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COOLIDGE SAYS HIS ELECTION NOW ASSURED

HOLDS THAT EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO REPUBLICAN VICTORY

DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT

Asserts Himself on Several of the More Important Questions—LaFollette in New York

Washington, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—President Coolidge told friends every indication seemed to point to the election of a Republican national ticket and he is making all his plans accordingly. Coolidge is planning to vote by mail, rather than make the trip to North Hampton.

New York, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—Declaring there "can be no compromise with reaction" and asserting his position on several "of the more important issues before the people," James Davis today issued the first of a series of statements for publication before election.

Baltimore, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—LaFollette today carried the fight into New York. The senator last night assailed President Coolidge as the "silent servant of a system," and charged that the president's failure to reduce the sugar duties is costing the American consumers \$1,000,000 a week.

LAND OWNER IGNORANT OF HARDING'S DEATH

Martin's Ferry, Ohio, Oct. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A corps of surveyors, recently working near Dallas, W. Va., participated in a political discussion. One surveyor mentioned President Coolidge. The owner of the land which the men were surveying wanted to know why the surveyor said "President Coolidge" instead of "President Harding." He didn't know Warren G. Harding was dead. His excuse was that he didn't "take a newspaper." He admitted, however, that he could read. Incidentally, he has earned sufficient money to buy additional land, which the men were surveying.

THREE WILL SEEK REELECTION AT BRITISH ELECTIONS WHICH ARE BEING HELD TOMORROW

London, Oct. 28.—(I. N. S.)—When British polls—for the third time in two years—on October 29, three great protagonists will keenly compete for votes.

There will be three premiers—Ramsay MacDonald, Stanley Baldwin and Herbert Henry Asquith, all madly anxious to win back the cares of office and re-enjoy the dingy spaces of No. 10 Downing street.

MacDonald and Asquith are extremely poor men. Baldwin is immensely rich. But all three would give their all to regain a wretchedly underpaid job, to re-enter a life of nerve-racking toil and fearful anxiety, just to handle once again the reins of power.

Baldwin will enter the race with the best advantages. He stands for a party that has the biggest solid vote in Britain, with an organization whose name is allied with the words "safety and composure" and a campaign fund at least ten times that of his two opponents combined. He knows that his party, almost certainly, must return with the greatest number of votes, and, even though he cannot himself regain power, at least he will be the dictator of the other two parties. He can make and unmake.

MacDonald fights the election with comparatively small, but growing, and enthusiastic forces. His cam-

RECOGNITION FINALLY GRANTED TO RUSSIANS

Paris, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—The French government today officially according de jure recognition to the Soviet Russian government. Recognition was granted in a telegram made public this afternoon.

GREATEST WORK ON ENGLISH SOON TO COME FROM PRESS

London, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—The New English Dictionary, which has been in the course of compilation since 1857, probably will be published about the first of the new year, and it is claimed that it will be the largest and most authoritative exposition of the English language ever produced.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM PEEVED

Medford Version of Saturday Game Rolls Football Squad

The Grants Pass high school football team is slightly peeved, to say the least, at the Medford version of last Saturday's football game with the Bear Creekers, and this coming Saturday will step on Klamath Falls to attempt a greater score than that run up by Medford two weeks ago. The one meeting with Medford is all that will be held this season and the local boys will not be given an opportunity to again take them on. For that reason they will have to run up some good scores on team played by Medford and see if they cannot make better records than the Jackson county bunch.

Saturday's game was rather an unfortunate one as far as the rough playing is concerned. Grants Pass lost two players by this route, but Medford also lost two with an added penalty of 40 yards for rough playing. Despite the score, spectators, including those from Ashland who joined the Grants Pass rotters, state that Grants Pass should have won the game or at least made it a tie score. Ashland confidently expects to beat the Bear Creekers on Armistice day.

The coming game with Klamath Falls should furnish plenty of excitement. The score on the first game was 13 to 7 for Grants Pass.

CATTLE EPIZOOTIC IS SPREADING IN TEXAS

Houston, Tex., Oct. 28.—An outbreak of foot and mouth disease was discovered in a herd of cattle belonging to J. M. Catquard on his ranch about three miles north of Alvin in Tacquard county.

CARAVAN MET AT GOLD HILL

Republicans to Escort Lincoln Tour Party Into City

Josephine county Republicans were leaving this afternoon for Gold Hill, where they are to meet the Coolidge-Dawes Lincoln highway tour caravan. The caravan will be escorted into Grants Pass late this afternoon and this evening will hold a big rally.

The entertainment this evening starts at 7 o'clock. The Grants Pass band has been secured, local Republicans raising enough money by subscription to pay for it. Sixth street, between H and F streets, is to be roped off and the political meeting will be held there. The band is to play at Sixth and G streets. Several speakers of national prominence will be on hand to explain numerous campaign issues.

CANNOT PRINT TAX RETURNS HOLDS STONE

GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED AT MEETING OF CABINET TODAY

MATTER IS STILL BECLOUDED

Attorney General of Opinion, However, That Publishing Is Violation of the Law

Washington, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—The federal government's attitude toward the publication of the income tax returns was further beclouded today after the question was discussed at the cabinet meeting. Leaving the meeting, Attorney General Stone said he had found his colleagues in a general agreement and would make a statement late today. Asked whether he and Mellon agreed as to the legality of their publication, Mellon previously took the position that the publication is illegal.

Some time after the meeting, however, while the house officials said Coolidge was unaware of any decision as to the ruling, the president was said to be of the opinion that the government officers must enforce the law but that everyone must be presumed innocent until guilt is proven.

BATTLESHIP TO BE BOMBED

U. S. S. Washington Will Be Scraped—Has Cost \$65,000,000

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—(U. P.)—The U. S. S. Washington, giant battleship now partially completed at the Philadelphia navy yard, is to be sunk—a victim of disarmament.

The man-o-war, which already has cost the government about \$25,000,000, will be taken to the southern drill grounds in December and sent to Davy Jones' locker.

In her sinking, various tests will be made which will give the navy department valuable information of how the latest design of battleship will withstand bomb, depth charges and long range projectiles, which have increased in efficiency since the war.

The tests, it is hoped, will disclose what changes must be made in the modern battleship to obtain the maximum amount of protection.

The Washington is the latest design in fighting craft. It is 68 per cent complete and is an oil burner. Preparations for disposal of the Washington are being made at an expenditure of more than \$100,000. The ship will be sunk at such a depth that salvage even of junk will be impossible.

WILLIE RETURNS

Youngest Page at Waldorf-Astoria, Has Just Returned from Germany where he Delivered a Message of Good Will to the Stinnes Brothers, that Country's Most Prominent Hotel Proprietors.

ALIENS ARE SMUGGLED INTO U. S. FROM MEXICO

Mexico City, Oct. 28.—This republic is becoming a populous stepping stone for thousands of immigrants who are barred from the United States by the new laws and quotas.

Thousands of them go into the United States legally, but just as many more pay a large sum to a well-organized agency, now under investigation by department of justice agents, and go in by the underground railway. Those who go in legally do so under the provision of the Mexican laws which permit them to declare citizenship after one year's residence and the United States immigration law, which does not restrict Mexican immigration.

The other class comes from the Orient. They may be seen in the mornings in conference with mysterious agents, who usually appear to be Americans. Next they are loaded into second-class railway coaches and leave for border states, presumably for the purpose of working on farms, or some of the big irrigation projects.

From there, department of justice agents now here declare, it is an easy step across the line to where they are lost on some Japanese farm, or in Chinatown in some of the larger cities.

LUTHERAN COMMITTEE IS FAVORABLE TO ADVERTISING

Chicago, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—Churches should avail themselves of the opportunity to reach the public through newspaper advertising, in the opinion of the Lutheran church of America. The view is expressed in the committee's report to the biennial convention of that church in session here. The committee says: "The churches have found publicity and advertising proper aids in prosecuting their work nationally and locally and the public press has come to attach a growing value to church activities as news for their readers. The paid advertisement has become invaluable to a considerable number of local churches."

ALBERT LOEB PASSES AWAY

Father of Confessed Murderer Dies at Chicago Home

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Albert Loeb, vice-president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and the father of Richard Loeb, who with Nathan Leopold, Jr., kidnaped and killed Robert Franks, died shortly after 9 o'clock last night at the family home here.

Mr. Loeb had been ill for many months. His doctors had feared that the shock of his son's confession in the Franks case and the subsequent court proceedings which resulted in life sentences for the two youths would prove more than Mr. Loeb's weakened constitution could stand, and he was taken to the family's summer home at Charlevoix, Mich. He had returned from Charlevoix two weeks ago.



Willie Peterson, youngest page at the Waldorf-Astoria, has just returned from Germany where he delivered a message of good will to the Stinnes Brothers, that country's most prominent hotel proprietors.

EDWARD BELL, U. S. DIPLOMAT, DIES IN PEKIN

AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRS PASSES, FOLLOWING SUDDEN STROKE

MAYER IS NOW IN CHARGE

Bell Was Born in the United States in 1882 and Was One of the Experts at Arms Conference

Pekin, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—Edward Bell, American charge d'affaires here, died this afternoon as the result of a stroke suffered last night. Ferdinand L. Mayer, first secretary of the American legation, will succeed Bell as charge d'affaires in the absence of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, who is in the United States.

Bell was born in New York in 1882. He was one of the experts attached to the American delegation at the Washington arms conference.

SECRETARY WILBUR WANTS IMPROVEMENTS IN NAVY

Washington, Oct. 28.—Naval strength in the last analysis must be measured by the "blow a ship's guns can deliver at long ranges," Secretary Wilbur declared last night in a radio naval day address. Efforts to acquire a "homogeneous fleet" for the United States will be unavailing, he asserted, unless the gun elevating machinery on the American battleships be improved to permit all main batteries to reach an average maximum of elevation.

Denying that the navy authorities have overlooked the importance of aviation in modern naval strategy, Secretary Wilbur called attention that the horse-power of airplane engines in commission today in the navy is almost equal to the total horsepower of the navy that defeated Spain, while on the other hand our building airplane engines which will be more than double this power.

GENE TUNNEY AGAIN WINS IN FIRST ROUND

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion, knocked out Harry Foley of Hot Springs, Ark., in the first round of a scheduled eight round bout here last night.

GOLD MADE FROM MERCURY

Jap Scientist Discovers Method by Which Element Changed

Tokyo, Nov. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Japan has produced a Midas, perhaps, in the person of Professor Hantaro Nagaoka, who claims to have discovered a process by which pure gold can be manufactured.

Professor Nagaoka disclosed the success of his experiments to a group of research workers at the physical and chemical laboratory here, and showed a piece of gold he had extracted from another element.

Reaching the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, however, will not appreciably affect the world's money market in this case, it is authoritatively declared. The reason for this lies in the fact that the element from which Professor Nagaoka extracts gold is mercury. And the quantity of mercury is so limited, scientists declare, that the amount of gold obtained in this way will have no appreciable effect. The process is known to only a handful of scientists, and is being guarded with the utmost secrecy.

This new theory is not like the one by which a German extracted small grains of gold from mercury by means of a mercury lamp. Dr. Nagaoka said the gold extracted by his contemporary was in such small grains that there was no way of testing the method. Apparently the chief advantage in the new method gold can be separated from a given quantity of mercury. Just what the ratio is has not been stated.

GASOLINE PRICE IS CUT TWO CENTS IN OREGON

Portland, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—Gasoline was cut two cents in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Arizona, today, and three cents in all points having water transportation.

CONNECTICUT LOSING ITS FISHING STREAMS

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Connecticut's next Legislature will be asked to set aside \$50,000 to prevent the absolute closing of every stream in the State to public fishermen. The money would be used to secure leases on unposted streams, which are growing fewer each year.

CAVEMEN ARE ENTERTAINED

Debate So Poor That Judges Refuse to Give Decision

The decision of the three judges who patiently sat through the alleged debate last night between the Cavemen and Lithians at Ashland on "Resolved, that Lithia water is more conducive to the development of a football team than grape juice," was that neither side deserved a decision and none was given. The debaters, touched upon every subject except the one specified, and as a result, the talks were highly entertaining but contained little of information. The Grants Pass side of the argument or talk fest was upheld by M. L. Opdycke, A. K. Cass and L. M. Mitchell.

While nothing was done toward the scheduling of a football game between the two organizations, the meeting resulted in the fostering of an excellent feeling between the members of the booster clubs, this being the first meeting the Lithians and Cavemen had held together. A banquet was spread at the Nelda cafe and the Lithians and about 35 Cavemen sang and talked for several hours, during the progress of the meal. Considerable amusement was occasioned by the Cavemen being better "efferverscers" than the Lithians. In the bubble blowing contest which was to decide the rather weighty question, Pete Allen was adjudged the best blower and was presented with a silver pencil.

The Cavemen extended an invitation to the Lithians to meet here at some future date and the upper valley club accepted. The date of the meeting has not yet been set.

OREGON EXPENSES DURING PAST FISCAL YEAR AMOUNT TO \$20,523,191 OR \$25 PER CAPITA

Washington, Oct. 28.—The department of commerce announces that the total payments for expenses, interest and outlays for the state government of Oregon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1923, amounted to \$20,523,191, or \$25.02 per capita. Of this total \$9,876,375 represents the expenses of operating the general department of the state government, \$5,582, expenses operating public service enterprises; \$2,543,084, interest on debt; and \$8,095,150, outlays for permanent improvements, including those for public service enterprises. In 1922 the total payments for the state were \$28,563,652, and in 1917, \$4,379,689, a per capita of \$35.31 and \$5.82 respectively. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

The total revenue receipts of Oregon for 1923 were \$17,485,037, or \$21.31 per capita. This was \$5,056,996 more than the total payments of the year exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$3,038,154 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations.

In Oregon property and special taxes represented 45.3 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 41.0 per cent for 1922, and 64.7 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 179.4 per cent from 1917 to 1922, but there was a decrease of 0.6 per cent from 1922 to 1923. The per capita property and special taxes were \$9.65 in 1923, \$9.85 in 1922, and \$3.79 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 6.9 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 6.4 per cent for 1922, and 10.6 per cent for 1917.

Business and non-business licenses constituted 29.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 25.4 per cent for 1922, and 11.0 per cent for 1917. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, and of sales tax on gasoline, while those from non-business licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Oregon for 1923 amounted to \$40,876,118, or \$49.82 per capita. The per capita net debt for 1922 was \$46.40 and for 1917, \$0.66.

For 1923 the assessed valuation of property in Oregon subject to ad valorem taxation was \$1,009,499,160; the amount of taxes levied was \$8,835,295; and the per capita levy, \$10.77.

COAST IS HIT BY HEAVY RAIN DURING NIGHT

NORTH PACIFIC STATES ARE GIVEN SOAKING BY DOWNPOUR

LOCAL RAINFALL IS HEAVY

Inch and a Half of Moisture Falls Within Last 24 Hours—Month's Average Is Now Passed

Portland, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—The North Pacific coast was hit by a wind and rain storm last night, southern Oregon and northern California getting the brunt of the blow, according to the local weather bureau. The storm extended from San Francisco to Canada and east to Idaho.

Two thousand telephones on the east side were put-out of commission by the conduits being flooded by the heavy rain.

Grants Pass received its full share of the downpour which was reported from all parts of the state. During the past 24 hours, 1.48 inches of rain had fallen, with more expected. Previous to that time, 1.89 inches had fallen in October, making the month's total 3.37 inches. The average for October is 1.91 inches, which brings the rainfall well over the normal, the first time this has happened during the year.

The rain was the heaviest since last winter and ends a period of exceptional dryness. A large amount of moisture will be needed to bring the river flow to normal again this winter and to guarantee plenty of snow in the hills for irrigation and mining purposes.

G. D. P. FINANCES ARE HEALTHY

Report Shows Nearly \$3,000,000 Has Been Raised

Washington, Oct. 28.—(A. P.)—The Republican national committee had collected \$2,829,980 in contributions up to October 20, or within \$171,000 of the \$3,000,000 total fixed by Chairman Butler. It was shown today in the figures presented to the Senate committee.