

JOHNSON PROBABLE WINNER IN OREGON

JOHNSON IS LEADING BY SMALL VOTE

Complete Returns From Coos County Increase Hiram's Lead to 1189 in State—Big Counties Have Completed Count. But Many Small Country Districts Still to Be Heard From—Final Result May Have to Wait on the Official Count.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson had a lead of 1307 votes over Major General Leonard Wood, according to a compilation of returns made by the Portland Telegram at one o'clock today, on last Friday's presidential preference primary. The returns were from 35 of 36 counties in the state, Curry county not having sent any returns to this city.

The count which includes Multnomah (Portland) county complete, several other complete and incomplete, gives: Johnson 42,101; Wood, 40,749; Lowden, 14,896; Hoover, 14,196.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—Complete returns from Coos county in last Friday's presidential preference primary, give Senator Hiram W. Johnson a majority of 1244 votes over Major General Leonard Wood, increasing Senator Johnson's plurality in the state to 1189, according to communications made by the Portland Telegram at 11 o'clock this morning.

The total tabulated vote for the two leaders in the presidential preference contest gave:  
Johnson 41,727  
Wood 40,558

The count is far from complete in several counties, although most of the counties with large populations have completed the unofficial canvass. The same returns which give Johnson the lead of 1189 over General Wood, Coos county excepted, give Lowden 14,660; Hoover, 14,205.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—The presidential preference of Oregon Republicans was still obscured in uncertainty at the opening of this, the third day since the primary election at which the preference was recorded. While Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California has steadily led almost since the count of the ballots began, and while his lead early last evening was better than 1000 votes, by midnight this had been cut to a bare 510, according to a tabulation made by the Oregonian. The figures given were: Johnson, 40,619; Wood 40,109; Lowden, 14,486; Hoover, 10,036.

The Oregonian figures were based on complete unofficial returns from 412 out of 413 Portland precincts, complete returns from 14 Oregon counties and partial returns from all other counties, although from some the returns were based on the count of only a few ballots. With the opening of the working week today, election boards generally resumed the count, and there was prospect that today would see the result determined in the republican presidential preference contest, Johnson supporters and those of Wood each professed confidence in the prospect of a favorable outcome.

BREAD AND PASTRY PRICES GOING HIGH, SUGAR COST CAUSE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—Bread went up one cent a loaf on the part of the wholesalers in Portland today and the increase was reflected by the retailers. Two retail bakeries increased their price two cents on the pound and one half loaf, the price now being 17 cents instead of 15.

With the price of sugar an unstable quantity, there is a possibility of a further increase in the cost of other bakery goods such as cakes, pies and doughnuts the wholesalers asserted. These were increased in price two weeks ago.

RESCUES INDIANS DRIVEN TO SEA IN TINY CRAFTS

SEATTLE, May 24.—The forty-eight Indian seal hunters whose canoes were reported to have been blown far out to sea on Thursday last, off the Northwest Washington coast, and concerning whose fate four had been entertained, were reported today to have all returned safely to Neah Bay.

The report came from the Indian agent at Neah Bay, who notified the commander of the life-saving tug Snohomish, which had been dispatched in search of the hunters, that no assistance was needed. The commander conveyed this information to the Seattle office of the United States coast guard service by wireless.

The only canoes caught by the squalls, according to the Neah Bay agent, were the two picked up by the steamer Multnomah, which took the six occupants of the small craft to San Francisco.

RUSHING VOTE ON G. O. P. DELEGATES

SALEM, Ore., May 24.—Because of the short time remaining before the republican national convention meets at Chicago June 8, Sam A. Kozar, deputy secretary of state, has taken action to procure credentials sufficiently early for the Oregon delegates. He has telegraphed the county clerks throughout the state to make a special and separate tabulation on the vote on delegates to be submitted to the state department for an early canvass, so the winning candidates for the Oregon delegation may be officially determined and their credentials provided.

REDS BATTLE TO REACH PRUSSIA

WARSAW, May 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The bolsheviks are attacking in waves on the northern fighting front in a thrust to break the Polish lines and open communication with East Prussia. The fiercest fighting in months is raging along the 90-mile battlefield.

CAMPAIGN COST TO CANDIDATES JUST ORDINARY

New Jersey Primary Expenses, Johnson \$13,207; Wood, \$15,000—Hiram Spent More Than He Had—Poindexter's Bill \$60,029—Much Money From "Local Sources."

WASHINGTON, May 24.—No evidence of extraordinary expenditures was adduced at the opening today of the senate's investigation into presidential pre-convention campaign expenses and contributions.

The largest expenditure in a single state was \$15,000 which Frank Hitchcock, one of Major General Leonard Wood's managers said had been spent in New Jersey by the Wood organization. Angus McSween, eastern manager for Senator Johnson of California, said his candidate sent \$13,207 into that state.

Mr. Hitchcock told the committee he could throw little light on General Wood's campaign finances and he was not asked as to contributions. Mr. McSween, however, testified that the total of contributions to Johnson's national organization was \$68,138, while expenditures had totaled \$72,230. Both Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. McSween said state organizations had gathered their own funds in many instances.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Howard M. Rice, secretary to Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington, testified before the senate campaign expenditures investigating committee that about \$75,000 had been contributed to Senator Poindexter's campaign.

Mr. Rice, asked about expenditures, said "we have spent \$60,029 chiefly upon publicity, and about \$20,000 in salaries, traveling expenses, rentals, and so forth."

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of Major General Leonard Wood's campaign managers, told a senate investigating committee today that so far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was \$15,000, in New Jersey. He added that the next largest was \$12,500 in Maryland.

Mr. Hitchcock said that in New York, "as in a number of other states," the Wood supporters "financed their own campaign in their own way," without asking assistance from the Wood organization.

Senator Kenyon gave notice during Mr. Hitchcock's examination that he had summoned Horace C. Stebbins and Elbert A. Sprague, treasurers, respectively, of the Wood headquarters in New York and Chicago to appear before the committee.

EMPEROR YOSHIHITO OF JAPAN SERIOUSLY ILL, BRAIN AFFECTED



Emperor Yoshihito of Japan

HONOLULU, May 24.—The mikado of Japan, H. I. M. Yoshihito, suffered a physical and mental collapse about April first, according to the Honolulu Pacific Commercial Advertiser, quoting an unofficial, but considered authentic source. The adviser said he was suffering from locomotor ataxia or a similar disease. He was also affected mentally, the adviser stated.

Plans for establishing a regency have been discarded, the Advertiser's informant said, because it would reveal his real condition.

A Tokio cable to the Nippon Jiji, a Japanese vernacular newspaper in Honolulu April 1, reported the emperor was ill at his winter villa in Hayama, near Yokohama.

AVIATION FIELD EUGENE, OPENS

EUGENE, Ore., May 24.—The honor of having the first municipal aviation landing field in Oregon comes to Eugene as the result of the passage of a city bonding measure last Friday by a majority of 836 votes.

The measure provides for the purchase of the field that is now used by transient planes at a cost of \$22,000. It received by far the greatest majority of any of the five bonding measures on the ticket.

ONLY 900 MILLIONS LOST, RAIL RULE

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The governments gross loss in operation of the railroads during federal control was \$900,478,000 according to the final report of Swager Sherley, railroad administration director of finance.

SMOOT CHARGES GOVT. DEPT. IS ON HIS TRAIL

Utah Senator Charges Federal Trade Commission With Effort to Defeat Him for Senator—George E. Sanders, Formerly of Medford Figures Conspicuously in Disclosures.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Charges that a federal trade commission investigation of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company was being used in an effort to defeat him for re-election were made in the senate today by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah.

"No one can object to any action that can be taken to control or regulate the lawful distribution of sugar," said Senator Smoot, "but when any department of the government undertakes to secure the defeat or election of a United States senator thru the investigation of the affairs of a sugar company it is time that such a contemptible practice be called to the attention of the public."

Senator Smoot read copies of telegrams alleged to have passed between W. H. Beer, attorney for the commission in the Utah-Idaho company's investigation and George E. Sanders of Salt Lake City, in which Mr. Beer asked Sanders for advice regarding his movements and departure from Utah.

The alleged reply of Mr. Sanders advised Mr. Beer not to be "in too big a hurry to finish your case as public sentiment is fast changing and almost entirely for government prosecution."

"Sugar magnates anxious for you to get their case through," the reply continued. "Palmer should keep you on job. If you keep going for two months it will cost Smoot his senate seat. Better kill time with Washington authority."

Months ago, Senator Smoot said, he was advised that the trade commission planned to investigate the Utah-Idaho concern just before the election, and that among other causes assigned was that it would help defeat him for election.

George E. Sanders is well known in Medford and southern Oregon where he was influential at one time in securing the Utah-Idaho Sugar company for Grants Pass. The subsequent failure of this plant and Sanders' part in the original deal, was reported at the time to have led to a serious estrangement between Sanders and the officers of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company. Mr. Sanders arrives here tomorrow and will be a witness before the federal trade commission investigation committee which holds hearings here at the federal building.

WASHINGTON U. WINS CREW CHAMPIONSHIP COAST, HALF LENGTH

SEATTLE, May 24.—University of Washington's varsity crew won the Pacific coast intercollegiate sculling championship from the University of California by a scant half boat length.

California led by two lengths one-half mile from the finish, but Washington came up with a magnificent start and overhauled the Bears a short distance from the finish, pushing their shell six feet in the lead at the line. Official time was 16:35.

SEATTLE, May 24.—The Washington freshmen eight defeated the University of California crew in their two-mile race for the Pacific coast freshmen championship on Lake Washington today by five lengths. Time, 10:53.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE PORTLAND SHIPPING DIST.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—Damage estimated at between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000 was wrought by a disastrous fire which completely destroyed the plant of the North Portland Box company and the wooden shipbuilding plant of the Standifer corporation in the industrial district, below Kenton yesterday. Destruction of the entire district of industrial plants was narrowly averted.

The loss' estimate was made by Fred Roberts, fire captain, who spent the day in investigations at the scene of the sweeping conflagration.

There is only a hazey knowledge as to how much of the fire loss is covered by insurance.

Starting apparently in a mass of dry shavings in the planing mill of the box company plant, the fire was swept by the high wind to the box company's factory and the long stretch of docks along the waterfront.

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V. BURSELL, B. SHELDON, HOLMES WIN

Final Count in Jackson County Declines Closest Primary Race in History—Some Results May Be Overturned by Official Count as Margins Are Small—Sheldon Leads Carter by 11 Votes With Cowgill Only 50 Votes Behind—Miss Holmes Wins by 63 Plurality.

Complete returns in Jackson county on the close local contests compiled from the missing precincts given by County Clerk Florey this noon, gives the following results:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes Sheldon (1,716), Carter (1,714), Cowgill (1,652), Gore (1,727), Hopkins (1,105), Bursell (1,167), Court Hall (957), Kinney (945).

Sheldon's plurality 2. Joint Representative: Gore 1,727; Hopkins 1,105. County Commissioner: Bursell 1,167; Court Hall 957; Kinney 945. Bursell's plurality 216. School Superintendent: Holmes 1,459; Hanby 1,377; Godward 292. Holmes' plurality 82.

Closer contests for primary nominations in Jackson county have never been waged and interest aroused was therefore intense. In the 11 missing precincts the Saturday night results were not changed but the lead, majority and plurality of each leader increased. The closest race was for county superintendent. Hanby led thruout until Saturday night when Bellevue put Miss Holmes ahead by two votes. The country districts all gave Miss Holmes a majority however and increased her plurality to 63.

While there may be a change when the official count is made this is not regarded as likely as the tabulation was carefully made by the Mail Tribune, and rechecked twice. If any error has occurred it was probably made in transmission, as the adding machine is a very intelligent contrivance.

Gore Defeated. Sheldon and Carter are elected as there were two to name, while Gore's defeat is now believed certain as a long distance from Roseburg at 2 p. m. stated Hopkins has a lead over Gore in that county of 655 votes, while there are 15 precincts still to hear from, which will undoubtedly increase this majority. Gore's lead in Jackson county complete is 622.

The final vote on president in Jackson county is as follows: Wood 1,389; Johnson 901; Hoover 554; Lowden 215. Johnson's vote was increased by the final count from the outlying districts, the 11 missing precincts giving him 127 votes, to 75 for Wood, 65 for Hoover and 16 for Lowden.

BRITISHER HELD BY VILLA, RELEASED

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NEW FREIGHT RATES EXCLUSIVE OF WAGES

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The \$1,017,000,000 additional revenue which the railroads are seeking thru increased freight rates does not take into account any increase in wages which the railroad labor board may grant the 2,000,000 railroad employees Howard Elliott of the Association of Railway Executives stated today before the interstate commerce commission.

FAR EAST SITUATION STILL BOTHERSOME

TOKYO, May 20.—(By Associated Press)—The situation in the Far East is still too unsettled to permit the withdrawal of Japanese forces from Siberia, said the imperial address read by the empress at the annual meeting of the Japanese Red Cross today. Owing to the emperor's illness the empress read the address.

PRESIDENT ASKS ARMENIA MANDATE

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Wilson today asked authority from congress for the United States to accept a mandate over Armenia. The president told congress that he thought the wish of the American people was that the United States should become the mandatory for Armenia.

NO TRACE OF MINING ENGINEER IS FOUND

BUTTE, Mont., May 24.—A party under the direction of Edward Kane, foreman of the Bell mine, today completed the search of the Ticon mine without finding a trace of Robert H. Lindsay, mining engineer, who disappeared suddenly on Saturday afternoon. Lindsay, who has an office in Great Falls, but was temporarily employed by a Butte mining company, started to examine the Ticon mine Saturday afternoon in company with Will Word of Helena, a well known mining engineer.

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