

CONSERVATIVE LEAD HAS GAIN IN FINAL COUNT

Approximately Two-Thirds of Seats in House of Commons Will Be Occupied By Old Party

AGGREGATE LABOR VOTE INCREASES

Liberals' Support of Tories Eliminates New Party Candidates

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(By the A. P.)—When the counting of all election returns, with the exception of a few outstanding returns from the universities and Scotland, was concluded tonight the composition of the new houses of commons was found to be as follows: Conservatives, 298; labor, 149; liberals, 40; independents, 4; cooperatives, 5; constitutionalists, 3; communists, 1. Total, 600.

The standing in the old house was as follows: Conservatives, 259; labor 192; liberals, 158; others, 5; vacant (London university), 1. Total, 615.

Returns from the universities, when available, will bring the conservative strength to 400 or more.

Following are the gains and losses:

Gains: Conservatives, 159; labor, 24; liberals, 9.
Losses: Conservatives, 6; labor, 65; liberals, 120.

Cabinet Council to Meet

Roughly, in the new house the conservatives will number double all the other parties combined. A cabinet council has been summoned to meet at Downing Street tomorrow, at which the government will consider the situation and decide upon its course of procedure.

Because of this astounding conservative victory it is expected that Premier MacDonald, who returned to London, will call an immediate cabinet council to consider the government's position. This may quite possibly prove to be the last meeting of a labor cabinet in England for the next five or more years.

The expectation tonight is that the MacDonald cabinet will decide to resign forthwith, thus making way for the Baldwin ministry.

Alternative Seen

There is, however, another alternative—to follow the precedent set by the Baldwin ministry after the last general elections—meet parliament and wait for defeat on the address from the throne. One strong motive for following this course would be that Premier MacDonald has declared his intention to probe to the roots of the Zinovieff affair, and this he would be in a position to do effectively only while he retained the foreign secretaryship, with access to all departmental documents.

In the face of such a stunning defeat as the government has suffered at the polls, however, it is generally thought that even the investigation of the Zinovieff affair would not justify the cabinet in carrying on until parliament has assembled. When J. H. Thomas, secretary for the colonies, recently declared that the government would await defeat in the commons, he had in mind undoubtedly a future position in which it would require the combined vote of the conservatives and liberals to overthrow the ministry and not a position where the conservatives would command an absolute majority over all parties. Under these circumstances, chances very strongly favor the immediate resignation of the ministry.

Liberals Swamped

Next to the tremendous success of the conservatives, who gained approximately 159 seats and lost something under ten to the other parties, the most striking thing is the submergence of the liberal party.

When Herbert H. Asquith, the

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"LOONEY GAS" IS PROHIBITED IN NEW YORK

Tetra-Ethyl Compound Gets Fifth Victim and Is Banned By Health Board

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Gasoline containing tetra-ethyl, the mysterious "looney gas" compound, may no longer be sold in New York City. The board of health today adopted a resolution prohibiting its sale after the death of the fifth of the 33 laborers affected by the fumes while experimenting with the mixture in the Bayway, N. J., laboratories of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. The health board also made it a misdemeanor for anyone to use the gasoline in motors in the city. In addition, the officials authorized Health Commissioner Monaghan to make a thorough investigation of the elements in the mysterious death dealing gas and seek a mode of effective treatments for its victims.

Herbert Fuson, 29, of Elizabeth, N. J., was the fifth man to succumb to the gas poisoning, which has made its victims insane. He died at Reconstruction hospital early today confined in a straight jacket, a few hours after the corps of Standard Oil physicians and scientists seeking a successful treatment of the baffling malady had announced their quest successful.

A few hours after Fuson's death 11 more gas crazed men were taken to Reconstruction hospital. This brought the total of those affected to 33 out of the 45 men who were employed in the laboratories, experimenting with a mixture of tetra-ethyl and gasoline in an effort to add power to the fuel and eliminate knocks in motor car engines.

WHEELER HITS GOP RECORD

Candidate Claims That Only Issue of Campaign Is Honesty

TOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Addressing himself a second time to the Toledo voters Senator Wheeler, independent vice presidential candidate again stressed the declaration that the "only campaign issue this year" was honesty.

"During a trip that has taken me to the Pacific coast and back again," he said, "I have found no reason to change my view that the issue is honesty. The people themselves have made the issue. Three and one half years of dishonesty in national administration have made the American people determined they will have four years at least of honesty."

He said that "people have found out how it happened that Calvin Coolidge reached the White House," and again recounted his charges of bank transactions in Massachusetts state funds when President Coolidge was governor of that state.

SEARCH FOR BANDITS TURNS TO PORTLAND

Quartette Is Believed to Have Rented Automobiles in That City

Search for the four bandits who robbed the Aurora State bank Wednesday noon and escaped with several hundreds of dollars has been directed to Portland where the men are believed to have headed after leaving Monitor. The search will be continued for several days, according to local officials.

According to word received here yesterday it is believed that the men had rented two automobiles in Portland, using one for the robbery, and the other cached near Monitor for the getaway. The first machine, a Flint car, was owned by Harry Furman, Portland garage man, who had rented the machine to a man giving the name of Allen Cooksey, who answered a description of the leader of the holdup quartet.

Officials of the Aurora bank are loud in their praise of Miss Mildred Benois, who sounded the burglar alarm after the men had entered the bank. It was this that apparently unnerved them and caused them to make a hasty exit before obtaining all the cash in sight.

As far as a check has been completed the robbers took \$300 in postal money orders; \$100 in checks, \$100 in \$1 and \$2 bills and approximately \$100 in \$5 denominations. Two large checks were dropped in their hurry.

HENRY FORD IS TAKING STAND FOR COOLIDGE

Telegram Sent to Washington By Auto Manufacturer Made Public By Republican Committee

SAYS ELECTION IS TO BE EXPECTED

Reasons Set Forth for Belief That Administration Will Be Returned

MISS BARKER HERE TONIGHT

Noted Woman Speaker Will Outline Republican Doctrines at Armory

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—A telegram from Henry Ford endorsing President Coolidge for election was made public tonight by the republican national committee. Sent to Arthur Brisbane, editor in chief of the Hearst newspapers in response to a request by the latter for a statement, the telegram was sent to the president by Mr. Brisbane and obtained at the White House by the national committee for publication. Its text follows:

"Arthur Brisbane, New York: 'In reply to your telegram: I support Calvin Coolidge and confidently expect his election for the following reasons: 'Our government has been freer of the influence of the money powers during Calvin Coolidge's brief administration than for a long time before. 'He understands the difference between American business and money power. American business is the means by which we earn our living and supplies the need of the country. Agriculture, manufacture and transportation are its three pillars. It is constructive. The money power represents the exploiting, gambling and destructive counterfeits of business. 'Two systems of business confront each other in this country—production for use as against production for profits only. Calvin Coolidge is on the side of productive service and prosperity. 'He is increasing the number of jobs in this country by drawing back into 'business the moneys that have been driven out by high taxes. 'He is sprung from the old American stock which went south and west and fixed our American course and he will hold the government steady to that course. 'He is short on promises and long on action. 'In our business we prefer the doers to the talkers. I want as good or better service for the nation as we insist upon in the Ford Motor company. 'Why all this talk about throwing the election into congress? 'Who would want that except those who cannot hope to control the people but could easily control congress. Such a mistake would indicate that Americans are not intelligent enough to decide an election—and that is not the case. Americans are able to elect their own president and they are on guard against all efforts to cheat them out of that right. 'I believe in Calvin Coolidge regardless of party because he is an honest, able man, with a task that deserves the help of all forward minded men regardless of party. I like him because he knows how to think, because he can see clearly and because the politicians do not like him. 'HENRY FORD."

HYPHENATED VOTERS HEAR BRYAN SPEAK

Nominee Stands for Withdrawal of French Troops From Foreign Soil

WESPOIN, Neb., Oct. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Invading the German-American sections of eastern Nebraska, Governor Bryan, democratic candidate for vice president, delivered three speeches today, two of which he devoted to denunciation of what he termed "the reparations settlement," and a reaffirmation of his stand for withdrawal of French troops from German territory.

Taking up the reparations question for the first time, Governor Bryan criticized the republican administration for "trying to take credit for settling the reparations problem when they have already admitted the United States was not officially represented at the council table."

"It was not a settlement between government," he asserted, "but a settlement between bankers, and if we are to have prosperity we must have an international policy based on fairness and justice between man and man."

Mr. Bryan told a crowd that gathered about his crude sidewalk platform at Cribner, "they are using me as a 'bogey man' to help raise campaign contributions from privileged class."

"They are warning the people of the possibility of my becoming president through the election being thrown into congress. They don't dare tell the eastern people any of the public acts of mine or any of my positions on public questions or the opinions I have expressed, because my only offense in their eyes is that I have been insisting on honesty in public life, equality before the law and that a government should function for the protection of all the people instead of granting special privileges to a few."

PROBE AT CAPITAL STILL CONTINUE

Claims are Advanced That Money Was Paid Out for Federal Patronage

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Evidence relating to alleged money payments for federal patronage in South Carolina, to the gathering of campaign funds from alcohol dealers by attaches of an internal revenue collector's office in New York and to the collection of funds from postmasters and others in several states was laid before the senate campaign fund investigators today in an effort to support Senator La Follette's charges of irregular practices by the republican managers. J. T. Doyle, secretary of the

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CAL'S AUDIENCE TO BE LARGEST EVER RECORDED

President Will Deliver Radio Address on Eve of National Election

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—President Coolidge will address the American people on the eve of the election next Monday night through a radio casting chain which officials anticipate will reach the largest audience in history.

His message, according to members of the republican national committee, will center about an appeal to the citizenry to exercise the franchise at the polls.

William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee, already has received word from 23 radio casting stations which will be linked in the coast to coast chain.

Under tentative plans, President Coolidge will speak from the White House at 10 p. m., eastern standard time.

DIRECT PROOF OF SLUSH FUND STILL LACKING

Chicago Section of Committee Apparently Not Yet in Possession of Evidence to Sustain Claims

NEITHER SIDE HAS PROVED ITS CHARGES

Sen. Borah Announces That Hearings Will Close at Four O'Clock Today

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—After exploring new and old trails of political financing for another six hours today, the Chicago section of the senate campaign fund committee still was without direct evidence to sustain charges of a republican "slush" fund or of the expenditure of "enormous sums" on behalf of the La Follette-Wheeler independent ticket.

Chairman Borah gave notice that the hearings would be closed at 4 p. m. tomorrow. He will leave for Washington immediately afterward with a view to a conference with the other members of the committee there regarding the issuance of a statement on the investigation up to this week-end.

The statement probably will have reference to the circumstantial stories told by two Chicago witnesses and referred to before the committee last week by Samuel Untermyer of New York, who said the stories, if sustained, might have a "profound effect" on the republican campaign.

Another effort to get information bearing on these stories was made late today by Untermyer, who asked Chairman Butler of the republican national committee if he ever had seen before some documents which the New York lawyer handed him and which were withheld from the record and from publication.

Butler said he had never heard of them before.

Discussion as to whether it was proper to show the documents to the witness without having them spread on the record led Chairman Borah to make this observation: "The committee at this point does not take any stock in the matter."

Untermyer said Senator Borah knew that he had expressed his own doubts about the whole matter and added that he had been very careful to see that the matter did not become public because corroboration was lacking. Besides Chairman Butler, half a dozen witnesses followed each other to the witness stand today. Some interesting side lights were developed on the uses of campaign funds and the work being done on behalf of La Follette by the railroad unions and other labor organizations.

Under cross questioning by Untermyer, Butler frankly stated that he is a textile manufacturer with interests in a number of mills; that he is interested in the protective tariff and then expounded his views on the tariff theory at considerable length. The national chairman denied however, that he had ever appeared before legislative bodies in support of tariff measures.

EUGENE MAN DIES

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Captain Joseph Hittinger, USA, retired, for many years a quartermaster sergeant at the United States military academy at West Point, died in the cadet hospital last night after an operation, it was learned here today. His home was in Eugene, Ore. He was 65 years old.

IMMORAL PICTURES

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Earl Carroll, theatrical owner and producer of revues, was found guilty by Magistrate Rytberg today of having "exhibited lewd and immoral pictures" in advertising his production.

BIG FOREST FIRE

MESSICK, Mich., Oct. 30.—More than 200 men under direction of Edward Thallman, deputy state fire marshal, tonight were fighting against what appears to be the worst forest fire reported in Michigan this fall. The fire area is located just south of the village.

INQUIRY IS STARTED INTO CAUSE OF FATAL BLOWUP OF PASSENGERS IN CANADA

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 30.—Working on a theory that an explosion which occurred in a Canadian Pacific railway car yesterday at Farron, B. C., killing eight and injuring eleven, was the result of a bomb being set off inside it, an inquiry was opened at Grand Forks today. Witnesses testified that tanks containing illuminating gas for lighting and the floor of the car were seen intact before fire consumed the ruins. At first it was believed the gas tanks exploded.

According to a report received here from D. C. Coleman, vice president of the Canadian Pacific western division, an alarm clock with part of a dry battery was found in a torn satchel in the ruins of the car. In the coach at

the time of the explosion were 21 persons, including Peter Veregin, British Columbia Doukhobor leader, who was killed. It was rumored that the explosion was a plot to destroy Veregin.

The body of John Mackie, British Columbia legislator of Grand Forks, was found fifty feet from the wreck.

Bomb experts from the criminal investigation department of the Royal Canadian mounted police, provincial police and the Canadian Pacific railway were cooperating tonight to clear up the mystery.

Doukhobors at their community near Grand Forks told of threats having been made recently against the life of Veregin, and said that he was nervous about traveling. They pointed out that his house was burned a few months ago.

COOLIDGE ASKS FARM ADVICE

Seeking Help in Appointing Secretary; Arrangements Made for Speech

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Farm leaders were called upon today by President Coolidge to submit recommendations as to their preference for the appointment of a secretary of agriculture.

By telegraph Mr. Coolidge asked officers of the Farmers' union, the Federated Farm Bureau, the National Grange and the American Livestock association to consult heads of their state organizations in this regard. He is also planning to consult other organizations, it was said at the White House, and will especially welcome any suggestions from any of the farm organizations of the country concerning the filling of the cabinet vacancy.

Tentative arrangements were made today by Mr. Coolidge to speak over the radio Monday night—election eve—in an appeal to citizens to go to the polls and vote.

The president has frequently emphasized the importance he attaches to voting and has called this to the attention of party leaders also. Arrangements are under way by the republican national committee to set up a radio system on that night that will permit Mr. Coolidge to reach every section of the country in his talk.

While no new names were received at the White House today in connection with the vacancy in the cabinet, it was said that additional endorsements of Charles March of Littlefield, Minn., had been received. His name was proposed first by republican leaders of Minnesota, including Governor Preuss.

An early appointment is expected to be made by the president, in view of his plan to call an agricultural conference and appoint a commission to investigate farming conditions immediately after election.

WETS REFUSE TO BACK LA FOLLETTE

Third Party Candidate Accused of Seeking Support From Both Sides

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Because he had "failed to take an unequivocal stand for the repeal or modification of the Volstead law," the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has "refused its official endorsement of the presidential candidacy of Senator La Follette, W. H. Stayton, executive head of the association, said in a statement tonight.

Mr. Stayton asserted that the "fast and loose tactics adopted by the Wisconsin senator were designed to capture the votes of both wets and dries."

COOLIDGE VOTES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—President Coolidge voted today. The ballot was later mailed to Northampton, Mass., his home voting place.

TWO DROP DEAD

BOSTON, Oct. 30.—Two men dropped dead while marching in a republican torchlight parade rally here tonight. About 7,000 men and women took part in the parade.

COOLIDGE ASKS STORM KEEPS ON WITH VIGOR

Shipping All Along Coast Hit Hard; Distress Signals Up at Astoria

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 30.—A continuation of the storm that has been battering the west coast for the last four days, hit shipping with renewed vigor today, and as well as causing distress to vessels at sea, swept inland and made its fury felt in Portland and in cities and towns for a considerable distance both north and south.

Hurricane warnings were displayed at Astoria and all shipping was urged to take the greatest precautions. The steam schooner Trinidad of the Hammond Lumber company was believed to be adrift somewhere off the Oregon coast, not having been sighted since the tanker Oleum left here last night after she was reported to have displayed signals that she was in danger. The Trinidad was bound for San Pedro.

Coos Bay suffered damage when a heavy blow sprang up today and whisked trees down and generally put lines out of order, blew in plate glass windows and interfered with electric lighting and power for several hours.

The storm that has brought copious rains to Portland and the valley towns, carried snow with it in the higher altitudes in southern and central Oregon. Bend reported a four-inch fall of snow between 7 and 10 a. m.

Stage travel over the McKenzie pass was suspended because of the storm.

More than a foot of snow was reported on the divide of Fort Klamath.

Telegraph lines south of Eugene were reported down.

Brownsville reported flood conditions in the Calapooia river valley as the result of the more severe October storms in years.

Coolidge, McNary Lead in Silverton Politics

SILVERTON, Ore., Oct. 30.—(Special to The Statesman.)—With election drawing near, political issues are holding the undivided interest of Silvertonians this week. Political rallies are no uncommon sight and a straw vote for president is showing Coolidge very much in the lead. Davis and La Follette are running a close race for second with Davis besting La Follette ever so little.

McNary's lead over Miller is also quite assured, and Hawley will undoubtedly hold an easy victory for congress. Kay is a long way ahead for state treasurer and for supreme court judge, Belt and Kelly seemingly have an equal chance.

Basketball Call Sounded For Willamette Players

Basketball players at Willamette university have been ordered to report for practice and will make their appearance next week. Several players from last year's freshman team are in college this year and are expected to make a strong bid for berths. Among the promising candidates are Steinhilber and Erickson, who are not members of the football squad and will give their entire time to this sport.

One likely candidate in whom Coach Guy L. Rathbun has confidence is a freshman named Hathaway, a nephew of Dr. B. F. Pound, of Salem. Hathaway has the height and considerable prep school experience as a center.

GOP CARAVAN NEARING END OF LONG TRIP

Large Crowd Hears Speaker of Coolidge-Dawes Party at Salem Armory Thursday Afternoon

DELEGATION GREET VISITORS AT ALBANY

Rain Fails to Dampen Ardor of Local Republicans Who Make Journey

BY VERA BRADY SHIPMAN

It was back in the little town of Plymouth, Vermont, the birthplace of Calvin Coolidge, the present home of his father John Coolidge, and the burial place of his eldest son.

It was on September 9, the day of starting the great cross-continental caravan trip from coast to coast along the Lincoln highway, from the Coolidge home at Plymouth. An ox team was driven up to be photographed, representing travel of yesterday's with today's motoring. When the name of Calvin Coolidge was mentioned a lusty cheer rose from the throats of the hundreds who stood waiting for the caravan to start.

The startled ox team sprang ahead about 10 feet, upsetting the contents of the cart, the men who had climbed in to be photographed. Every man fell except John Coolidge, aged 79 years, father of the president of the United States. He stood upright and in the words of A. W. Jeffrey, former congressman from Nebraska and official speaker for the caravan in its transcontinental journey:

"He stood as firmly on his feet as 'Cal stands in his head—' Visits Seventeen States

Three motor cars, one of these a truck carrying the painted picture of the simple farmhouse back in Vermont, have crossed the continent. Ten men have come all the way through. These men have followed the trail, have passed across desert, through a foot of snow on the continental divide, and Oregon rains; their spirits have been undampened. They have come with one purpose, to prove to the public the simplicity, truthfulness, purpose and plausibility of the candidacy of Coolidge and Dawes.

Meetings in more than 300 towns and cities, traversing 17 states, escorted by local highway police and followed by loads of admirers, through Central Park, New York City—the first truck to ever cross the park—at 45 miles an hour—across mountains from the Green Mountains of Vermont through the Catskills and Alleghenies, across the prairies, through such centers of industrial labor as Pittsburgh; Gary, Indiana, and on to the Rockies the Nevada desert to California north across the coast ranges to the border of Oregon, where the Republican women of Ashland presented the caravan with the Oregon state flag, from those women of Oregon who believe in the candidacy of Coolidge.

Caravan Is Met

We met the caravan at Albany, as the Albany committee had met

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain; slight change in temperature; moderate to fresh southeasterly gales along the coast.

LOCAL WEATHER (Thursday)

Maximum temperature, 51. Minimum temperature, 42. River, 5.2; rising. Rainfall, 1.2. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southeast.