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OUTLOOK GLOOMY FOR REPUBLICANS

Political Forecast Shows the Trend Is Democratic.

HOUSE CONCEDED BY ALL

With Election but One Week Off, Conditions Much Mixed.

New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts Probably Democratic—Out West Progressive Republicans Have Held Party Together—Roosevelt a Factor, but the Effect He Will Have Uncertain.

POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

House of Representatives—A Democratic majority expected and generally conceded.

Senate — Republican majority sure to be materially decreased and may possibly be overturned.

New York—Rooseveltism the paramount issue, and the election of the Democratic candidate for governor confidently predicted.

Massachusetts—Foss, Democratic candidate for governor, the probable winner.

Connecticut and New Jersey—Democratic candidates for governor conceded to have at least even chances to win.

Ohio—Harmon's re-election appears assured, but Republicans are fighting aggressively to save the State.

Indiana—Beveridge, a month ago believed to be making a hopeless race, now thought to have a chance of re-election.

Iowa—Progressively Republican, but with the party badly split and governorship in doubt.

Wisconsin—Safe for La Follette and the Republican ticket.

Wyoming, Utah, and Montana—Contest for Senatorships in doubt, with changes probable.

Pacific Coast States—Progressive Republicanism in the ascendency.

One week from to-day the off-year, or mid-administration, elections will be held throughout the country. The situation is mixed and abnormal, and certainly less promising for Republican success than since 1890, the middle of Harrison's administration, when, following a revision of the tariff, the country went overwhelmingly Democratic, preceding the return to the White House of Grover Cleveland two years later.

Definite predictions touching the results of the voting next Tuesday are not to be had, but the consensus of political opinion, shared by Republicans and Democrats alike, is that the House of Representatives will be Democratic by a decided majority, and that Republican control of the Senate will be seriously impaired, if not removed altogether.

Not until recent days has any apprehension been felt by the Republicans about the Senate, but with the approach of the election it is now appreciated that the present majority in that body is actually endangered, and that, at best, the progressive element will be in the ascendency after March 4 next.

Rapid Changes Seen.

The general political situation has changed materially since Theodore Roosevelt broke his sixty days' silence and entered the political activities of the day. The outlook was most unpromising to Republicans before that time; whether he has made it brighter or darker is a matter of individual view. Many close observers and students of politics believe that he has only succeeded in making "confusion worse confounded," and that a situation full of party menace, but not beyond redemption, three months ago, is now a situation absolutely chaotic and hopeless.

Roosevelt's activities are construed generally as a sign that he aspires again to serve the people as President of the United States. Therefore, 1912 is a big issue in the campaign. His attitude toward the Taft administration has been cold and unsympathetic, if not openly hostile. In some of his more notable addresses, that at Indianapolis among the number, he conspicuously omitted even a passing reference to President Taft, and the scant praise he has given the administration at any time has seemingly been grudging, reluctant, and half-hearted. He has done the administration no good on the stump—which is a blunt statement of an obvious fact.

Rooseveltism the Issue.

Rooseveltism is the supreme issue in New York State, and the interest in the outcome there now exceeds the interest in all things else. Unless superficial indications are misleading, a crushing defeat is in store for the ex-President. The State was considered doubtful before the Saratoga convention. The choice of a Democrat for Congress, Havens, at a special election held months ago, showed which way the political wind was blowing, and that the unrest and dissatisfaction so manifest in the West, and due primarily to the high cost of living, existed likewise in the East. The overthrow of the Old Guard at Saratoga made for party schism, and Roosevelt has since been the whole of the Republican campaign.

The Half-breed-Stalwart row in the Republican party twenty-eight years ago gave New York to the Democrats by nearly 200,000 majority, and there are plenty of astute Republicans to-day who are philosophically awaiting a disaster of equal magnitude. The big business interests are against Roosevelt, and the big Republican corporations, though professing regularity, are unfeignedly hostile to him. His supporters have hope that this defection will be overcome by the support he and his candidate will receive from the workingmen and the farmers up the State, but it is apparently a case of hoping against hope.

New York not only seems destined to elect a Democratic governor, but Massa-

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Blackstone's Special Spray, $2. Beautiful piece of work. 14th and H.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair and warmer to-day; to-morrow, increasing cloudiness; moderate southerly winds.

ISLAND BURNING UP.

Peat Formation Surface Must Burn Itself Out.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 31.—The breaking of an electric power wire last night set fire to Brannon Island, four miles below Sacramento in the Sacramento River. Not only the grain growing on the surface, but the island itself, which is of peat formation, is blazing.

More than forty acres have been burned, and as the fire is far back on the island, which contains nearly 7,000 acres, it is believed it will be necessary to allow it to burn itself out.

WANTED A WIDOW.

Seeks Divorce on Learning Wife Had Not Been Married.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 31.—Anxious to have a widow for a wife, and disappointed by the discovery that the alleged widow he had married was not a widow, and had never been one, B. J. Wooten, traveling lecturer for the Farmers' Union, has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Julia Wooten, and is now fighting in the courts for his freedom.

Wooten says his wife represented herself to be Mrs. Felix Hunter, and told him that Felix had passed into the great beyond. Developments led Mr. Wooten to suspect that Mrs. Hunter was never married.

Mrs. Wooten has a few grievances of her own. She drags the other woman violently into the court proceedings. Her particular grievance is that her husband grudgingly treated her to 5-cent soft drinks and lavished 10-cent drinks on the other woman.

WILL SHOOT TO KILL.

Berlin Police Ordered to End Rioting at Any Cost.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—Two trifling disturbances occurred to-day following last night's rioting, but as a rule the city wore its accustomed air of peace and quiet. Everything had remained orderly during the night.

After considering the late disturbances on the part of the striking butchers, the authorities decided to act with a firm hand, and it was announced that any recurrence of the disorders would be treated as armed rebellion.

The police were ordered to carry carbines in addition to swords and pistols, and they were told that if a single shot was fired by the rioters to tell off ten carbineers who would shoot first at the legs of the disturbers and if this proved unavailing to tell off thirty carbineers with orders to shoot to kill. This plan is to be continued until the trouble is suppressed.

THREE HELD FOR SPEEDING.

Sheriff Viett Halts Washington Autoists on the Potomac Pike.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Oct. 31.—Sheriff William E. Viett took a spin in his automobile yesterday afternoon to see if he could detect any violations of the laws governing the operation of automobiles on the roads of the county. He paid particular attention to the new piece of pike between Potomac and the Conduit road, about the use of which as a speedway he has received numerous complaints. During the hour he spent patrolling the five miles he held up J. A. Watson, J. M. Brown, and J. U. Moozhead, all of Washington, each of whom he required to deposit $25 collateral for his appearance in the police court here for trial.

LOOKED FOR THE MESSIAH.

Two Men Who Tried to Unseal Tomb Are Stricken.

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 31.—Curious as to what had become of the body of Dr. Teed, who announced before his death a year ago that he would rise from his tomb and become the messiah of the Koreshans, two members of the cult, according to Henry D. Silverfriend, attempted to unseal the tomb, but before this was accomplished both were deprived of their reason and died before they could be taken to an asylum.

Silverfriend is prominent in the Koreshan colony in Estero, Fla. He said today that Dr. Teed had not yet risen, but members of the cult were confident he would come forth as their messiah in due time.

The Bristol Koreshan colony was abandoned shortly after Dr. Teed's death.

Men Dead; Children Alive.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Two children lived nine hours in a gas-filled chamber after two grown men had been asphyxiated by the fumes yesterday. Police broke into the room of Michael Slovensky, forty years old, and found him and his friend, Hyman Infield, sixty-three years old, dead.

GETS THREATENING LETTER.

Independent Democrat in Delaware Thinks He Knows Writer.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 31.—Thomas F. O'Donnell, the independent Democratic candidate for the legislature in the Fifth representative district of this city, to-day received a threatening letter on a Tammany Hall letter head. It was mailed in New York and signed "Charles Murphy, Democratic leader, New York."

The threats in the missive were of a local nature entirely, showing that it was written by a Wilmington Democrat, who went to New York for the purpose. O'Donnell, who thinks he knows the writer, turned the letter over to Postoffice Inspector Plummer, who has begun an investigation.

"GHOST PARTY" AT Y. M. C. A.

Lobby Club Also Entertains at Big Minstrel Show.

Several hundred members of the Y. M. C. A. took part in the Halloween celebration last night as the guests at a "ghost party" given by the Lobby Club. Arrangements of the party, which was followed by a minstrel show, under the auspices of the Bachelors' Club, were in the hands of H. S. Smith.

The hall was decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and other attractions. Although the boys had only two days in which to prepare for their performance, the exhibition was not only a credit to them, but afforded a crowded hour of amusement to the large audience.

NEW YORK CROWDS CHEER ROOSEVELT

Enthusiastic Receptions Please the Colonel.

ASSAILS CANDIDATE DIX

East Side Hurrahs at His Views on New Nationalism.

Friends of Former President Express Satisfaction at Result of Numerous Speeches from the Battery to Harlem—Forced to Use Fire Escape as Means of Ingress and Egress to East Side Hall.

New York, Oct. 31.—It looked a big night to the Republicans to-night. The colonel was in town. He spent the evening making speeches from the lower East Side to Harlem, and he whirled through the streets of the town so fast that you could scarcely see him for the dust. New York gave him a great hand.

A good many political sharps thought that this tour of Mr. Roosevelt's would do a lot of good in the matter of vote getting. They could not exactly state what it accomplished, but the colonel's friends expressed satisfaction at the way the crowds whooped and yelled for their leader. When the colonel mentioned the name of Harry Stimson there was applause, too.

Mr. Roosevelt does not like to be limited by the clock while he is making a speech. The lively schedule to-night made that imperative, and the result was that he did not have much of an opportunity to develop a long argument. He spent his time saying unkind things about Mr. Dix and lauding the record and achievements of Stimson, including a few side remarks that were calculated to get the audiences going. He mentioned the New Nationalism and the East Side crowd hurrahed.

Not Running for Office.

The colonel told his hearers right along that he is not running for office, and that there is really no reason why he should be the target for the shafts of his opponents. He deplored the fact that he was called the boss of the Saratoga convention. He said everything he got there he got by hard, open fighting. He defended himself against his detractors.

Over on the East Side to-night, where the colonel addressed two meetings, the police had a lively tussle with the crowd that thronged the streets. The touring cars carrying the party, some of whom were women, plowed their way with difficulty through the Eastsiders, who roared with delight and called out the name of "Rosenfeldt" quite frequently. The colonel was unmistakably pleased at the reception.

He started out from the home of Chairman Griscom, in Seventy-second street, at 7:30. State Chairman Ezra P. Prentice was with him. They had dined at Mr. Griscom's house. Traffic waited on the side streets for the colonel to pass by.

Makes First Stop.

The screeching of whistles that had been attached to the automobiles ostensibly for the purpose of making as much noise as possible and to inform the public that Mr. Roosevelt was in their midst served to tip the East Side off that he was on his way. The ride through Grand street was swift. At Grand and Orchard streets they stopped first.

There was such a crush in front of the Grand music hall that it was impossible for the police to haul the colonel in without squashing. He spotted a fire escape and announced that that was good enough for him. He climbed it while the crowd shrieked.

Inside Joe Levinson was trying to make himself heard. The colonel signaled for silence in order that he might be introduced in a hurry, but the audience wanted to yell and they did, every one of the 2,000. Mr. Roosevelt waited

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RESCUED DURING HURRICANE.

Crew of the Bark Mastorea Brought to Baltimore.

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—The crew of the Norwegian bark Mastorea, seventeen men in all, were brought here to-day on the fruiter Juan, from Jamaica. They were rescued during the West Indian hurricane a week ago yesterday by the British bark River Platte, and taken to the island. Their vessel, which was bound from Gulfport, Miss., to Buenos Ayres, was abandoned in a sinking condition.

The members of the crew of the Mastorea went through a thrilling experience. Their vessel rapidly filling with water, the decks a mass of wreckage, the lifeboats disabled, and a hurricane wind hurling mountainous seas over the derelict, the men had all but abandoned hope when the River Platte was sighted. When she came near enough the crew of the Mastorea embarked in their damaged lifeboat, which sank to the gunwales and was only kept afloat by the air tanks. Although the boat put away from the Mastorea at noon, it was 5 p. m. before the last man was safely aboard the River Platte. That they were saved at all is attributed to the oil on the water which had been thrown overboard from the ship in an effort to keep her afloat as long as possible. Getting their rowboat into the area covered by the oil, the River Platte was able to get alongside, and the men were hauled to her deck by a life line.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 31.—Fire in the Daniel Hogan Company's department store here burned several hours last night and caused a loss of $80,000, partly covered by insurance.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Guy Williams, an insurance man, was shot and killed at his residence by a burglar last night. Williams heard the burglar entering the house through a window, and attempted to intercept him. The burglar escaped.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—One hundred expensive draft horses were killed, a number of workmen had narrow escapes, and considerable property damage resulted late yesterday, when a large steam pipe burst in a barn at the Union Stock Yards.

Mexico City, Oct. 31.—B. T. Winchell, vice president of the Frisco Railroad, has concluded arrangements with the operating department of the National Railroads of Mexico for the establishment of through freight and passenger service via the new Brownsville-Matamoras international gateway, and will leave to-morrow for the United States.

MISTAKEN FOR DEER.

Five Killed in Hunting Season Which Closed Yesterday.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 31.—The Adirondacks deer-hunting season, which opened on September 16 and closed at sunset today, cost the lives of five persons and the serious wounding of half a dozen others. Four of the five killed were shot in mistake for deer and the majority of those wounded were also victims of the hair-trigger hunter.

LAND THROWN OPEN.

Stampede at Midnight for Reservation in Idaho.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The town of Tekoa, just over the Idaho boundary line, will keep Halloween to-night with a picturesque stampede for lands in the Coeur D'Alene Indian reservation which will be thrown open to settlement at midnight, and 300 homeseekers are at Tekoa ready to rush across the border. Some have wagons, tents, and grub ready to settle on the land at once, while others are taking portable cabins.

HOBGOBLINS WALK STREETS OF CITY

Entire Washington Joins in Halloween Celebration.

PRESIDENT TAFT AT THEATER

Distinguished Audiences Fill Playhouses and Cafes During Latter Part of Evening, When the Small Boy and His Pranks Have Been Stopped by the Bedtime Summons.

Washington was one big Halloween party last night. Everybody was in on the celebration, from the small boy with his "tick-tack," up to President Taft, who observed the occasion by theater-going. Cabinet officers, diplomats, and others high in society caught the spirit of the occasion and made merry at the cafes, theaters, or at private Halloween house parties.

Needless to say, the small boy claims his was the most enjoyable celebration. Why have a theater party or Halloween luncheon when there are still plenty of jack-o'-lanterns and "tick-tacks" galore?

All through the early hours of the evening the "kids" had the times of their lives. Ghosts, witches, and hobgoblins roamed the streets and peered into windows until the bedtime summons put an end to the mystic rule.

Then the grownups had their innings. President Taft, with Mrs. Taft, entertained at a box party at the Belasco. The Russian Ambassador and other diplomats also witnessed the performance.

At Cafe Republique.

At the Cafe Republique, everything was in Halloween attire. The beautiful dining-room was crowded with after-theater parties, among those entertaining being the Russian Ambassador, the German Ambassador, and the Persian Minister. Special music was a feature of the night, as were the Halloween favors.

The New Willard, University Club, and other places entertained many at "snap apple" and other Halloween pranks.

HIGHLANDER PIPE MAJOR ENTERTAINS CALEDONIANS.

The annual Halloween concert and dance of the Caledonian Club of Washington took place last night in Pythian Temple. All the dancers were in Highlander costume, and music for the occasion was furnished mainly by bagpipes.

Donald McPherson, pipe major of the Seaforth Highlanders, of Glasgow, was the guest of the evening, and played several old Scotch airs and gave a few dances.

The remainder of the programme was as follows:

Piano selection, schottische.....Miss Jane Petrie
Song.....Mr. Anderson
Song.....Mrs. T. Glen
Highland fling.
Violet Empey, Master Mattingly, Thelma Gray.
Song.....Mrs. Woodhead
Song.....Mr. W. Forbes
Duet.....Mr. and Mrs. Hill
Song and dance,
Misses Tina and Hilda Mattingly.
Song.....Mrs. T. Glen
Song.....Mr. Anderson
Sailor's hornpipe.....Miss Violet Empey
Song.....Mr. Hill
Song.....Mrs. Woodhead
Song.....Mr. W. Forbes
"Auld Lang Syne".....Entire company

MOTHER GOOSE CARNIVAL FEATURE OF HALLOWEEN.

The Mother Goose Carnival, at the old Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church of Our Father, Universalist, opened last night with a large crowd in attendance.

The pupils of Miss Cora Shreve gave delightful vaudeville turns during the evening. Miss Bertha Wolf sang "Jack-o'-Lantern; R. F. Bingham sang "The Death and Burial of Cock Robin," and a score or more of Miss Shreve's pupils, led by Sadie May Lipp and Bertha Wolf, gave the national sword dance.

The carnival will continue until Thursday night, with changes in the programme every night. The affair is in charge of the following ladies of the church: Miss Kate S. Curry, chairman; Mrs. D. D. Cameron, treasurer; Mrs. H. V. Bisbee, Mrs. H. D. Sinclair, Mrs. J. Van Schaick, jr.; Mrs. A. K. P. Harvey, Mrs. A. A. Cook, Mrs. J. William Lee, Mrs. F. W. H. Weishaupt, Mrs. M. A. Knapp, Mrs. L. M. Foote, Mrs. E. J. Edson, Mrs. A. C. Starkey, Mrs. C. A. Weaver, and Miss Cora C. Curry.

Masons Give Halloween Drill.

More than 700 members attended the monthly meeting of Almas Temple, A. A. O. M. N. S., at National Rifles Armory last night. A buffet luncheon was served. A good drill was given by the patrol in white suits and false faces. The officers, instead of having swords, used pumpkins to direct the drills.

Turnverein Entertains.

The ladies of Columbia Turnverein gave a party and dance at the club rooms, 928 M street northwest, last night. The rooms were decorated with appropriate pictures and witches, and the entire party was masked. The committee of arrangements was composed of Mrs. B. Schleichlelt, Mrs. J. Duehring, Mrs. P. Halster, and Mrs. F. Laux.

WINNINGS AT AERO MEET.

Moissant	$13,550	McCurdy	$1,200
Grahame-White	$10,100	Brookins	$900
Latham	$4,100	Simon	$700
Hoxsey	$3,075	Parmelee	$700
Johnstone	$3,625	Audemars	$100
De Lesseps	$1,650	Barrier	$100
Aubrun	$1,400	Ell	$100
Radley	$1,300	Mars	$100
Drexel	$1,200	Willard	$100

The prize money won Monday was as follows:

Moissant	$2,000	Drexel	$500
Latham	$1,000	Grahame-White	$3,000
Simon	$500	McCurdy	$1,000
Johnstone	$2,000	Aubrun	$500

POLICE TAKE HAND IN DRIVERS' STRIKE

Rioters Say New Move Is Not Fair and Will Appeal.

New York, Oct. 31.—The police got a firm grip on the strike situation in Manhattan to-day, and with mounted and foot men lining the streets in the troubled districts, the rioters' game of stoning the crews of express wagons ceased to be a diversion without risk. There were numerous clashes between the police and the rioters during the day, but in every case the locust club conquered quickly, and none of the engagements approached in seriousness the battles of Saturday.

The sight of a policeman riding on the driver's seat of every express wagon while a side partner dangled his legs and a night stick over the tailboard peeved the strikers greatly.

They said it was not fair, and one of the leaders declared that they would appeal to Mayor Gaynor to call off the cops. They did not see the mayor to-day. Deputy Police Commissioner Driscoll has personal charge of 2,500 foot and mounted police, who will remain on duty until the trouble is over. Under his direction certain routes have been mapped out along which express wagons may be moved, and these routes are practically lined with police.

MATCHES SET FIRE TO CHILD'S DRESS

Six-year-old Girl May Be Fatally Burned.

Ruth, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Echter, was probably fatally burned while playing with matches at her home, 1166 Fifth street northeast, yesterday afternoon. The child is now at the Children's Hospital, where physicians hold out little hope for her recovery. Her body is a mass of burns from her head to her knees.

Left alone while their parents were at work, Ruth and her brother and sister obtained a box of matches. In some way the entire box became ignited and set fire to Ruth's clothing. She ran screaming to the upper floor of the home, where she was found by an aunt, Mrs. Annie Buckley, of 1152 Fifth street, who was attracted by her cries.

The clothing was completely burned from the child's body. A hurry call was sent to Casualty Hospital and Dr. McGovern responded with an ambulance. After first aid treatment was given, the girl was removed to Children's Hospital. Physicians found severe burns about the abdomen and face, and it is feared the child inhaled the flames.

GEORGE GRAHAM RICE SUED.

Head of Brokerage House Finds Trouble Coming Double.

New York, Oct. 31.—George Graham Rice, head of B. H. Scheftels & Co., who is under indictment as a result of the government raid on the firm, is defendant in a suit for divorce brought by his wife, Frances Drake Rice. Mrs. Rice applied to Supreme Court Justice Bischoff to-day for $1,000 a month alimony and $2,000 counsel fees, pending the trial, and argument on the motion was adjourned until Friday.

Rice has been married twice, once on a train on the way to Sing Sing. The first Mrs. Rice got a divorce. The present Mrs. Rice was Freda Drake, an actress. The defendant put in a general denial.

TRAIN WRECK IN TEXAS.

Postal Clerk on Aransas Pass Railway Killed—Passengers Bruised.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 31.—W. H. Worley, a postal clerk, of San Antonio, was killed, and J. W. Williams, baggageman, was seriously injured when the "Davy Crockett" fast passenger train on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, eastbound, was wrecked near Yoakum, Tex., early to-day. A bridge over a small ravine gave way, derailing the entire train with the exception of the Pullman. Several passengers were bruised, none seriously hurt.

MASONS AT FLOWER SHOW.

Miss May Madigan Finds the Hidden Red Arrow.

Last night was Masonic and Eastern Star night at the Flower Show at Convention Hall, and spooks and witches and other things apropos of Halloween floated about the hall.

The announcement that a red arrow envelope would be hid in the hall, and that the finder would receive $5, caused a great deal of flurry. The envelope was finally found by Miss May Madigan, of North Capitol street, on the Tryphosa booth under a jelly dish of a Masonic mold.

To-night will be veterans night. The Isabel Worrell Ball Flag Association will act as escort to the veterans and Sons of Veterans from G. A. R. headquarters to Convention Hall and will give the flag salute on arrival.

Persian Rugs on Exhibition.

The collection of Oriental Rugs and Carpets formed by Messrs. Boyajian Bros., of New York, will be on exhibition again to-day at the Sloan Galleries, 1407 G street. Entire collection to be sold there at public auction, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, with sessions at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. each day.

BALDWIN AGAIN ASKS RETRACTION

Candidate Emphatic in His Reply to Roosevelt.

New Haven, Oct. 31.—Simeon E. Baldwin, the Democratic nominee for governor of Connecticut, to-night sent his second reply to Col. Roosevelt. He still insists on a retraction "as a matter of fairness to one to whom his reputation as a lawyer is of value, as well as in the interest of truth."

Judge Baldwin says in his letter:

"I have received your two answers (both undated) to my letter of October 24—one written before you received it, and the other written after you had read it.

"Apparently you have misunderstood the point of my communication.

"In that I referred to the fact that in a public address in New Hampshire you had charged me with holding a certain view of a point of law. I then stated that I did not hold that view, and never had, and requested you to retract the charge.

"I did not complain in my former letter, nor do I now, of your characterizing me as having been a 'retrogressive' judge. I am not objecting to the use of adjectives, but to misstatements of facts—misstatements the retraction of which it is the more important to me to secure on account of the high position which you formerly held as the first citizen of the United States.

"You have stated in public that I 'took the view that it was competent for the workman, when driven to accept any employment, to bind himself not to be compensated, if he lost life and limb in that occupation.' I have denied that I ever took such a view. I will add that I have long been in favor of the principle of workmen's compensation acts (though not unaware of the constitutional difficulties in applying them in this country) and was nominated to the office to which you referred by a party which called for such legislation in its platform.

"I now repeat my request that you retract the statement of which I complain. I ask it as a matter of fairness to one whom his reputation as a lawyer is of value as well as in the interest of truth."

BRYAN SUPPORTING PART OF TICKET

Nebraskan Explains His Position on State Issues.

Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 31.—Declaring that he did not wish to see the Democratic party of Nebraska die of delirium tremens, Mr. Bryan told an audience of 5,000 Lincolnites to-night to vote against James C. Dahlman, Democratic candidate for governor.

He said that Mr. Dahlman had no moral claim upon Democratic support, because he owed his nomination to the invasion of the Democratic primary by thousands of Republicans, that in addition, he had refused to stand upon the party platform declarations on the liquor question, but was the open and avowed champion of the liquor interests, by whom he was being supported. He declared it to be necessary to defeat Dahlman in order to end the spree the party was embarked upon, and to drive the liquor interests out of politics in this State.

It was supposed that Mr. Bryan would refuse to support Hitchcock, candidate for United States Senator against Burkett, because of recent charges affecting his relations with a defaulting State treasurer, but Bryan advised the support of Hitchcock and every Democratic candidate for Congress for party reasons.

The greater part of his speech was devoted to national issues. He said that the progressive Republicans could not control the next Congress and relief was possible only through Democracy. He had a great deal of fun with Roosevelt, whose recent speeches he quoted to prove that he was to-day the greatest living exponent of Bryanism.

MILK AGREEMENT UNSIGNED.

Commissioner Johnston's Vacation Holds Up Compromise on Question.

The agreement adopted by Dr. Woodward and the milk producers last week has not yet been signed by Commissioner Johnston. It was thought that the Commissioner would sign the agreement yesterday, thereby making it a law, it being understood that Commissioners Rudolph and Judson have already approved of the bill.

The agreement embodies three amendments to the regulations for the government of dairy farms as promulgated July 31, 1907, and would probably have been signed when the agreement was reached last week but for the absence of Commissioner Johnston, who returned to his desk yesterday.

Assassin Escapes from Jail.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31.—Mile. Kuknstso, who assasinated the commander of the Russian garrison at Harbin, Manchuria, escaped from prison at Harbin on October 11. She was smuggled out of jail, concealed in a barrel, by confederates.

Killed Friend in Self-defense.

Thomasville, Ga., Oct. 31.—C. T. Prince was shot and killed here yesterday by C. W. Byrd, his closest friend. Byrd said he fired in self-defense.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

JOHNSTONE SAILS 9,714 FEET IN AIR

World's Altitude Record Set by Wright Aviator.

DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW

Grahame-White Wins Special Speed Event and $3,000.

International Aviation Meet at Belmont Park Comes to Close After Ideal Day for Flying—Statistics of Contests Announced Hoxsey Longest in Air and Grahame-White Most Laps in Distance Events.

New York, Oct. 31.—Ralph Johnstone, of Kansas City, who used to ride a high wheel bicycle down a long flight of steps at the Hippodrome in earlier days, but who has been flying a Wright biplane for the Wright Brothers since the late spring, to-day brought the international aviation meet at Belmont Park to a close by breaking the world's record for aeroplane altitude.

Johnstone climbed to a height of 9,714 feet, or 528 feet higher than an aeroplane ever has been before.

Previous to to-day the world's record for altitude in an aeroplane was 9,186 feet. It was made at Mourmelon Le Grand, France, two months ago to-day, by Henri Wynmalen, a Dutch flier, who, like Johnstone, also flies a biplane. Johnstone was in the air about one hour and a half, but all except the last few hundred feet of his climb was made during his first hour in the air.

DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW.

For the first time in the history of aviation, America saw an aeroplane absolutely disappear from view in a cloudless zenith. And besides all these "firsts" here listed the item should not be overlooked that Johnstone made the climb straight up of more than a mile and three-quarters in a machine which he not only had never flown before, but of a type radically different in speed, surface area, and volplaning characteristics from any aeroplane he ever before had driven.

While Johnstone was lost to view in the clear blue of the autumn sky over the center of the field J. Armstrong Drexel climbed into the air billows in a monoplane, a 50-horsepower Bleriot, to take the grand altitude of the meet away from Johnstone. Drexel ascended more than a mile and a half, but when he had reached a height of 8,373 feet, or 38 feet less than Johnstone flew last Thursday and 1,341 feet lower than Johnstone's record climb, an attack of sickness and the extreme cold told Drexel he had had enough, and he came down. Besides, he had a dinner engagement at Sherry's.

Prizes Are Announced.

Claude Grahame-White, of the English team, flew faster than a mile a minute in his 100-horsepower Bleriot in a special speed event of to-day, and thereby won a purse of $3,000 for the event. He also had a miraculous escape from death. Following are the statistics of the flights at Belmont Park, which were compiled to-night:

The totalization of duration, awarded to the aviators who remained in the air the greatest period of time in the whole meeting, resulted as follows:

Hoxsey, 7:29:21.85.
Johnstone, 4:47:44.40.
Grahame-White, 4:37:05.85.
Latham, 4:11:21.20.

The totalization of distance, awarded to the aviators who covered the greatest distance, adding the distances made by them in the hourly contests of each day, was won by these aviators:

Grahame-White, 106 laps.
Latham, 103 laps.
Aubrun, 59 laps.

The four prizes for the totalization of duration are $3,000, $1,500, $1,000, and $500. For the totalization of distance the prizes are $1,500, $1,000, and $500.

Airmen Are Aroused.

Grahame-White's spill was followed by an incident which roused the anger of many of the airmen and some of the officials of the Aero Club who witnessed it.

A special programme and special prizes were provided by the aviation committee for to-day, which was outside of the official meet.

The first of these events was a distance race, the course being over the 2,500 meter or short track and two hours the limit for the event. The aero club offered the alluring prize of $2,000 for first place in this event, $1,000 for second, and $500 for third place.

Moissant soared above the wings of his new Bleriot of fifty horsepower, which he had purchased from Le Blanc, in his snappy Chicago style, to ride to victory in the Statue of Liberty race yesterday, and was over the line almost with the signal bomb at 1:20 o'clock, flying swiftly and steadily down toward the rounding pylon at the eastern end of the track. Mars, in a Curtiss biplane, was the next to take the air. After him came Simon in a Bleriot, and then the stately Antoinette, the queen of all the air fleet at this flying festival, with Latham in his place behind the sweeping wings.

Day Perfect for Flying.

The day was perfect for flying. There was a negligible wind of from five to ten miles an hour. The sun burned back from the brass work on the flying Antoinette in blinding flashes.

The race, which had started with four contestants, narrowed down to three at the end of the first lap. Mars could not

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