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HINDENBURG CHOSEN GERMAN PRESIDENT

**Dr. Marx Gets Second Place in
First Popular Vote of
Republic.**

Berlin.—The people of Germany have rallied to the banner of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and elected him president of the republic. He is the first president of Germany to be elected by popular ballot. He was nominated by the nationalist-conservative bloc to replace Dr. Karl Jarres, who failed of election in the first balloting on March 29.

His opponent was Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the republican bloc, adherents of the Weimar coalition, composed of centrists, socialists and democrats. The third candidate was Ernst Thaelmann, communist.

Hindenburg's plurality stood at something over 900,000 in the official tally.

The official figures were:
Hindenburg, 14,639,399.
Marx, 13,752,244.
Thaelmann, 1,921,593.
Other candidates, 21,910.

The big vote polled by the communist candidate, Ernst Thaelmann, once a resident of the United States, was a big surprise. It was the contention or defense of the supporters of Dr. Carl Marx, the defeated republican candidate, that the communist vote was what brought about the victory of Hindenburg. The Marx forces had believed the communist vote would go to Marx, and if it had, the 900,000 plurality of Hindenburg would have been cut down to a point where Marx would have been the victor.

Hindenburg is expected to take office about May 15. It will be that time before all of the official documents and attendant details of the election are completed, it was said. The present cabinet will within a few days offer its resignation to Hindenburg and he will ask it to remain in office for the time being, it was said.

Von Hindenburg comes to the chair once occupied by Friedrich Ebert, who was chosen president by the national assembly at Weimar in February, 1919, and who died in Berlin in February, 1925.

GERMAN ELECTION DISTURBS EUROPE

London.—The election of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the German presidency is regrettable but not a catastrophe, according to the opinion expressed in various European countries, except France, where the German people, by electing the field marshal, are held to have thrown off the mask and issued a challenge to France and the allies. The Paris press appears to believe that not much separates Von Hindenburg and monarchy militarism.

Outside of France, however, so far as views are available, the election of Von Hindenburg, although it clearly disturbs officials and popular opinion, is neither a great surprise nor considered a great disaster.

The apprehensions that exist are not on account of Von Hindenburg's personality or for any fear that he will prove faithless to the republic, whose constitution he has frankly accepted, but that he might prove too weak politically to resist the intrigues of those around him, whose one idea would be restoration of the monarchy and militarism.

FARM WOMEN ORGANIZE

Campaign to Start in June to Enroll 50,000 Members.

Washington, D. C.—Organization of the Federated Farm Women of America was completed here after the delegates had been received by President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine.

The purpose as set forth in the tentative draft of the constitution is to "re-establish the peace, happiness and prosperity of the farm homes, to enlist as members groups, associations or individuals in a national organization which shall be strictly non-political and essentially educational and economic in character."

The organizing committee plans to start an active campaign in June to get 50,000 farm women in the federation from every state in the union.

Court Suspends Packers' Decree.

Washington, D. C.—Indefinite suspension of the operation of the consent decree by which the big five meat packers agreed with the government to divorce themselves from unrelated lines of business was ordered by the District of Columbia supreme court.

California Votes 3-Cent Gas Tax.

Sacramento, Cal.—The bill increasing the gasoline tax to 3 cents per gallon passed the assembly by a vote of 42 ayes to 34 noes. The measure now goes to the governor for signature.

JOHN C. MCKENZIE



John C. McKenzie of Illinois, who has been named chairman of the commission to consider the problem of operating the Muscle Shoals enterprise.

MOTHERS' DAY TO BE WIDELY OBSERVED

Washington, D. C.—A nation-wide demonstration by the army to express its affection and appreciation for the mothers of the soldiers of America has been ordered by the war department on Mothers' day, May 10.

Instructions to commanding generals of all corps areas and independent army commands, ordering them to arrange suitable ceremonies at posts, camps and other stations, were forwarded by Major General Robert Davis, adjutant general of the army.

Wherever practicable, the orders said, a ceremony by the personnel of the army in honor of attending and absent mothers shall be held and the graves in post cemeteries where soldiers' mothers are at rest shall be decorated. Commanding generals were instructed to issue invitations to mothers of soldiers to attend the ceremonies and it was suggested that special invitations be presented to all Gold Star mothers who could be reached.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

E. J. Henning, assistant secretary of labor, was appointed to the federal bench for southern California.

Erection of a \$2,000,000 auditorium in Washington, D. C., was voted by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The April 18 issue of the Lampton, a publication conducted by Harvard college students, was held by the post-office department to be unmailable.

Southeastern Massachusetts, including Cape Cod, the Islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, was shaken early Saturday by a slight earthquake.

George A. Sanderson of Chicago, secretary of the United States senate since May 19, 1919, died in Washington, D. C. A heart attack was given as the cause.

Chicago's worst elevator fire in 20 years gutted two huge structures and destroyed approximately 2,000,000 bushels of corn and oats, doing damage estimated at \$2,250,000.

Britain Put on Gold Basis.

London.—Great Britain returned to a gold standard Tuesday, Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons where he introduced the budget for the coming fiscal year. Addressing a house in which every seat was filled, the galleries being crowded with distinguished visitors, and peers while the entire country waited for details of the budget, Churchill added that the government had decided to permit the bank of England to export bullion, starting today. The chancellor of the exchequer announced that the dominions also were returning to the gold standard.

Oregon Highway Body Sued on Paving

Portland, Or.—Suit has been filed against the state highway commission to determine two points, first whether the commission has the right to rebuild a paved highway when other state highways are still unpaved, and the second, whether the commission can decide, after bids are received whether it wants concrete or "black-top" pavement. This is the first time that these matters have ever been raised since the creation of the commission.

Balfour Succeeds Curzon in Cabinet.

London.—The Earl of Balfour joined the British cabinet, being reappointed president of the council in succession to Marquis Curzon, who died recently.

SENATOR WHEELER IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

**Defendant's Friends Stage a
Demonstration Despite
Order of Judge.**

Great Falls, Mont.—Burton K. Wheeler, Montana senator, was acquitted of a charge of unlawfully using his influence as a senator before the department of the interior by a jury which reported in federal court here.

The accused senator received two pieces of good news simultaneously—the acquittal and that of birth to Mrs. Wheeler of a daughter in Washington.

But one ballot was taken. In spite of Judge Dietrich's order against demonstrations there was a rush toward the bench when the verdict was read. Friends of Senator Wheeler crowded about him and offered double congratulations, on the birth of a daughter and his acquittal.

The Montana senator was charged with appearing before the department to prosecute oil prospecting claims of Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, after his election to the senate. The government charged his appearance was a violation of section 113 of the United States penal code.

CHARGES AGAINST HART INVESTIGATED

Olympia, Wash.—Attorney-General John H. Dunbar refused to comment on the result of his investigation relative to charges against former Governor Louis F. Hart in connection with the Scandinavian-American bank fees, other than to say he had turned the entire matter over to prosecuting Attorney Roscoe R. Fullerton of Thurston county and stated as his reason for so doing that "the attorney-general is not allowed by law to file criminal prosecutions." Shortly thereafter Prosecutor Fullerton, in response to many pressing inquiries, gave out the following statement: "I have this morning received a communication from John H. Dunbar, attorney-general, relative to a charge against ex-Governor Hart. This charge is now being investigated by me, and until that investigation is completed I will have no statement whatever to make in connection with the same."

The exact nature of the charges against ex-Governor Hart to this time continues a matter of speculation.

CURB ON JAPANESE UP

Canada to Consider Further Immigration Restriction.

Ottawa.—While Canada will not offend Japan, there are evidences that the Japanese immigration question as affecting the Pacific coast is again to come up for discussion.

Persistent demands from members of parliament representing British Columbia constituencies for further restriction of Japanese immigration into this country will, it is now understood, form the basis of an investigation by a sub-committee of the cabinet.

The chief matter for investigation is the charge, freely made by the British Columbians, that the Japanese are not strictly adhering to the restrictive agreement between the Canadian and Japanese governments.

Western Union to Fight Oregon Tax.

Salem, Or.—The public service commission received a letter from the Western Union Telegraph company, signed by Francis R. Stark of New York, general attorney, indicating that the company will refuse to pay the state of Oregon gross earnings tax under house bill 485 of the 1925 legislature. The contention is that the act is unconstitutional for the reason that it declares an emergency on a tax measure.

Haney Asked to Remain on Board.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge indicated Monday his desire to reappoint Bert E. Haney of Oregon to succeed himself as a commissioner of the shipping board. The president expressed himself at the close of a conference with Commissioner Haney at the White House which lasted one full hour.

Child Bester Faces Life Imprisonment.

Tillamook, Or.—Murder in the second degree is charged to Mrs. M. C. Paton, 59, homesteader of the Meda district, 35 miles from Tillamook, for beating her 4-year-old granddaughter, Sylvia Louise Descamps, so severely that the child died a few hours after the punishment. An indictment was returned against Mrs. Paton. The penalty is life imprisonment.

Naval Base at Victoria Burns.

Victoria, B. C.—The shore shed and part of the jetty at the Esquimalt naval base, which housed the Canadian navy's Pacific fleet ammunition, torpedoes and other supplies, was gutted by a \$100,000 fire.

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Names of Contestants who will be awarded Prizes in Walt's Profit Sharing Campaign will appear in this space May 15th.

The Contest closed April 30th at 12 p. m. Points will be awarded on all bills paid on or before May 10th.

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