

ILLINOIS IS LISTED AS DOUBTFUL BY PAPER SUPPORTING HUGHES

Chicago Tribune's Chief Political Writer Sizes Up Situation After Making Trip.

CHANCES FAVOR WILSON

Failure to Organize Women and Co-operation of Labor Vote by Republican Managers Main Reasons.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—The great state of Illinois is no longer safely Republican. It is now in the doubtful column, so stated by the highest Republican authority in the middle west.

The Chicago Tribune, the most ardent supporter of Hughes, through its chief political writer, E. O. Phillips, who has just returned from a week's tour with the Republican nominee for governor, in a column article Sunday morning sizes up the situation.

"Illinois is a doubtful state. At this moment the chances are even that Wilson will carry it. These are facts, and the Republican state leaders know them and they have been told to the Republican national committee. But Chairman Willcox and those with him responsible for the conduct of the campaign have not been stirred by any conceivable degree. Two things stand out impressively:

Two Reasons Stand Out. "1. The Republican failure in organizing the Republican women voters down state.

"2. The apparent concession, without any objection by the Hughes managers, that the labor vote down state in industrial centers is for Wilson.

"When to this pair of circumstances is added the determined battle made by the Sullivan organization of Cook county, it is realized by the initiated that there is real basis for Republican worry over the national ticket.

"The women vote has been neglected. "Also, in railroad and industrial centers, railroad men and their affiliates are disposed to be for Wilson on account of the Adamson bill.

Women Are for Wilson. Republican down state and political writers recognize the drift. The Tribune admits that Republicans have failed utterly so far to block the Wilson avalanche and is pessimistic over the future.

"The Wilson sentiment is evidenced in the moving picture houses. Thunderous applause greets Wilson's countenance and but little the portraits of Hughes. Yesterday of the first registration in Chicago, of the 471,000 put on the books, 154,000 were women. If this ratio is maintained throughout the state, more than 500,000 women will vote for the president, and polls thus far taken show Wilson favored two to one by the women and by a majority of the men.

The admission against Republican success by the Chicago Tribune is considered here of the greatest significance.

PORTLAND OBSERVES FIRE PREVENTION DAY IN SPECTACULAR WAY

It was the opening feature of Fire Prevention day. Fire Prevention day is being observed throughout the country.

It is occupying here the chief interest of public officials, schools, in-

PUPILS OF LADD SCHOOL RECEIVE TROPHY FOR BEST FIRE DRILL



Mayor Albee presenting cup to children.

dustries and the public generally.

At nine o'clock the school lessons in fire prevention began. At the same hour Ladd school proudly received the Jaeger trophy for having made the best fire drill record among grammar schools. Principal Kiggins received the beautiful cup on behalf of the school from Mayor Albee as the representative of the city and of the public safety commission.

Makes Remarkable Record. Jefferson high school students at 10 o'clock clipped one second from the remarkable fire drill by which they won the public safety commission cup for the second time last week. The time required this morning to empty the big school of more than 1600 students was but 52 3/4 seconds.

Principal Hopkin Jenkins presented H. P. Coffin, chairman of the public safety commission, who in turn presented Guy Talbot, a member of the commission, who introduced the mayor. A storm of applause greeted the appearance of Fire Marshal Jay Stevens, who brought with him a gift for the school, an enlarged picture of Jefferson's prize winning fire drills in addition with the pictures of the principal, the fire squad and himself, all dedicated to what he declared is "the greatest high school in the world."

Boats' Evolutions Spectacular. The exhibition given by the fireboats on the Willamette between Morrison and Burnside bridges beginning at half past ten was equal in effectiveness to a Fourth of July fireworks display.

The boats, transformed into great fountains by the streams playing high about them, the water catching the glint of the sun and breaking the rays into rainbows, were a beautiful sight, as well as a forceful demonstration of their power to handle water front fires.

Members council noon meeting at the Chamber of Commerce was devoted to fire prevention and speakers announced were Governor Withycombe, Mayor Albee and Fire Marshal Stevens.

The contests at Sixth and Pine streets, beginning at 1:30, included net jumping, a water battle and aerial ladder climbing. The big fire prevention parade began at 3:30. A mass meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce tonight and illustrated addresses will be delivered by Ben H. Williams of the University of Oregon and Fire Marshal Stevens.

Liner Frederick VIII Reports. New York, Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—The Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII, bearing American Ambassador Gerard of Berlin, will dock here at 8 a. m. tomorrow, according to a wireless from her captain today.

GREAT SHIPPING FIRM HOLDS SHIPS FLYING BRITISH FLAG IN PORT

International Merchant Marine Official Acts; Other Lines Make No Changes.

New York, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The International Mercantile Marine has held all its ships, now at Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Portland, Maine, and Montreal, flying the British flag, in ports until further notice. Most of the liners have announced that vessels armed to protect themselves will sail as scheduled.

The order, signed by P. A. S. Franklin, vice-president, stops all sailings of the White Star, Atlantic Transport, Leyland, Dominion and Red Star lines from American ports, and the White Star and Dominion lines sailing from Montreal and Quebec.

This order will not interfere with the sailings of the American line steamships or any of the company's vessels under the American flag.

To Discuss Insurance Matters. Marine insurance agents said today it was probable that orders would be sent to Liverpool cancelling sailings of all British steamships from American ports until further notice. They said that Mr. Franklin was only notified of the order who had the power to act on his own responsibility without waiting to consult the head officials abroad.

The question of increasing the rates on insurance will be considered today at a meeting of the New York Fire and Marine underwriters.

Many Vessels Are Armed. All the Cunard vessels were armed with 4-inch rapid fire guns similar to those on the Atlanta, which sailed on Saturday for London. The German submarine, he said, had avoided steamships carrying guns.

One of the officials of the French line said the French vessels would sail as usual. The liners were all fitted with three half inch guns, he said, and the cargo boats carried 3-inch rapid fire guns. The change in sailing dates, he said, would have to come from the head office in Paris.

Officials of the Italian lines appeared to share the opinion of the Cunard agents that as their vessels were armed with three-inch guns, they could take care of themselves in case of submarine attack. The Dante Alighieri, which sailed for Genoa, carried many passengers. The captain will go south to Bermuda instead of taking the northerly course for Gibraltar.

Sailing of Liner Postponed. The sailing of the Italian steamer San Guglielmo, due to leave this morning, has been indefinitely postponed. Keen interest is felt regarding several ships. No news has been received regarding the Japanese steamer Tiara Maru, chartered to the Anchor line, due here today from London, or the British steamer Belgier, chartered to the French government, also due today.

Two Dutch ships should be nearing New York, these being the Veendyck, from Capetown, with a \$2,000,000 cargo, and the Rijkwijk from Rotterdam.

The Caledonia, chartered by the Anchor line, is due tomorrow, and the Espagne late today.

Line Agents Are Uneasy. Boston, Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—Grave fears are felt here today for the steamer Great City, which sailed from Boston late yesterday, before the agents of her line learned of the submarine activities off Nantucket shores.

The Great City is bound for St. Nazaire, France, with a big cargo for the French government. She is carrying about 700 tons of steel, 500 in horses and several hundred tons of feed and grain.

Stephano New Vessel. New York, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The Red Cross liner Stephano sunk yesterday by German submarine U-53, was engaged in passenger service between this city, Halifax, N. S., and St. John, N. F.

The Stephano was a new steamer, especially built to carry passengers between this port and Newfoundland. She was commanded by Captain Clifford Smith. She was built in the yard of C. Connel & Co., at Glasgow, in 1911, and though employed on this side of the Atlantic is registered in Liverpool. She is of 3449 tons net register. She is 226 feet long, 46 foot beam and 13 feet deep.

The vessel was equipped with wireless and submarine signaling apparatus.

Roumanian Troops Withdrawn. Bucharest, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Roumanian troops have been withdrawn from Herzanov and Brasov to the Carpathian front, according to an official communication issued by the Roumanian general staff. This was to insure better defense of the frontier passes, it is claimed.

Federation Special Leaves for Seaside

The Federation special, the train which is carrying the Portland women to Seaside for the annual meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, left the North Bank depot this afternoon at 1 o'clock. There were about 175 women on the train, and delegates from other parts of the state will bring the attendance up to over 200. The delegates were given a happy surprise on entering the train this afternoon, each car having, been profusely decorated with flags and bunting and presenting a gala appearance. On the rear of the last coach was attached a shield bearing the words, "Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs."

The sixteenth annual session of the Federation will open this evening with a reception, for which the Seaside women have made extensive plans. A convention of interest and instruction is promised.

British Take Three Macedonian Villages

Cavdarum, Ormanli and Hamzatar Occupied. It is Announced—Cavalry Pursues Bulgars.

London, Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—Pressing their advance on the allied right wing in Macedonia, the British have occupied the villages of Cavdarum, Ormanli and Hamzatar. It was officially announced today.

British cavalry has joined in the pursuit of the Bulgarians and has reached the line of Kararaska-Salman-Homondos.

Greek College Head To Frame Ministry

M. Andreas, President of Anglo-Hellenic League, Will Probably Be Member of Latest Greek Cabinet.

Athens, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Spyridon P. Lambros, professor of history of the University of Athens, has consented to form a new Greek cabinet. It is understood it will include M. Andreas, president of the Anglo-Hellenic league.

Killed Wife, Is Dying, Result of Jealousy

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Enraged by jealousy, William Howell Ellis, member of a well known Philadelphia family, early this morning shot and killed his wife and then fired a bullet into his own brain. He is in a dying condition at Chestnut hospital.

The tragedy occurred at the country place of the couple between Fort Washington and Ambler.

Two Are Killed in Raid by Mexicans

Presidio, Texas, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—A French ranchman named Plotte and a Mexican boy were killed on the Plotte ranch, 16 miles from Lajitas, in an attempt to repel a band of Mexican cattle thieves, who attempted to raid the ranch.

The Mexicans crossed to the American side near the Rio Grande and later recrossed near the same point.

Frederick Bertram Well Known. Dayton, Or., Oct. 9.—About four months ago Frederick Bertram of this city suffered a paralytic stroke, and went to the Portland Surgical hospital a few days ago. The reports daily were encouraging, and when the news came that he had died Thursday it was a shock to this entire community. He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, January 13, 1855. He was married October 28, 1876, to Miss Elizabeth Schrader. He settled on government land just outside the limits of this city, where he has ever since resided.

The funeral was held from the Evangelical church Saturday. Rev. C. P. Gates preached the sermon and the Masons took charge of the graves. He was also a member of the German Lutheran church. He leaves an aged father, his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Kate Schenck of McMinnville and Mrs. Elizabeth Knoch of Cambridge, Ohio, and two brothers, Henry and Jake, of this place, and three daughters, Mrs. L. A. Rosner and Mrs. E. E. McDonald of Dayton and Mrs. G. E. Nichols of Portland, all of whom attended the funeral services excepting the sister in Ohio.

Teutons Retake Kronstadt. Berlin, Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Kronstadt, the leading industrial and commercial center of Transylvania, has been retaken from the Roumanians by the Austro-German forces, according to an announcement from the war office.

SIGNIFICANCE IS SEEN IN BERNSTORFF VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

Peace Rumors and Latest Submarine Raids Lend Color in Opinion of Some.

Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—President Wilson was still without official word early today on the German raids off New England, hence without any indication of his attitude.

He was slated to talk with German Ambassador von Bernstorff at 2 p. m. for the first time in many months. The conference was arranged some time ago for the purpose of discussing Polish relief.

Bernstorff's visit is assumed to be as stated reliably for the purpose of delivering Kaiser Wilhelm's answer to the president's personal appeal for co-operation by European rulers to help starving Poland.

Nevertheless some see in the visit an extra significance, in view of rumored peace moves by Germany, as well as the fact that German raiders are spectacularly sinking ships off the American coast.

Officials here attach little importance to the letters delivered by the U-53, pointing out a special German messenger would have forwarded these had they been vital, instead of having them entrusted to an ordinary American citizen.

As for a new peace move, officials, including the president, profess to have no information.

Peace Proposals Not Impossible. Cologne, Oct. 7.—(Delayed.)—(U. P.)—It is not impossible that Ambassador Gerard is conveying peace proposals to America. Before departing from Berlin he held most important conferences with Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg, Foreign Secretary von Jagow, Dr. Solf, secretary for the colonies, and several leading members of the Reichstag.

It is believed here that now is the time for Washington to make peace. Only Washington can do this, because the possesses such great influence with London and Paris.

New is the psychological moment, for if peace is not made now the war must last another year as the winter campaign is now preparatory.

An armistice is not mentioned, but it is believed that President Wilson can appeal to the powers and ask them to send special representatives to Washington to negotiate peace.

In the meantime, the war can go on and these negotiations may form the basis of a durable peace.

Osborne Resigns as Warden of Sing Sing

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—Thomas Mott Osborne, philanthropist, reformer and "Golden Rule" warden of Sing Sing prison, resigned as warden, State Superintendent of Prisons James M. Carter announced here today. The resignation will take effect October 16. The resignation was voluntary, Carter added.

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German-Americans Opposed to Attacks

Milwaukee Banker in Interview Says Most German-Americans Do Not Sympathize With Hyphenized Acts. New York, Oct. 9.—That the real German-Americans of this country do not sympathize with the hyphenized attacks on President Wilson is the declaration today of Oscar Kastner, vice president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, in an interview in the New York Herald.

"If the Staats Zeitung stands sponsor for the idea that the contrary is true, though I cannot speak for New York, it makes a grave mistake so far as concerns this part of the country," says Mr. Kastner. "Such utterances as that voiced by Jeremiah O'Leary in his message to the president aroused no sentiment here, so far as I am informed, other than one of disgust or contempt."

S. P. Mexican Line to Be Reconstructed

Six Years of Revolution Have Damaged 800 Miles of Road to the Extent of \$2,510,276, It Is Asserted. Los Angeles, Oct. 9.—(P. N. S.)—Reconstruction of the Southern Pacific line between Nogales and Tropic, Mexico, a distance of 800 miles, will put the road in shape for through passenger and freight within a few months, according to announcement here. In the revolutions since 1910, the road has suffered property damage amounting to \$2,510,276, it was said.

Stolen Car Wrecked. Ashland, Or., Oct. 9.—An automobile belonging to W. D. Hodgson, a prominent real estate man, stolen from his home here last night, was found this morning in a field near the Pacific highway, below town. It had

gone through a ditch and fence and ran into a tree. The car was much damaged. There is no trace of the thieves, except a boy's cap.

Masons to Hold Convention. San Francisco, Oct. 9.—(P. N. S.)—Masons from every section of the state are gathering in San Francisco today for the sixty-seventh annual convention of the grand lodge of Masons of California, which will open tomorrow at the Masonic temple. The grand lodge will remain in session until Friday.

Park Laborers Laid Off. Twenty-seven laborers of the municipal park bureau were laid off by Park Superintendent Conville this morning because of a decrease in park activities and shortage of funds for labor service. The men have been employed in the various parks in construction work.

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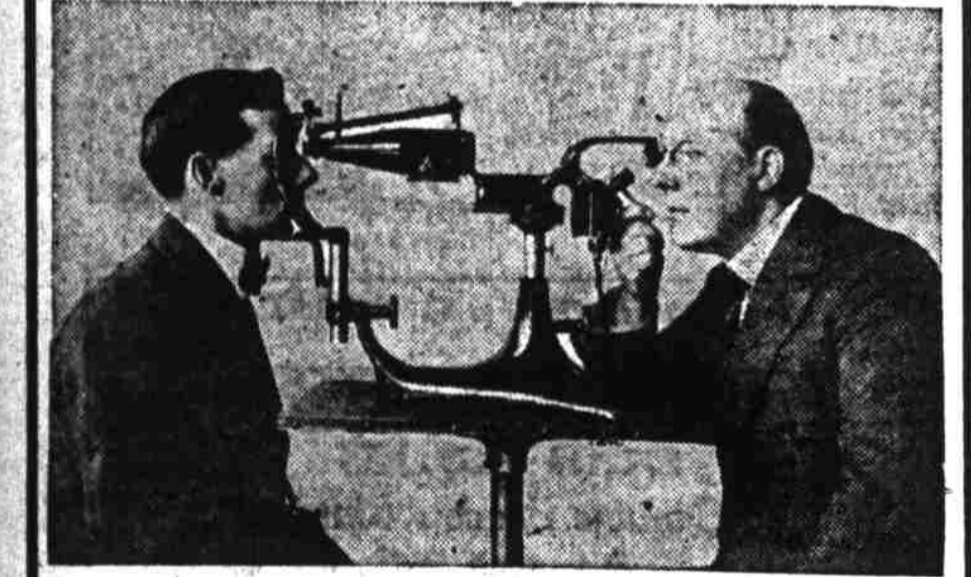
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