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### A WONDERFUL SHOWING

The returns from the election indicate the election of Woodrow Wilson to succeed himself as president. Apparently the result depends on California, West Virginia, Minnesota and New Mexico. If West Virginia remains in the democratic column Wilson can lose either of the other two and still be elected. Or with these two can lose West Virginia and yet win out. It has been demonstrated time and time again that an American election is never over until the votes are all counted, and then sometimes it isn't.

So until tomorrow it will probably not be known to a certainty who is elected. At this writing it looks as though there was very little chance for Hughes. Wilson has a good lead in California while Minnesota and New Mexico are doubtful.

However whatever the results may be the showing made by President Wilson is one of the marvels of American politics. Starting into the contest with more than two million majority in the ranks of his opponents he has practically overcome that tremendous odds, and he has done it without berating his opponents or indulging as some of those opponents have, in a tirade of personal abuse that would make a London fishwoman's tongue lashing seem like a Sunday school lesson in comparison. He has made a clean fight and whether he wins or loses is a gentleman still. Can this be said of the ex-president with the effervescent mouth who turned it into a sewer for foul language? The gentleman whom the London press expected to "get an important post" under Mr. Hughes had the latter been elected.

If the democrats win this time they can congratulate themselves that they did so without the assistance of Tammany and New York. That bunch and state have considered heretofore that no national election could be won without them. They forgot the west had grown up, and was big enough to do things, and the lesson they have received will go far toward reducing the swelling that endangered their hatbands. It was reported some weeks ago that Tammany intended to throw the party down and the story apparently was true.

Among the features of the election is the re-election of several democratic judges in strong republican districts. W. L. Bradshaw, who has been on the bench at The Dalles for many years, had a close fight this year against Fred Wilson, a bright and popular attorney, but won out. In the second judicial district Judges Hamilton, Coke and Skipworth were re-elected, Hamilton and Skipworth being democrats. In Marion county Wm. Gallo-way, democrat, on the bench for many years, was defeated by Geo. G. Bingham, republican.

The returns yesterday indicated the proposed constitutional amendment removing the clause about negroes and mulattoes from it has failed to carry. It is a piece of dead and offensive matter left in the constitution, through the failure of the voter to understand just what he was voting for. It certainly was not kept a part of our constitution deliberately. Returns this morning indicate the amendment may possibly have carried. It is to be hoped so.

A correspondent at Claxtar writes: "The Midnight Extra issued by the Capital Journal and personally delivered by Station Agent Newton at an early hour this morning made a great hit with Claxtarites. This is a Democrat stronghold, but whatever the election returns Claxtar appreciated the extraordinary newspaper service. Quinaby, Waconda and other points down the line were equally anxious over returns."

From the hilarious appearance of the G. O. P. elephant as depicted in the Oregonian Wednesday it is fair to presume he had laid in a supply at Hornbrook for a celebration of a victory. Perhaps today the premature old animal may not feel so gay, and may be realizing the counter feeling that comes in the cold gray dawn of the morning after.

### THE INSUFFERABLE COCKNEY

It is rather unsafe for foreigners to monkey with American politics and especially so when they do the monkeying before they are sure they are right. The big London papers taking the dispatch sent them to the effect that Hughes was elected, as being final, began in their usual sycophantic way to slobber over the man they thought was elected, and in order to curry favor with him abused his competitor whom they thought was down and out.

The Evening Standard slurred the president in a dirty way saying: "The whole world believes the United States rejoices in Wilson's defeat. Now the belligerent nations know what the United States will say or do under Mr. Hughes, and diplomatic notes will become something more than raw material for humorous papers."

The Evening News says: "Great Britain can unreservedly congratulate Americans, and especially Colonel Roosevelt who stood up boldly for the allied cause. It is understood he might get an important post." This should make interesting reading for the Germans of this country who espoused the Hughes cause. It shows them what England thinks of the man most of them supported and his henchman Roosevelt, "who stood up boldly for the allied cause."

It would be according to the eternal fitness of things for this government to reply in kind by giving England a sample of what it could do in bringing the insufferable Londoner to law and making him play square in his dealings with this country. President Wilson has been lenient with England, too lenient, and since the friendship of this country has brought in return nothing but sneers from the contemptible lickspittle English newspapers it should refuse to longer extend that friendship to those who do not appreciate it.

Of course President Wilson cannot and will not allow his personal feelings to alter the course he has mapped out for his dealings with Johnny Bull or with any other country, and will go on maintaining a strict neutrality as to all the warring nations. Whether President Wilson is re-elected or not, he is America's president until his successor is inducted into office, and as such is entitled to the respect of the balance of the world. The English press did not injure President Wilson but it aroused in the minds of millions of Americans a feeling of contempt and a spirit of bitterness toward the whole big-headed nation.

Here in America we claim the right to abuse one another, especially at election times, on the principle that every man can kick his own dog. At the same time we recognize the fact that no one else can kick that same dog, not without breeding trouble.

Anyway Hornbrook seems to be a brand plucked from the political burning, and evidently it will continue in business at the same old stand. Its motto is "I care not who makes the country's laws so long as I can sell it its booze," and its slogan: "Two quarts or twenty-four."



### AFTER THE FUSS

The campaign's done; those statesmen won for whom we have been rooting; the vanquished sail the Salt Creek trail, and raise their doleful hooting. Now let us turn to work and earn some good old honest guilders; work on with zest—that fortune's best of which we are the builders. If we should wait till statesmen state our path to wealth and glory, we'll be obscure and beastly poor when we are bent and hoary. If you depend, misguided friend, on government to aid you, you'll weep some morn at

how forlorn that sort of graft has made you. If you put faith in such a wrath as campaign vows and thunder, you'll be a joke and you'll go broke, while others nail the plunder. The easy skates hear candidates and think it's truth they're speaking, but all they say is just the play of tireless windmills creaking. We have to strive to keep alive, and have our daily dinner, and clothe the kids and buy them lids, whatever statesman's winner.

### Fuel Men In Prison Dodged It Three Years

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—The doors of the state penitentiary at San Quentin closed yesterday on James B. Smith, vice president and general manager of the Western Fuel company, and on Frederick C. Mills, superintendent of the same concern, who were convicted in 1913 of defrauding the government by the false weighing of imported coal and whose final appeal for a stay of execution was denied by Judge M. T. Doelling in the United States district court.

Edward H. Mayer, a weigher employed by the Western Fuel company, who was sentenced to a year's term in the Alameda county jail on the same charge, also went to jail. Smith and Mills were each sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

### Great Northern to Receive the Docks

The great Northern Pacific line has lifted its embargo on most cargo and executives hope to handle all except lumber, shingles and grains on the Northern Pacific Saturday. The Northern Pacific took the last of delayed shipments, 1,900 tons, at Flavel Tuesday.

W. D. Skinner, traffic manager, said yesterday that because of the embargo there were about 700 tons of freight stored on the North Bank dock here, and plans were under way to shift that to Flavel, and the only drawback remaining is to obtain sufficient cars to transport shipments to Flavel.

W. D. Wells, Portland agent for the San Francisco & Portland line, operating the steamers Rose City and Beaver, said yesterday that while the company had not raised its embargo, which first went into effect Saturday on potatoes, onions, apples and such perishables, being tightened later to include bulky commodities, he was hopeful that with the sailing of the Rose City Saturday and that of the Beaver next week, the situation would be so improved the movement might again become normal.

The congestion exists only on south-bound commodities, there being a free and unrestricted movement from California, and, in fact most steamers come north with space to spare. The outside vessels, which load lumber here for the south, handle some shipments this way, and that serves to cut down some of the trade of the regular lines, though there is no general cargo being delivered here by the lumber fleet at present.

The North Pacific line had the steamer Breakwater out last night and, while she carried San Francisco consignments, there was also freight for Marshfield and Eureka. The coming of the steamer Winber next week, under charter to the Globe Grain & Milling company, will help that concern to some extent, but her cargo will not greatly relieve the demand for cereal in the south.

### J. S. Wellington Dead Train Hit His Auto

Tillamook, Ore., Nov. 8.—Freight train No. 255 of the Tillamook division of the Southern Pacific struck a light automobile driven by J. S. Wellington, editor of the Bay City Examiner, this morning shortly after 9 o'clock, killing Wellington and injuring C. A. Dory, of Bay City, who was a passenger in the car.

The accident occurred at Kodaks Crossing, three miles north of this city. Mr. Wellington was returning to Bay City from Tillamook, having spent most of the night here watching election returns. Members of the train crew say that he was driving at a fast rate when his machine arrived at the track.

His view of the approaching train was obstructed by a small hill at the crossing and it is thought that the noise of the auto engine prevented him from hearing the train's whistle. The machine was dragged more than 500 feet. Trainmen say that both Wellington and Dory succeeded in grasping the pilot of the engine, but that Wellington lost his grip. His body was terribly mangled. Dory escaped with minor injuries.

Justice of the Peace E. W. Stanley, of this city, accompanied by H. Cranshaw, sheriff, and E. J. Clausen, acting district attorney, hastened to the scene, and impounded a coroner's jury to investigate.

Mr. Wellington was about 24 years old, and was married.

The consumption of the proposed bargain. If the Western Fuel company owes money to the government the government should collect it in the ordinary way without taking advantage of the plight of the defendants to practice a species of blackmail. If the defendant has good ground for the nullification of the penal judgment they should not be required to purchase it; if they have not, they should not be permitted to do so.

## MY HUSBAND AND I

By Jane Phelps

### A LOVELY EVENING

CHAPTER LXXXI.  
I tried by calling central to get Clifford back on the phone, but it was no use. The angry tears filled my eyes as I remembered the short, curt message. I never had been in a big hotel alone before, and was a bit frightened as well as angry. But I was young and healthy, and when after a while I heard the strains of a two-step I determined to go down to my dinner.

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