

TAX OUTCOME IS DOUBTFUL MARION COUNTY VOTE CLOSE

REPUBLICANS WILL RETAIN MAJORITIES

Senate Will Have Margin of Six With House Lead Safely on Side of Administration Party

DALE'S ELECTION IS APPARENTLY ASSURED

Field Sweeps Kentucky in Race for Governor; Opponent Concedes

(By the Associated Press.) Complete returns show that former Representative Dale, Republican, was elected yesterday a senator from Vermont, to succeed the late Senator Dillingham, also a Republican. This was the only senatorial election in the country and gives the Republicans a majority of six in the senate.

Incomplete returns indicate the election of William J. Fields, Democrat, as governor of Kentucky, and give Governor Ritchie, Democrat of Maryland, a lead for re-election. In the only other gubernatorial election, H. H. Whitfield, Democrat, was named governor of Mississippi without opposition.

Vacancies Filled
Seven of nine vacancies in the house of representatives were filled, the only possible upset being the Vermont election. On the face of these results the lineup in the next house will be: Republican, 225; Democrats, 285; Socialists 1; Independent L. and Farmer-Laborite 1—a Republican majority of 17, with two vacancies still to be filled.

The Republicans retained their majority in the New York assembly, incomplete returns indicating that the Democrats had lost at least six seats upstate. In a number of states majority contests shared in the public interest with various state-wide referendum proposals. In Philadelphia the Republicans elected W. Freeland Kendrick mayor by an overwhelming majority, while in Detroit Mayor Doremus, formerly a Democratic member of congress, was re-elected.

Pennsylvania voters looked with favor on a proposal to issue \$10,000,000 in bonds for highway improvements, while in Virginia a similar measure was rejected.

ELECTION QUIET
NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—The election in New York was one of the quietest in years. Only two arrests were made throughout the greater city for alleged illegal voting. The district attorney's office said there had been few complaints and the Honest Ballot association reported its watchers had practically nothing to do. Women were active in some districts where they polled more votes than men.

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair Wednesday; fresh easterly winds.
LOCAL WEATHER (Tuesday)
Maximum temperature, 63.
Minimum temperature, 34.
River, 1.1 feet; falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, northeast.

MAJORITY AGAINST INCOME TAX NEARLY ALL INSIDE SALEM

Thirty-three Precincts Out of 74 in County Report Complete, Giving 1738 For Measure and 2365 Against It—Completed City Count is 953 For and 1555 Against.

With 33 out of Marion county's 74 precincts sending in complete returns last night on the state income tax vote, the count in this county stands 1738 for the tax and 2365 against it, a majority of 627 against it.

With all of Salem's 18 precincts reporting complete returns the vote in the city is 953 for the tax and 1555 against it, a majority of 602 against it.

A comparison of these two totals shows that practically the whole of the majority against the tax in Marion county is in the city of Salem.

As predicted the country precincts have voted in favor of the tax and the city precincts against it. Only two of Salem's 18 precincts voted in favor of the income tax measure, precinct No. 5 giving it a majority of 10 and No. 3 a majority of 1. Precinct No. 1 cast a tie vote at 95.

Predictions last night by men who have watched the trend of elections for years were that the lead against the measure will be overcome in Marion county when all precincts are heard from.

The vote in this county, as elsewhere in the state, was extremely light, probably not more than 30 per cent of the registered voters going to the polls.

The vote by precincts as far as received is as follows:

FOUR BANDITS ROB SOUTH DAKOTA BANK

\$65,000 Worth of Loot Taken But Part Is Shot From Robber's Hands

GROTON, S. D., Nov. 6.—Four bandits held up three employees in the First National bank here at 3 p. m. today and ran from the building with sacks containing bonds and currency valued at approximately \$65,000. Pete Karokulis, proprietor of a soft drink place, opened fire on the quartet as they tried to escape in an automobile. He shot a sack containing all except \$1000 of the loot from the hands of one of the bandits. He also wounded one of the robbers.

After a running fight they escaped, but not until the sack containing the bulk of the loot had been shot out of the hand of one of the men as he made for the automobile waiting beside the building. The men headed west in an automobile, which broke down near James.

J. L. Henn, manager of the International Harvester company, was held up on the highway by the men in the stalled car, his automobile taken from him, and the flight continued.

**POLK VOTE ON
TAX IS CLOSE**
City of Dallas Votes it Down—Slightly Behind in Other Districts

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Returns tonight indicate that the state income tax will run close in Polk county. It was running slightly behind on early counts. The city of Dallas has voted it down by a vote of 302 to 187. For the county nine precincts out of 34 gave 350 for the tax and 399 against it. The four Dallas precincts voted as follows: Dallas No. 1, for 40; against 85; No. 2, for 42; against 56; No. 3, for 54; against 96; No. 4, for 51, against 65.

Precinct.	Yes.	No.
Salem 1	95	95
Salem 2	72	114
Salem 3	94	92
Salem 4	46	74
Salem 5	60	50
Salem 6	36	42
Salem 7	44	50
Salem 8	51	73
Salem 9	83	123
Salem 10	36	94
Salem 11	36	170
Salem 12	52	91
Salem 13	26	31
Salem 14	27	58
Salem 15	41	54
Salem 16	40	129
Salem 17	39	112
Salem 18	75	102
Salem Heights	95	46
Aumaville	44	25
Chemawa	59	29
Englewood	66	37
Fairgrounds	49	32
Hubbard	46	32
Pringle	22	22
Stayton	75	85
Sublimity	80	83
East Mt. Angel	52	242
West Mt. Angel	42	96
Victor Point	45	2
Malheur	58	14
East Woodburn	54	62
West Woodburn	94	77
Totals	1,738	2,365

FINAL FLASHES

HAVRE, France, Nov. 6.—The British steamship Hannington Court, with a cargo of cotton from Galveston for this port, wireless tonight that she was at 1200 miles west-southwest of Queenstown.

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 6.—Several persons are believed to have been buried in a cave-in in the basement of the new Oakland Savings Bank building late today. Police and firemen were called to assist in the work of removing the debris and aid in the rescue.

GROTON, S. D., Nov. 6.—Three bandits held up three employees in the First National bank here at 3 p. m. today and stole a sack containing \$10,000 in currency and liberty bonds and an unknown sum of loose currency and coin which was on the counter.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6.—Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Siskiyou county left here with Willard Hard and Ronald Erno in custody. The men are said to have confessed murdering Fred Skeen, Yreka rancher, several days ago, according to the sheriff's department.

TWO OFFICERS PAY FINE OF SERVICE MAN

Disabled Soldier Found Guilty of Speeding But Arresters Come to His Aid

Perhaps the most maligned of state officers is the poor motorcycle officer who regulates traffic on the paved highways. Many people are loud in their vituperation of his energy, and the gutter the man the louder the complaint. But traffic officers are human after all as is evinced by recent incident.

State Officer Jack B. Eakin found it necessary to halt a flyover traveling 43 miles an hour in disregard of the peace and dignity of the state and in violation of all traffic regulations. The driver was an ex-service man, suffering from the result of his exposures overseas and who was hardly able to talk owing to some complications in his throat. He was having a hard time in making a living and the thought of a fine approached a tragedy. But the law must be upheld, regardless of personal feelings.

Even the judge was touched by his appearance and while he could not dismiss the case, made the fine as light as possible—only \$5. Still this amount would prove a financial set-back to the struggling ex-soldier. Officer Eakin and a brother traffic officer split the fine between them and handed the five-spot to the judge.

Then some people claim traffic officers are not human and have no hearts.

FORMER PRESIDENT STOPPED ALL SALES

Senate Committee Finds Harding Ended Sales at Perryville

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—President Harding personally put an end to the sale of material from the veterans' bureau supply depot at Perryville, Md., it was disclosed today before the senate investigating committee.

The late executive first intervened in the transaction on November 24, 1922, nine days after the bureau had entered into a contract for the sale of materials valued at \$3,000,000 to Thompson and Kelly, Inc., of Boston, for approximately \$600,000. Deliveries were resumed after a conference in December between the president and representatives of the veterans' bureau and the war department.

The second and final order by Mr. Harding stopping deliveries was issued January 24, 1923, and, according to the testimony of Lieutenant Commander Charles R. O'Leary, then in charge of the supply division of the bureau, after a meeting at the White House between the executive and Charles R. Forbes, then director of the bureau. What transpired at that conference or the information on which the president acted was not developed.

O'Leary's understanding was that Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, personal physician to President Harding, and Senator Calder, Republican, New York, were among those who had made representations to Mr. Harding regarding the Perryville transaction.

Confessed Bigamist Goes To Walla Walla Prison

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 6.—Harry L. Roshon, who confessed recently to having married seven women in various cities of the Pacific coast, will go to the state penitentiary tomorrow to serve a three-year term. He recently pleaded guilty here to a charge of grand larceny, the complaining witness being one of his alleged wives, who claimed that he has embezzled \$7,000 of her money.

PARLEY PLANS NOW AWAITING INSTRUCTION

More Definite Information Is Sought on Meaning "Present Capacity to Pay" as Outlined By France

PHRASING CHANGES COMPLICATE MATTERS

Washington Officials Admit Willingness to Cooperate With French Nation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Availability of American help in the European economic crisis apparently hinged tonight upon detailed explanations of the Poincare restrictions on the proposed expert inquiry into the reparations tangle. Up to this time, it was learned authoritatively, the Washington government has not been able to find out exactly what the French premier had in mind in proposing to confine the inquiry to Germany's "present" capacity to make reparations payments.

Conversations between President Coolidge and Ambassador Jusserand today and between the French ambassador and Secretary Hughes yesterday, it is known, turned almost wholly on the effort to determine the exact nature of the French restriction. As it has been translated in London, the French phrase reads:

"Capacity to pay at present and for a limited future period."

It was evident that the ambassador had been unable to amplify this sufficiently and has called his government for a detailed explanation for which government officials here are waiting with deep interest.

In view of this situation, it was stated emphatically that reports that the negotiations had met a deadlock were wholly without foundation.

The Washington administration is not inclined to express in advance of a specific understanding as to just what is meant by the French restrictions, its willingness to cooperate in any form of investigation except as was outlined in Secretary Hughes' answer to Lord Curzon. The language of the British proposal to the allied governments incorporates to an important degree the language used by Secretary Hughes in that communication.

Verbal changes proposed by Belgium and acceptable to Great Britain and Italy do not, in the American view, alter the sense of the original proposal materially. The French proposals for restrictions, however, are looked on as possibly involving a radical limitation which would alter completely the nature of the inquiry.

Complications Seen
The language of the French proposals is subject to various possible interpretations. A complete understanding of the limitations sought is rendered more difficult by the fact that the original text of the French restrictions is in the French language and variations in translation are possible as there are many English equivalents, not precisely similar in meaning, for some French expressions and words.

SHEDD GIRL SCORES HIGH IN CONTEST

Edith Pugh With Highest Score in Club Division, Congratulated by Governors

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 6.—In the boys' and girls' club division, King county, California, and Whitman county, Washington, tied for first place in the junior stock judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock exposition today with 2,280 points each, out of a possible 3,000. Clackamas and Linn counties of Oregon were second and third.

Edith Pugh of Shedd, Ore., was today the proudest girl on the grounds. For, after having won the medal for the highest scoring done in the boys' and girls' club division, making a record of 800 out of 900 points, she was brought before Governor Hart of Washington and Governor Pierce of Oregon and publicly congratulated.

The attendance today was, according to various estimates, not more than 10,000 persons. Total attendance for the four days has been 56,500.

NAVAL TRIALS ARE GETTING UNDERWAY

Captain Watson First to Be Tried for Honda Reef Disaster in September

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 6.—The story of the black night on Honda reef when seven destroyers went to their doom with a loss of 23 lives was unfolded from the witness stand today at the court martial of Capt. Edward H. Watson. After the prosecution ended its case Commander George Weyler of Captain Watson's counsel, opened the case of his client by reading an outline of the defense which was offered but rejected when the prosecution began its case yesterday.

Various destroyer commanders were united in declaring that they had no opportunity to slow down, to stop and take soundings or to obtain radio compass bearings because of the speed of 20 knots set by the squadron commander. They testified the only bearings they received were those intercepted at short intervals when expert operators left unguarded certain wave lengths which they were required to protect from interruption. Weyler stated he would base the entire defense on the fact that the course appeared to be a safe one as the destroyers came toward San Diego from San Francisco on September 8; that, from the course followed it was reasonable to anticipate that the vessels would pass outside the 100 fathom curve and therefore no soundings were necessary. The visibility was not such as to cause anxiety; that until the heavy fog banks were encountered, which was almost at the instant of striking the rocks, there was nothing in the weather conditions prevailing to cause apprehension; that currents were abnormal in the vicinity of Honda at that time, and that radio bearings received made it reasonable to assume that the set speed had been made good.

**Food Prices Increases
Shown for Last Year**
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Retail food prices in 13 of 26 selected cities investigated by the department of labor increased during the month from September 15 to October 15. Decreases were reported in 11 cities, the department reported today, while no changes were found in two.

All of the cities showed increases for the year from October 15, 1922 to last October 15, ranging from two per cent in Buffalo to 8 per cent in Indianapolis and Bridgeport, Conn. Increases from 37 to 58 per cent were shown in the cities with the average cost in 1913.

CITY VOTE HEAVIER; NOT MORE THAN THIRD EXERCISE FRANCHISE

Incomplete Returns From 27 of 36 Counties in the State Give Majority of 7,352 Against Proposed Measure—Vote Stands 36,660 for the Tax and 44,012 Against.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 6.—The voters of Oregon today defeated a proposal to enact a state income tax law on the basis of incomplete returns received from 27 out of 36 counties in the state. Returns from these 27 counties at midnight gave a majority of 7,352 against the income tax. The count at that hour stood: For the tax, 36,660; against the tax, 44,012. A majority of counties upstate voted for the measure, but Multnomah county in which Portland is located, piled up a lead against the bill of 11,539 in 441 precincts out of 467 in the county.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 6.—Not more than 25 per cent of the voters of Oregon exercised their franchise today, according to estimates based on reports from various counties within the hour previous to the close of the polls at 8 o'clock. Only one proposal was before the voters, a referendum on the state income tax bill passed by the last legislature.

**GABE AND JIM
ARE NOMINEES**
One or Other Will Be Post Commander—Other Offices Not Contested

Only one office in the American Legion will be contested at the election December 4 as a result of nominations made last night by Capitol Post No. 9. This office is that of commander, with the names of Carl Gabrielson and James Young as nominees. Other nominations were Clifford Brown, vice commander; Joe Minton, adjutant; Leo Page, finance officer; Don Wiggins, quartermaster; Alan Jones, historian and C. B. O'Neil, chaplain. Members running for executive committee are George P. Griffith, Karl Hingens, Milo Rasmussen, Fred Gahlsdorf and Charles E. Gjedstedt.

Through the interest of A. N. Bush, of the Ladd & Bush bank, the post is in receipt of the gift of a splendid post banner. The banner was formally presented upon behalf of Mr. Bush by Robin Day, with Dr. W. Carlton Smith receiving it for the legion.

Reports of the national convention in San Francisco were made by Comrades Wiggins, West, White and Griffith.

Final plans for the Armistice day celebration were made, beginning with the big parade at 10 o'clock in which every ex-service man in the community is expected to participate, the address in the armory and the big dance at the same place in the evening. All legionnaires are requested to attend the address this evening by Elton Watkins, on immigration, which is in line with the Legion Americanization program.

BRIDGE BONDS IN LINN VOTED BIG

New Spans Over Willamette Assured—County for Income Tax

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The bridge bonds to raise funds for the construction of new bridges over the Willamette river here and at Harrisburg have apparently carried by a heavy vote. Thirty-six precincts out of 54 precincts in Linn county give 3995 votes for the bonds, and 1381 against. Linn county is voting in favor of the income tax, the vote from the same number of precincts as above giving .595 for the tax and 1824 against it.

TRIAL OF COVELL WILL START TODAY

Judge Kendall Orders 30 Jurors to Be Present—Defense Unknown

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 6.—Arthur Covell, crippled astrologer, who once pleaded guilty to a charge of first degree murder, in the case of Mrs. Fred Covell, killed at Bandon September 3 and who afterwards was allowed to change his plea to not guilty, will go to trial tomorrow in the Coos county circuit court before Judge John C. Kendall.

Judge Kendall today ordered 30 jurors to be present when court opens, it being considered probable that a large panel will be exhausted before a jury is selected. After the Arthur Covell trial ends, Alton Covell, confessed murderer of his stepmother, will be brought to bar. Alton is accused of having committed the crime at the instigation of Arthur Covell, his uncle.

No intimation so far as known had been given by Claude Gilles, attorney appointed by Judge Kendall to defend Arthur Covell, what line the defense will take, but it is confidently expected that it will be insanity.

GERMAN BOAT DUE
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 6.—The first German steamer to call at San Diego since August, 1914, will come Sunday from Hamburg, according to radio advices. It will be the motor ship Oetris carrying a varied cargo of European products.