in silence and with bared heads during the grand march of cowboys, cowgirls and Indians in mute tribute to Sheriff Til Taylor, who had served as president of the Round-up association for many years before he was murdered in a jailbreak here July 25 last. In the arena hundreds of horsemen doffed their hats, while the packed stands stood in silence for a minute amid the surroundings in which the beloved official had once been a commanding figure.

Strickland May Get Title.

Hugo Strickland looms as the probable winner of the all-around cowboy championship, as he placed second in the bucking-horse contest and third in the steer roping. Judges will not

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PEN AND INK SKETCHES BY CARTOONIST PERRY, ILLUSTRATING SOME TOPICS IN THE NEWS.