

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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UNIONISM GONE AMUCK.

## Mr. Hughes' Prospects Good

Candidate Charles E. Hughes' chances for securing a great deal brighter today than a month ago. Unless political weather prophets are reading signs of the heavens strangely amiss, the Republican candidate will be victorious.

Adamson law, mis-called an "eight hour" law, the best fighting issue the Republicans have had in recent years. The German submarine raids in the Atlantic coast will give new edge to Mr. Hughes' acid criticism of the Wilsonian foreign policy. And there are indications of more trouble in Mexico. Though the Mexican-American commission is moving so slowly that it can be with reason accused of "stalling" until after the national election, the Mexican commissioners have hinted at definite pledge of withdrawing the Mexican troops—and if this pledge is given by the "Sam" now, there will be a storm of protest, rising that over the unfortunate withdrawal at Vera Cruz.

Republicans and Democrats are each sure of 185 to 195 votes in the electoral college, which is 31. Each has to pick up in states now doubtful 50 to 80 votes. New York has 45 electoral votes, and may with reason be said that the party which wins New York will win the election—unless, of course, there should be an unexpected fall-down here.

Surface indications are that the Republican managers believe New York is reasonably safe. Mr. Hughes has trained his guns upon other states—Oregon, Nebraska, West Virginia, Connecticut, and Wilson's Indianapolis speech was made to capture one of the really doubtful states, Indiana. Would the president capture Indiana, New York, and Illinois, he would have something like 300 electoral votes, or 44 more than enough for election. Ohio and Illinois go Republican, as there is no hope, Wilson simply must have Indiana and New York. This explains why most of the Democratic campaign is being made in these two states. During the basis of 1912, the Democrats need Progressive votes than do the Republicans to win the prize. In 1912 the vote for Wilson was 4,139,556. The vote for Taft was 3,484,956, and the vote for Roosevelt was 4,119,507. It is obvious that the Republican (Taft) vote of 1912 must be swelled 200,000 to equal the Wilson vote.

Roosevelt-Taft vote combined was 1,311,444 or than that of Wilson. But is this vote combined in the present campaign? That is one of the questions worrying political managers to gray hairs. Republican cannot count on any considerable defection from the Democratic party. The president held his party together with an intellectual leadership which challenges admiration quite as much as one of his administrative acts challenges criticism. But at any rate Democracy is united in this struggle.

As far as the Taft and Roosevelt followers of 1912 are concerned, they are united in the Republican party is united. Recently many things have happened to the Republican leaders hope. But the most definite of them realize that it is a stiff battle—they are fighting hard to capture New York and Ohio—and those 60 electoral votes.

## MAUI COUNTY'S FAIR.

Manu comes word that the enterprising energetic citizens of the Wailele Isle are going to have the greatest fair in the history of the island. They have profited by the experience of Hawaii's two successful events; they have had a fair of their own in Harvest Home festivals, meetings and varied entertainments; they have had a ten-acre baseball field for the site—and they don't big enough.

This indicates that Maui is well along in a fair community effort. Moreover, the success of the Hawaii fair won attention of people all over the territory who did not exhibit at Hilo and are sorrowful that they did not. Many of them will take part in the Maui event—if they can get it. Next Manager F. B. Cameron is to be in Honolulu arranging with prospective exhibitors, and he will be given a hearty welcome and assurances of generous participation.

Maui has a record for carrying enterprises through to success, and the fair promises to be an event which will draw visitors and exhibitors from all the islands—providing Maui wants the crowds and the outside exhibits. Manager Cameron will be in Honolulu on this point.

Contractor Marshall of the Hilo breakwater appears to be playing out of luck all the time. Just as everything is going smoothly and a fair profit is up in sight, he is halted by all kinds of suits not only delay the construction of the breakwater but also threaten to financially injure the man who has really done the hard pioneering work and from the legitimate profit on the last part of the job should come. One trouble follows another. —Herald.

Republicans and Democrats of Honolulu are both busy after poring over the election returns. Which side is irresistibly of that remark about figures is unable to prevaricate.

This despatch of yesterday is significant to Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Work on vessels worth millions is threatened by a strike in the Union Iron Works, ordered by the Iron Trade Council because the ship-fitters refuse to affiliate with the federation of labor. Mayor Rolph is beginning an investigation of the controversy and will try to settle it.

It shows what unbridled unionism, led by its possible men through threat and coercion, will do to legitimate industry.

The ship-fitters, who are just as much working men as are carpenters, teamsters, plumbers or long-shoremen, do not wish to affiliate with the federation of labor in California. They have an organization of their own. They do not want to be bound by the rules and the whims of the federation.

Because of this refusal, the iron trade council threatens a strike in the Union Iron Works plant. It is a fight, then, not only on the ship-fitters but on the big iron works and shipbuilding industry. Because of a row in labor circles, work on vessels worth millions is threatened.

So far as the public knows, the Union Iron Works has nothing whatever to do with this controversy in labor circles. But it will have to suffer nevertheless. No matter how fairly it treats its employees in the matter of wages, hours and friendly relations, it is to be injured because two factions of labor cannot agree.

Here is unionism exhibited in one of its most reprehensible features. But it is the logical development of unionism which begins with a demand for the "closed shop," resorts to intimidation, coercion and violence to achieve its ends, and attempts to dictate what men shall have the right of employment and what men shall be denied it.

When unionism fails to hold together by voluntary agreement, and seeks to rule by driving workmen into its ranks through fear, or outlawing them if they will not come in, then unionism becomes an enemy to constitutional rights. Bad leadership does it. Paid and professional agitation does it. Does Honolulu want that kind of unionism?

Deputy City Attorney Cristy's objections to the supervisors appropriating half of the expense of laying temporary car-tracks on Kalakaua avenue read excellently. But there is plenty of expert legal opinion which does not agree with him, and there is an overwhelming mass of public opinion which wants the Kalakaua avenue job completed with the least possible delay. If the technical objections which Mr. Cristy raises were so unmistakable that there could be no question of their validity, the supervisors might well adopt his views. But this is not the fact. Other attorneys think it doubtful if the city can compel the laying of temporary tracks by the Rapid Transit Company under present conditions, and the supervisors recognize the demand of the public for the quickest action possible. This quickest action can be reached by the city and the transit company jointly standing the expense of moving the track and laying temporary rails.

H. G. Wells, the English writer, foresees the end of the war in seven months. He returned recently from the Italian and French fronts. He expects the war to end in seven months "because of the marvelous organization along the western front, the Allies' mastery of the air, due to the French excellence in photography from aeroplanes, and, finally, because of the superiority of the Allies' barrier shell fire, which enables the artillery to batter the German trenches to pieces, thus enabling the infantry to charge without suffering heavy losses."

Abe Louison, after only four days spent campaigning on this island, belied all wise political predictions on Maui, as he did on the other islands in the primary election. It was said that he would be fortunate if he received fifteen votes on the Valley Isle, but, as the returns showed, he received nearly eighty. Comparatively, this might be taken to indicate that there are as many independent voters on Maui as there are on Oahu.—Maui News.

Settlement of the Mexican problem by the processes of negotiation, if found practicable, will satisfy the American people far better than settlement by conquest. We would prefer to settle the Mexican issue at Portsmouth by peaceful agreement, rather than at Mexico City by capitulation.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The British foreign office need not trouble itself about the German propaganda in the United States, which it fears is prejudicing the American people against the British censorship. No help from Germany is needed on that score.—New York World.

A Chicago businessman says Mr. Wilson has got us out of more trouble than he has got us into than any other president we ever had. His cleverness at epigram is only equaled by his optimism.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A \$200,000 tuna canning plant is to be established here. Its promoters assure us that this is not a fish story.

Will someone kindly crank up the Ford Peace Expedition?

## HUGHES IN LEAD, POLL OF NATION SHOWS WATCHERS

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in Connecticut, where the Democrats have a substantial lead. New York state, possibly the fulcrum on which the whole presidential situation will swing, has as yet shown no particular reversals of form. The New York City vote totals 749, out of a total for the state of 818. This indicates that the president may count on a substantial majority in the metropolis. The vote, very small as yet, taken in the up-State sections, suggests that the Republicans may figure on a reasonably snug majority there.

**Progressives Go to Hughes**  
The switch of the Progressive vote is the most significant feature of the tense situation. In the votes thus far tabulated by the Herald the president has received 263 per cent, while Mr. Hughes has received 797 per cent, a fraction going to Mr. Benson, Socialist nominee.

Two hundred and sixty-six electoral votes are necessary for a choice, the total electoral vote being 531.

**How States Line Up**  
President Wilson's managers claim the following states beyond doubt:

States	Electoral Vote
Alabama	12
Arizona	5
Arkansas	9
Colorado	6
Delaware	3
Florida	9
Georgia	11
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	10
Maryland	10
Mississippi	10
Missouri	12
Montana	3
Nevada	3
New Mexico	5
North Carolina	12
Oklahoma	6
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	10
Texas	26
Virginia	12
Total	197

**What Democrats Concede**

The Democrats concede the following states to the Republicans:

States	Electoral Vote
Connecticut	7
Idaho	4
Iowa	12
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	18
Michigan	15
Minnesota	12
New Hampshire	4
North Dakota	5
Oregon	5
Pennsylvania	23
Rhode Island	5
South Dakota	5
Utah	4
Vermont	4
Wisconsin	12
Washington	7
Total	175

**The Doubtful States**

The states that both sides are compelled to admit are doubtful, are:

States	Electoral Vote
Indiana	15
Illinois	29
New York	45
Ohio	24
Total	113

The states that the Republicans claim, that the Democrats do not concede, but which favor the claimants, are:

States	Electoral Vote
California	13
Nebraska	8
Wyoming	3
Total	24

The states the Democrats claim and which the Republicans do not concede, but where conditions favor the claimants, are:

States	Electoral Vote
New Jersey	14
West Virginia	8
Total	22

The states where, in the last analysis, the real battle must be fought are:

States	Electoral Vote
New York	45
Indiana	15
Ohio	24
Total	84

## CAPTAIN MATSON WRITES LETTER ON USE OF WHARF

Reply of Steamship Head Does Not Please Some Members of Hilo Body

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
HILO, Oct. 13.—Captain Matson, president of the Matson Steamship Navigation Company, caused a rumormongering letter he addressed to the Hilo Board of Trade and which was read at a meeting of that body on Tuesday last. The captain in answer to a letter from the secretary of the board, in which he was asked to see what could be done to arrange for his steamers to dock at Kubio Bay wharf, answered very briefly and to the point. The captain declared that while he was willing to allow his smaller vessels to go alongside the wharf, he did not feel inclined to send his larger steamers, representing millions of dollars, to patronize the structure.

**Captain Matson Writes**  
Captain Matson stated in his letter that so long as his ships could not go in because of existing conditions prevailed, he would not order the ships to dock at the new wharf. He went on to say that for years he has been doing business with the Hilo shippers, but that if they did not care for the way he did things they could go "elsewhere."

The captain's letter caused G. H. Vickers, who acted as president on account of the unavoidable absence of President William McKay, to say that he thought the letter discourteous and that he did not think that the communication that had been sent Captain Matson could have been so sharp that it should call forth such a snappy answer. Secretary E. N. Devo thereupon produced a copy of the letter that he had sent to Captain Matson. The communication simply showed that the secretary had followed out the instructions given him at a meeting of the board and went on to say that the Hilo Board of Trade would ask Captain Matson to patronize the wharf at all times.

Rev. George Laughton, after hearing the secretary's letter read, said that he did not consider Captain Matson's reply so very discourteous. This brought forth a remark from the secretary to the effect that he did not intend the letter to the captain to be short and snappy, and that if he had been relieved of the position of secretary, as he had asked to be many months ago, a new secretary might have worded the communication differently.

**C. E. Wright Explains**  
C. E. Wright then took up the cudgels for Captain Matson, in a way, and he stated that he happened to be on the coast about the time that the captain had written his letter to the board of trade and that he knew Captain Matson was much worried about that time over the stevedores' strike and other communications that had been sent him regarding alleged overcharges for landing freight in scows.

## IRISH EVENING AT Y. M. C. A. DRAWS LARGE CROWD FOR SINGING

Green flags, harps and shamrocks were displayed around the Y. M. C. A. last evening, when the members of the association celebrated Irish Night. Songs of Old Erin were featured, and the largest crowd since the singing features were inaugurated was present.

Neil Slattery sang a number of Irish songs, and George Andrus favored the crowd with selections from Erin. "The Wild Irish Rose," "You Can't Beat the Irish" and "Where the River Shannon Flows" proved to be big hits. Ed Towse told a number of witty Irish stories and moving pictures of scene of the Emerald Isle were exhibited.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaia Hosea's little son was buried in the Manoa cemetery Friday.

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