

# WASHINGTON NEWS ELECTION

to Come and Just As Well Get It Over at Once"

## COMMENT BY DEMOCRATS

Goodwill Expressed Towards Harding; Cox Held to Have Been Handicapped

Washington, Nov. 6.—Detailed analysis of the result of such an election as last Tuesday's would be a waste of time. Everyone knows the "whys" and "wherefores" of a landslide. The thing stands out plainly as a general expression of a state of the public mind and feelings. It was near a non-partisan expression as is practicable in the United States today, or as will ever be practicable so long as the race question is not unmistakably eliminated from the political question.

There is generally friendly comment in the president-elect and vice president-elect among Democrats in Washington. Senator Harding has always been popular at the capitol building and in the capital city. He distinctly impresses one as being of the McKinley type, as his party has claimed. President McKinley was the object of sustained attack in his campaigns for office because of his alleged lack of decisiveness and his disposition to avoid positive commitment. Nevertheless, as President Major McKinley won the heart of the country by his tact, his kindness and his uniform poise, and he was more popular and more liberal after he had been in the White House for years than he was when he entered it.

From the Democratic viewpoint, as expressed here, it is considered a good thing that the election, as it had to go the way it did, went that way to such an extent that the new administration will have a strong working majority at both ends of the capitol, so that the president will have fair field for all the broad policies which he may adopt in the task of reconstruction to which the country has committed him and his advisers.

It is considered particularly fortunate in view of Senator Harding's election by a tremendous majority, that he will have a margin in the senate so ample that it will not be possible for the situation to be controlled by two or three radical or fanatical senators such as Johnson, of California; Borah, of Idaho, and La Follette, of Wisconsin.

If the election had not gone so overwhelmingly as it did, we should have been justified in the assumption that it would have been impossible to put the United States into any league of nations worthy of the name. But as it is, the prevailing sentiment heard here is that the new administration is likely to go in for something that will be at least better than nothing in the league line, and will be able to obtain consent from the senate because of a sufficient margin to offset the irreconcilable element.

There is much speculation on the future leadership of the Democratic party. Just at the moment those who are doing most of the talking about this are themselves of the Republican persuasion, and their advice is weakened by the manifest ignorance they display as to the details of the Democratic household.

Nobody can tell at this stage of the game and in the confusion existing what will be the situation in the Democratic camp a year from now. There will doubtless be new issues developed, and new leadership along with them.

Some of the "old war-horses" are gone beyond recall to national command. One is former Speaker Champ Clark, who came so close to getting the presidency in 1912. And the familiar story of the coming return of "Fearless Leader" Bryan to supreme power is not getting much serious attention in these parts. The new leadership which is to reconstruct the Democratic machinery is likely to be that of men and women who have stood by the party better than Mr. Bryan has done and who have not contributed to last Tuesday's defeat.

Mr. Bryan has just given a new demonstration of his impracticable tendencies by the bizarre suggestion that President Wilson should now resign, letting Vice President Marshall become president, and that Mr. Marshall should himself resign after appointing Senator Harding Secretary of State, so that the senator would be next in line for succession to the presidency. Thus, says Mr. Bryan, the people's choice would go into the White House without the otherwise unavoidable delay until March 4, 1921! All Washington is laughing over this complicated exploit of imagination.

In any calculations as to Democratic reorganization, account must be taken of the potentiality of Mr. McAdoo, who came very near being nominated at San Francisco in spite of the reaction against his father-in-law, and who would not labor under the same disadvantage as to the succession four years hence as he did labor under at San Francisco.

The overwhelming defeat suffered by Governor Cox is the big obstacle to his continued leadership of his party. If he can survive this and hold his position of primacy, as Mr. Bryan did for so many years, he will be wonderful. It is recognized that he campaigned at a great disadvantage.

## Senator Harding's Vacation

Will Hunt and Play Golf at Favorite Resort in Texas

Senator Harding's Special Train, Nov. 10, will leave for Texas at the remote Isabel, Senator Harding will go into a real vacation, spending the morning and playing golf in the afternoon for two weeks.

# GOOD NEWS BOOZE ARTISTS

Liquor For Personal Use, If Lawfully Acquired May Be Stored in Warehouse Till Needed

## WHAT IS TRANSPORTATION IN MEANING OF LAW

Supreme Court Makes Ruling That Will Render Transportation of Liquor Much Safer For Bootleggers As Well As Others

Washington, Nov. 8.—Liquor lawfully acquired by a person for personal use may be stored in a place other than his home and that transportation of lawfully acquired liquor from the warehouse to the home did not constitute transportation in the meaning of the enforcement law, under a supreme court ruling.

# Murder and Rape at Gastonia

Poses Scouring Country For Negroes Who Held Up Automobile Killed Man and Assaulted Two Girls

By The Associated Press. Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 8.—Poses are searching for two negroes who killed John Ford, of Lincoln, and attacked his two girl companions, after holding up an automobile three miles from here.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 7.—Two unknown negroes early tonight held up an automobile party of two young men and two girls, white, on the highway three miles from Gastonia, N. C. Killed one of the young men, John Ford, of Lincoln, N. C., dragged the girls from the automobile into the woods and assaulted them, and made their escape, according to telephone messages to the Charlotte police department.

Late tonight Charlotte police officers, with a posse of officers and armed citizens of Gaston county were scouting the country-side in search of the negroes, who were believed, however, to have made their escape on a passing freight train. Feeling was said to be intense.

The two young women were taken to a Gastonia hospital, where it was said late tonight their condition is serious. Their homes are in Gastonia. The two young men, John Ford and Ransom Killian, both of Lincoln, were said to be unharmed when attacked by the negroes. Killian was not injured. Ford was shot and instantly killed when he offered resistance to the negroes in their attempt to take the girls from the automobile, according to the report received here.

# Flew Against Mountain

Air Mail Pilot Killed in Wyoming Mountains

By The Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 8.—John P. Woodward, an air mail pilot, was killed when he flew into a Wyoming mountainside during a fog.

# National Guard Organization

Columbia, Nov. 8.—Adjutant General W. W. Moore today announced that a number of new National Guard units for South Carolina had been agreed upon by the conference of adjutant generals in Charleston last week, the conference being attended by most of the adjutants general of the Southeastern department of the army. These units include artillery units, howitzer companies, and other branches of service not heretofore allotted to the South Carolina National Guard. There will be only one infantry regiment, where before the war there were two. For each battalion of infantry there will be one machine gun company, making four machine gun companies to the regiment, where heretofore there has been only one. Adjutant General Moore states that a campaign for recruiting the additional guard units will be started right away. He reports a very successful conference of guard officials in Charleston.

# Appropriations For Next Year

Washington, Nov. 8.—The government departments are preparing estimates for appropriations by congress and since Republicans have the majority sharp changes are expected. The present political situation is the same as eight years ago, but the economic situation is different.

# Government Ships Sold

Washington, Nov. 8.—The shipping board announced that fifty-one merchant ships of all types were sold between August 1st and October 30th for a total of \$24,909,676.

# FOUR BILLION EVERY YEAR

Houston Expected to Recommend This Sum in His Financial Report to Congress

## AGAINST EXCESS PROFIT TAXES

Said to Favor Plan of Graduated Income Tax of Deeper Cut Than Present

Washington, Nov. 7.—The nation will face a continuation of the annual tax bill of \$4,000,000,000 for a period of at least three years if congress adopts recommendations drafted by treasury officials and which, it was understood tonight, have been laid before Secretary Houston for approval. Mr. Houston, it was said, probably will include such recommendations in the form of an analysis of the government's financial condition in his forthcoming annual report to congress. The analysis will show, and accompanying recommendations will suggest, it was said, that a three-year program for tax revision is required in order to meet maturing government obligations and cover current federal expenses.

Approximately \$8,000,000,000 in victory notes, war savings securities and treasury certificates of indebtedness will be due for payment within the next three years, treasury figures show. Retention of the present aggregate level of taxes, or maintenance of the annual revenue of the government at about \$4,000,000,000 then is held to be unavoidable on the face of average expenditures estimated for the period.

Recommendations to be made by Mr. Houston, it is understood, will propose abolishment of the excess profit taxes in their entirety and the substitution of a graduated income tax of a substantially deeper cut than under present revenue laws. It was believed only to incomes above \$5,000 annually and that provisions would be made for a graduated increase even on the additional tax assessed as the amount of income grows larger.

The secretary is expected to advise congress that the strictest economy in federal appropriations is necessary if the program outlined on the basis of a \$4,000,000,000 tax bill is to be accomplished. He has said that there was no way to estimate with any degree of accuracy what even the present laws would yield in revenue because of the rapidly changing conditions in business a result of after the war transition and readjustment. Mr. Houston's view of this was said to be that tax receipts would be materially lower later in the present fiscal year which ends June 30, 1921, and that therefore the government income under the present revenue laws could not be taken as a basis for calculating future receipts.

This attitude which is held also by practically all treasury officials having to do with tax collections, forecasts a task of great difficulty for the framers of the new revenue act. The treasury will insist strongly on legislation which would produce \$1,000,000,000 for the next year but the ways and means of getting it will be left to congress, according to the suggestions contained in the treasury's report. In fact the tax law framers will be informed that there is no alternative to voting a revenue act that will produce the required amount.

The program for handling the national debt—and its payment is obligatory—can be accomplished only through annual revenue of \$4,000,000,000, treasury officials hold. With the victory notes maturing in 1923, and the war savings securities falling due in the interim and until 1924, it was declared a possibility that the \$4,000,000,000 tax level might have to be continued even until the latter date.

# Wreck on Seaboard

Five Passengers and Express Messenger Injured at Apex, N. C.

By The Associated Press. Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Five passengers and the express messenger were injured in the derailment of the Seaboard Air Line train at Apex, N. C., today. Five express cars left the rails.

# Royal Scandal in Athens

Morganatic Wife of Late King Alexander and Former King Quarreling Over Property

Athens, Nov. 8.—The question of the legal rights of Madame Mano, morganatic wife of the late King Alexander are creating interest. She claims Alexander's property because of approaching motherhood, but the attorney for former King Constantine claims that he would file a contest, but jurists point out that if Constantine takes action this might constitute an admission that he is no longer King.

# U. D. C. Convention

Delegates Arriving in Asheville in Large Numbers for Annual Meeting

Asheville, Nov. 8.—Delegates are arriving for the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy opening here tomorrow for three days.

# Man Makes Dash After Killing at Greenville

Woman in Case Tells Officers of Wild Rush to Spartanburg Where Accused Man Caught Train

Greenville, N. C., Nov. 6.—Sensations crowded one another in rapid succession today after the arrest last night of Mrs. Annie Aiken, who, according to the sheriff, told of her ride with Walter Salmon, Thirtieth division veteran, after the killing and robbery of Asa Flinkenshelt, near here.

Mrs. Aiken was taken into custody last night at 9 o'clock and with her an eighteen-year-old boy, J. L. Wilson, who drove her back here in Salmon's automobile from Spartanburg, where Salmon caught a fast train.

For nearly five hours Mrs. Aiken was subjected to a grueling in the sheriff's office and as she narrated the events she heard the officers use startling admissions in spreading the dragnet over North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky to catch the twenty-six-year-old ex-soldier, who, she told the officers carried a pistol and a reinforcement of cartridges which he threatened to use if officers attempted to overtake him before he had time to reach his wife of six months who was believed to be at her mother's home near Morganton, N. C. She said he abandoned his automobile at Spartanburg and bade Mrs. Aiken to keep her mouth sealed as to the tragedy when she returned to her home near Duncan Mills.

## In Kentucky is Belief

Greenville, N. C., Nov. 6.—That James E. Salmon, the young Morganton, N. C., man, wanted here on a charge of murdering Asa Flinkenshelt, is somewhere in Kentucky and that every effort is being made to apprehend him. This is the information obtained tonight from officers, Salmon, they believe, caught a train in Spartanburg headed for Louisville. The woman who waited in Salmon's automobile while he went into the Flinkenshelt home yesterday was Mrs. Alice Aiken, and she was placed in the county jail here early today. Mrs. Aiken related her story to officers, saying that she did not know Salmon's plans in going to the home. She stated that they went to the Flinkenshelt home to buy whiskey, adding that they had done this on Thursday night and succeeded in getting a quart. Mrs. Aiken said that she left Salmon in Spartanburg as soon as she could get away from him and returned to this city. Sheriff Willis telephoned deputies today from Morganton, where he went immediately after the killing, and said that Salmon's wife had evidently left her home there. Flinkenshelt, who was forty-four years of age and a farmer will be buried tomorrow. The inquest will be held Monday or Tuesday.

# No Trace of Accused Man

Charged With Killing of Farmer in Greenville County

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 7.—Officers here who believe that James E. Salmon, young man wanted for the killing on Friday of Asa Flinkenshelt, farmer, in the vicinity of Louisville, Ky., stated tonight that officers in Louisville report that they have been unable as yet to get any trace of him.

Sheriff Willis today returned from Morganton, N. C., the home of Salmon, where he has been working on the case for the past two days. The woman who rode to the Flinkenshelt house with Salmon, Mrs. Alice Aiken, is still being held in the county jail as a witness and officers state that they do not expect to bring charges against her.

# Wrangel Holds Crimea

Anti-Bolshevik Commander Now Holds the Key Positions to South Russia

Constantinople, Nov. 8.—General Wrangel's anti-bolshevik forces are still holding the key positions to isthmus leading from the Crimea to the Russian mainland. The impending winter is dreaded in Crimea where there are gathered two million people with little food, clothing or money.

# Locating the Bridges

State Highway Commission To Hold Meeting in Columbia to Consider Savannah and Wateree Crossings

Columbia, Nov. 8.—The location of two large bridges are to be decided by the State Highway commission at its meeting in Columbia Tuesday, the Wateree bridge between Sumter and Richland counties, and the Savannah River bridge, just above Savannah, Ga. A delegation of citizens from Eastover will attend the commission meeting, to make certain presentations to the commission regarding the location of the span. A large delegation of citizens from the lower part of South Carolina, and probably a number of Georgians will attend the meeting, in regard to the location of the Savannah bridge. Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper counties will be represented, with a view to location of roads connecting with the bridge.

Report of highway department officials to the commission on Tuesday will show that 395 miles of road are now under contract for construction. Of this mileage, fifteen miles will be hard-surface construction, the remainder gravel, top soil and clay. The reports will also show that up through October 31 a total of 92,733 automobiles and trucks were registered. Motorcycle licenses for the ten months number 888; dealers licenses 1,526; transfers 1,836. The income of the highway department from automobile licensing totaled through October 31, \$549,474, of which \$420,459 has been turned over to the counties, \$195,114 paid into the state treasury, and \$23,900 used to reimburse certain expenditures of the department out of its regular appropriations.

The state highway department is preparing a new highway map of the state, to be distributed next year. It will show all the state highways. The highway commission will Tuesday take action on the request of the University for engineers of the department to deliver lectures to the students in the engineering department at the University on the subjects pertaining to road construction.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL CHATTER

Sumter's citizens should attend Sumter high school football games in large numbers. The attendance should not be confined to the student body as it practically has been in past years. This year, however, fairly good crowds have come out to the games but, none big enough to swell the roll of dough in the athletic association's treasury and put the S. H. S. on the right side of the ledger, financially. It might be mentioned here that parting with the half bone, which is a small price for an afternoon's excitement, will not make a pauper of anyone.

Sumter at the present outlook has a strong chance for the state championship having won four games, tied two and lost only one. Sumter played Columbia to a tie on Columbia's gridiron several weeks ago and plays the return game on the home grounds Thursday the 11th, 3:30 o'clock. Columbia has one of the strongest high school elevens in the state and considerably outweighs the Sumter squad, but, despite this handicap Sumter will have the upper hand by playing on familiar soil. Sumter's famous shift, which proved to be a steady ground gainer against Columbia in Columbia, can't fail to be a steady ground gainer here.

Coach Darran claims to have one of the fastest backfields in the state with Wray on quarter, Chandler and Wright on halves, and Wheeler on full. The line consists of Buck (center) Hatfield and Burns (guards) Sholar and Bland (tackles), Weinberg and Friar ends.

Don't fail to attend Thursday's game, to be pulled off at 3:30 and see Wheeler's and Wright's consistent line plunges, Wray's passes, and Chandler's spectacular end runs, ending only when the pigskin is planted under the goal posts.

# War in Poland Resumed

Warsaw, Nov. 8.—Fighting has resumed between Lithuanian troops and the Polish volunteer army. The Polish General Zeligowski said the Lithuanians made the attack without replying to his proposal for negotiations. They attacked the Poles, driving them back, and they launched a counter attack.

# Palmer Sends Soft Coal Prices Down

Operators Working in Conjunction With Administration—Surplus is Accumulating

Washington, Nov. 6.—Soft coal prices are on the decline, a statement tonight from the National Coal association said. They have already dropped 25 per cent in several fields, and production is now running at more than 12,000,000 tons a week, it said, adding that the "immediate soft coal wants of the whole nation have been met, and a surplus for storage against winter is being accumulated.

With railroad cars available and a high production assured, "prices in the market will continue to drop," the statement predicted. "Operators in soft coal fields," the statement continued, "where unusually high prices existed, have, within the last ten days been setting up fair practice committees, and working in conjunction with Attorney General Palmer, have put underway a determined effort to eradicate abuse in the handling of coal. Coincident with this effort prices in these particular fields have already begun to fall."

The association also gave out a statement by its president, Col. D. B. Wentz, denying "that the bituminous coal operators had sought to persuade Secretary Tumulty to influence coal priority orders to their advantage. Through officers of the association, he said, the operators 'kept Mr. Tumulty informed as to developments in the effort to overcome the serious coal shortage,' adding, 'that is all they sought to do and all that was done.'"

# Working on Annual Message

President Wilson Preparing to Cast More Pearls Before Republican Congress

Washington, Nov. 8.—President Wilson is working on his annual message to congress which he will transmit at the opening of the next congress. He will recommend the enactment of a number of reconstruction measures which he recommended to the last congress. This week President Wilson receives the diplomats from San Domingo, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

# To Lay Where They Fell

Soldiers Who Died in Endglad Will Remain Buried There

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