

DRYS ARE LEADING IN TEXAS

Returns from Election in 234 Towns at Late Hour Show Wets Behind by About 8000 Votes--Women Suffrage Amendment Ahead.

OHIO THROWS HER HAT IN PROHIBITION RING

State Says Gloomy Farewell to John Barleycorn--Saloons Close Early Rather Than Pay Heavy License.

DALLAS, Tex., May 25.—At 1 a. m. returns, far from complete, show the result of yesterday's general election on constitutional amendments for prohibition and women suffrage still in doubt, but with the vote for both measures still in the lead.

EL PASO AGAINST BILL EL PASO, Tex., May 24.—In the city of El Paso the state-wide prohibition amendment was defeated, the vote being 1,659 for and 1,224 against.

TUESDAY IS LAST DAY COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.—Ohio tonight threw her hat into the prohibition ring. Although constitutional prohibition does not become effect until next Tuesday, all but 163 of the 5,600 saloons in the state quit

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MISS GIBBARD IS PRESIDENT

Salem Young Woman Elected Head of Girls Sunday School Conference

Miss Catherine Gibbard, of Salem, was yesterday elected to the presidency of the Western Oregon Girls' Conference of Sunday Schools and Marie Hayward and Faith Jones, both of Portland were elected vice-president and secretary respectively.

Yesterday was a full day for the young women, commencing at 9 o'clock with a business meeting. Among those who made short talks were Julia Gromoff, Gertrude Lanning, Faith Jones, Mina Ward, Catherine Gibbard, Mrs. Mary E. Fawcett, Mrs. Hurlburt, and Miss Gertrude Eakin.

At 11:45 the girls gathered on the state house steps for the conference picture followed by a picnic lunch in the Bush pasture. After a short business meeting the girls adjourned to the Chresto halls on the university campus for a frolic planned by the "Y" girls of the college.

Last night greetings were extended to the conference by Rev. Harold Humbert, secretary of the Oregon State Sunday School association, and Mrs. F. N. Rogers, directress, spoke to the girls on "AIRCRAFTS." A playlet, "Thanksgiving Ann," by four young women of Salem high school was presented.

SUNDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIFTH Morning Girls visit church schools of preference.

Afternoon 2:00 Conference farewell sing. 2:15 Special music. 2:30 Address: Mrs. W. E. Wright. 2:50 Music. 3:00 "Impressions and Expressions." 3:20 Goodbys.

CLOSING SERVICE Standing hand in hand we pledge our loyalty to God and girlhood: We look upward to receive help from above; We look to one another to receive inspiration. The tie that binds is: Our wish through this loyalty to lift up higher ideals for girls and boys.

Sing: Bless be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above. President: We turn our face outward now to look for service. Romans 13: 1. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God."

PASSENGERS OF VIRGINIA RESCUED

Old Bay Line Steamer Goes Up in Flames Off Mouth of Potomac River at Early Hour.

THRILLING RESCUES EFFECTED BY CREW

Captain Badly Burned When He Refuses to Leave Vessel Early

BALTIMORE, Md., May 24.—Several of the 156 passengers on the Old Bay line steamer Virginia, burned at 1 o'clock this morning in the Chesapeake bay off the mouth of the Potomac river, were injured but none lost their lives. There were many thrilling rescues made by members of the crew of the burning vessel and officers and members of the crew of the Chesapeake liner City of Norfolk which was close to the Virginia when the fire occurred.

Mrs. E. L. Newberry, of Baltimore, and Captain W. G. Lane, of the Virginia, were the most seriously injured. Mrs. Newberry was hurt when a life boat fell and Captain Lane is suffering from bad burns.

Big Crew Carried The Virginia was bound from Baltimore for Old Point and Norfolk, Va. She carried in addition to passengers, a crew of 82, all but three of whom were colored deck hands who have been accounted for. The steamer's passenger list was lost.

Captain Lane, master of the Old Bay liner, stayed with his boat to the last and was so badly burned that on his arrival he went at once to a hospital.

Captain Lane, Major C. D. Davidson, of Camp Meade, who was going to Newport News and a laborer were the last persons to leave the stricken ship.

Skin is Blistered These three men stayed until the fire got so hot their hands and faces were blistered. Major Davidson was picked up by a life boat.

Within 15 minutes after the blaze burst forth on the Virginia the men on the City of Norfolk could hear the cries for help floating up to them from the water. The boats of the two vessels picked up all they could find.

The weather was clear and the seas calm, otherwise the rescuers would have been able to do but little toward saving those persons who had to jump into the water. Two life-boats filled with passengers capsized.

CREWS GIVEN CREDIT

NEW YORK, May 24.—But for the splendid seamanship of the crew of the several rescue ships there would have been a heavy loss of life as a result of the burning of the Old Bay liner Virginia in Chesapeake bay last night, James A. Wilder, chief sea scout of the Boy Scouts of America, one of the survivors, declared today. Mr. Wilder was taken aboard the steamship Florida.

CHURCH DRIVE NEARING CLOSE

Twenty-five Million Needed; Northwest Methodists Pass Quotas

PORTLAND, Or., May 24.—(Special to The Statesman.) Twenty-five million dollars remained to be raised tonight on the \$105,000,000 Methodist centenary fund. The national total reported to Portland was \$79,206,000, while the northwest had contributed \$1,794,216 or 73 per cent of its quota.

That northwest Methodism may make the campaign rather a success than a failure, Frank C. Jackson, campaign director, appealed yesterday to every one of the 192 churches which had completed their quotas to raise an additional 20 per cent of their subscription tomorrow, when the drive closes.

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Boyish Hero Stowaway On Transport Just in New York from France

NEW YORK, May 24.—On board the transport Agamemnon, which landed today, as a stowaway was Leon Roberts, 14 years old, who followed the allied armies for four years. Returning home from school one day in 1914, he found his home in Lens destroyed by a bomb dropped from a German airplane. All the members of his family had been killed and he followed a French regiment until its commander ordered him to leave, fearing he might be injured.

Leon then attached himself to British units, frequently carrying water and cigarettes to the men in the front line trenches. When the Americans arrived, Leon joined the 165th infantry and during an engagement was wounded in the neck. After getting out of the hospital he attached himself to the 341st artillery.

SENATOR URGES OREGON TO USE AIRPLANE MAIL

Speedy Action Required Declares McNary in Letter to Mayor Albin

FOREST PATROL NEEDED

Government Departments Anxious to Cooperate With Cities and States

Declaring that speedy action on the part of the citizens of Oregon is necessary if the citizens and the state at large desire to adopt aerial mail service and forest fire patrol and asserting his faith in the practicability of the service, Senator Charles L. McNary has written to Mayor C. E. Albin.

The senator declares that the various government departments are anxious to co-operate with cities and municipalities in the establishment of the service. He gives the methods of procedure and requirements.

Mayor Albin is giving the matter very careful consideration before taking action on it. The letter follows: "I am very much interested in the subject of aeronautics as particularly applied to mail service and protection of forest fires and every citizen of our state knows the annual loss suffered by the devastating force of forest fires and that an agency calculated to reduce this loss is worthy of public consideration and the necessary effort to invoke its use.

Practicability Demonstrated "The practicability of aerial mail service has been demonstrated by the postoffice department and this service is being expanded into many municipalities of the country. "The way to encourage the early installation of this service is for the cities in a given community or in the state or along a proposed route to establish facilities for the operation of aircraft.

"I am informed by Colonel Milton F. Davis of the air service of the United States army that his division and the postoffice department will cooperate fully in establishing municipal landing fields. The general specifications for a proper landing field may be stated as follows:

- (a) The location of the field should be such that transportation to and from the heart of the city will not ordinarily take longer than half an hour. (b) The fields should be situated adjacent to a good highway and be near to the city car lines. (c) It should have public service utilities, such as electric light, water supply and sewerage. (d) The field should permit of expansion. (e) It should not be in a position where it is likely to be shut in by future building operations. (f) The minimum size of any field should be such as to allow a 600 yard runway in every direction, with no interfering obstacles. (g) The field should be square or rectangular. (h) A circle 100 feet in diameter with a band 3 feet wide has proven most effective. (i) The ground should be smooth and firm under all weather conditions. (j) All landing fields should be free from surrounding obstacles.

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PROHIBITION FIGHT GETS IN MOTION

Foreign Delegates on Way to U. S. Capital Where Attempt Will Be Made to Spread Sentiment.

NEW YORK MEETING PETITIONS CONGRESS

Voters of Washington Will Decide by Referendum Validity of Measure

CHICAGO, May 24.—On the way to Washington, D. C., where on June 4 an effort will be made to coordinate temperance organizations for world wide prohibition, a party of foreign opponents of alcohol arrived here today to attend a meeting tomorrow when national leaders of prohibition will protest against removal of the July 1 ban against light wines had beer as recommended to congress by President Wilson. The foreign visitors are obtaining first hand views of the operation of prohibition laws in "dry" states and counties and also are observing saloon operation in "wet" communities.

Among those who have arrived or are expected, were Dr. C. W. Sakeby, of London, authority on the medical side of alcohol; Dr. Robert Herod, of the International Temperance Bureau of Switzerland; Rev. Canon Masterman, honorary secretary of the United Kingdom alliance; Rev. R. R. Hammond, president of the Australian alliance prohibition council; and Larson Ledet of Denmark, editor of a temperance publication.

Dr. Howard H. Russell of Westerville, Ohio, founder of the Anti-Saloon league, also arrived and announced that today was the league's 26th birthday, having been founded May 24, 1893.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

NEW YORK, May 24.—Resolutions urging congress to refrain from enactment of laws to make effective the prohibition amendment to the constitution until its constitutionality has been tested in the supreme court of the United States, were adopted by a large crowd at a mass meeting held in Madison Square Garden tonight, under the auspices of the Association opposed to National Prohibition.

The resolutions also called on congress to repeal before July 1 "all

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MAY DECIDES TO JOIN IN PARADE

Colonel of 162nd Infantry Fought Over by Rival Factions in Portland

PORTLAND, Or., May 24.—After being waited on by rival factions, one of which desired that he keep out of the coming Memorial day parade here and the other of which desired that he head it, Colonel John L. May, former commander of the 162nd infantry and now adjutant general of Oregon, said late today that he had decided to march.

The objection to Colonel May's appearance at the head of the troops was made by certain mothers and other women relatives of soldiers of the 163rd infantry, who alleged that he had treated his men inconsiderately while in France. Officers of the G. A. R. and the Spanish-American War veterans urged him to head the parade.

Aviator Climbs Across Ladder Between Planes

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 24.—Lieutenant On-ar Locklear, formerly with the air service of the army, today gave a demonstration, said to be the first in the annals of flying, of catching a dangling rope ladder from a second airplane and climbing into the craft from which it hung. The feat was done at an altitude of 2,500 feet. He has leaped from one plane to another in the air before, but never made an ascent from one plane to another.

The performance was one of the features of the day's flying events held here in connection with the pan-American aeronautical convention.

VETERAN MAJOR WILL LECTURE

Jack Hamilton, With Bride Rescued from Huns, Here Next Week

Major Jack Hamilton, veteran of three wars, who holds more military honors than any man in Oregon, will give his famous lecture in person at Ye Liberty theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mrs. Hamilton, whom he married after he and some other brother English officers had rescued her and several other women from a group of German officers in a convent in 1915, will appear with him.

HAWKER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN MID-OCEAN WHEN HIS PLANE PLUNGED INTO ATLANTIC

Vessel Reports Picking Up Stray Wireless Message Reply to Signal

ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 24.—Belief that Harry G. Hawker, Australian airman, succeeded in reaching mid-ocean before his Sopwith biplane plunged into the sea, was strengthened tonight when the steamer Glendevon, arriving from London, reported having picked up a wireless message from the steamship Suruga early Monday morning in which the Suruga gave her position, apparently in reply to a signal from an airplane. The Suruga was then at 19 degrees 28 minutes north latitude, and 30 degrees west longitude, the same position from which the cable ship Faraday reported to London that she had sighted a red light of an airplane early Monday.

The Glendevon's captain said on his arrival here that from the Suruga's message he deduced an airplane on the course which Hawker would have followed in his attempted flight from New Foundland to Ireland, had signalled for her position and surface wind.

At the time, 1:20 a. m. Monday, the Glendevon was 20 miles from the Suruga and saw nothing of plane or signals. The Glendevon, according to her log, encountered a strong northeast gale Monday on the course over which it is believed Hawker had flown.

The Glendevon also reported picking up a message from an unidentified vessel to the effect that a Sopwith biplane had been seen to disappear in the fog at position for which

MEMORY KEYNOTE FOR DAY

Plan for Memorial Observance Completed—Service at Cemetery and on Water; Parade and Exercises on Program.

ARNOLD IS MARSHAL IN CHARGE OF CEREMONIES

Procession to Have Four Divisions Headed by Governor—Veterans of Three Wars to Participate.

Complete plans for the observance of Memorial day, May 30, were made and announced at a meeting of representatives of the various patriotic, military and fraternal organizations, held in the city hall last night. There will be the services at the cemetery in the morning and in the afternoon a parade and exercises in which all the organizations will participate will be a feature.

J. H. Arnold, former commander of Hal Hibbard Camp, No. 5, United Spanish War-veterans, has been chosen marshal of the day and he will be assisted by Walter Spaulding, representing the veterans of the world war, Harry Wenderoth, representing the Elks, and a member of the Cherrians who has not yet been chosen.

Services for Honored Dead. The observance in the morning will be informal, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief corps, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, going to the cemetery in automobiles. They will meet at the armory at 9:30. Citizens are asked by the committee to loan their machine to take the veterans and their auxiliaries to the services.

The water service in memory of those who have met their death at sea, will be held at the intercounty bridge at 1:30 p. m. Only the organization participating in the service will be permitted on the bridge because of the maximum load limitation of the structure.

Parade at 2:30 P. M. The first division of the parade will form on Marion street at Marion square, facing east. The second division will form on Front street at the square facing south, the third division will form on Commercial street facing south and the fourth division will form on Union street facing east. The parade will form at 2 p. m. and will move promptly at 2:30 o'clock. Leading the procession will be the Salem band, then in order will be

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Colonel Hughes Says Tillamook Railroad Is Mentioned in Bible, and Mrs. Crawford Almost Pats Skids Under Doughty Auctioneer When She Comes Back With Verses

Col. J. W. Hughes of Forest Grove is a live stock auctioneer. He is besides a fine fellow and well liked by the Jersey breeders and all other breeders of this section. He was with the Jersey men in all their jubilee pilgrimage of last week. He was called upon to respond to a toast at the Salem Commercial club doings of Wednesday night, the subject being, "Why Holstein milk makes better cheese than Jersey milk," or something to that effect. Colonel Hughes got away with it very well, for he is quick on the trigger for repartee, and hard to floor.

But in the course of his remarks he referred to the fine cheese that had been presented to the excursion party by the Jersey dairymen of Tillamook county through Mrs. Rose Crawford, of Tillamook, herself a leading dairymen's wife. Colonel Hughes said the Tillamook railroad was mentioned in the Bible when it was written in Genesis that God created all creeping things, that invites past the Tillamook cheese was properly aged in its tortuous journeys to market by boat, and that proper aging was an important item. But, since the railroad was built, the cheese goes out by rail, he said, and the aging goes on just the same in the slow moving trains. Immediately after Colonel Hughes had taken his seat, Mrs. Crawford, pretending anger, and taking off her

coat as she marched down toward him between the tables, recited some verses, about as follows: The hoot owl said to the whippoorwill, "You can't sing nothing and you won't keep still; I should think you'd notice that it would be Polite to keep still and listen to me." Said the whippoorwill to the old hoot owl, "You sleep all day and at night you prawl; You show your ignorance quite complete. Disturbing the music I make so sweet." And so it is with man and bird. Each thinks his voice should sure be heard; And they ain't any of us has much more skill Than the old hoot owl and the whippoorwill. After Mrs. Crawford had finished the first verse, the crowd was cheering her, and when she concluded, it was agreed that she had almost "floored" the doughty auctioneer. He explained that it was all pre-arranged, but Mrs. Crawford denies this. It should be explained that Mrs. Crawford is by nature, if not by training (perhaps both), something of an abolitionist, and that she put a lot of force into the recital of the verses.

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