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Poor Politics in California. Republicans who recall the Hughes trip to California and the deliberate snubbing of Gov. Hiram Johnson now point out that little incidents of the visit to the Golden Gate marked the turning point in the election.

Seen and Heard by George Miner. New York, Nov. 11.—As most business men know, a fairly well organized and quite vigorous effort is being made to secure the South American trade to the United States.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS. The War Department has authorized the establishment of infantry units of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, at five additional universities and colleges.

The Herald's Open Forum TELLS OF RELIEF WORK. Virginia Trumble Appeals for Aid for Children. Editor, The Washington Herald: The past two summers I spent some time in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama, and during my ramblings on the mountains I was struck with the poverty of these white mountain people, far from civilization.

A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year. By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS. First printing of an original poem, written daily for The Washington Herald.

UNCritical. When some one makes a pie for me I eat the same with joyous glee, And do not vex my soul with dense Reflections on ingredients.

Maine should up and apologize. Pretty near time to pay those bets. Political gossip says Vance McCormick is to become Secretary of War.

One of life's mysteries is who gets the best of the election bet—the man who rides in the wheelbarrow or the man who pushes it.

His old friends, the Mexican problem and the submarine controversy were not long in rising to congratulate Mr. Wilson on his re-election.

Among the more popular pastimes for the political writers for the next few months will be picking new members for President Wilson's Cabinet.

Col. Roosevelt said he had nothing to say when informed of the re-election of President Wilson. Probably saving his breath for the big drive four years hence.

While most of the country was concerned about the high cost of bread, milk, flour and coal, members of Congress in a number of districts found that "pork" cost an election.

The Senatorial race in Massachusetts did not provide the thrills that the Presidential result furnished, but Henry Cabot Lodge probably has a much higher opinion of Mr. Fitzgerald than ever before.

Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin, of Montana, like most of her sex may like to talk, but if she can surpass in words Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, there must be extra editions of the Congressional Record.

Already selections for the 1920 national campaign are being made with Senators Ollie James and Thomas J. Walsh prominent in the Democratic lists. But nobody knows that President Wilson will not want a third piece of pie.

"Boosters of Food Prices Face Jail," says a headline close to another announcing, "Coal Prices Have Dropped." Evidently the Democrats have decided that the high cost of living shall not be an argument against them four years hence.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad is the first carrier to take steps to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law. Thus, despite the fact that the election is over, the special statute for the trainmen will continue to be a popular subject for discussion.

In the light of the final returns, with the outcome in California settled by less than 4,000 votes in favor of President Wilson and Gov. Johnson elected to the United States Senate by an overwhelming majority, there can be no two opinions as to which of the two leading Republicans had the greater strength.

While Wisconsin cast its vote for Mr. Hughes, the supporters of Senator La Follette did not aid materially in this result. As in California the candidate did not mention the name of the nominee for United States Senate.

With the returns all in, it is not difficult to see that the Democratic candidate profited by Republican dissensions to a degree that really made possible his election. While President Wilson was considerably stronger than his party, it is an open question whether he could have overcome the normal Republican majority had the G. O. P. been working in perfect harmony from Maine to California.

Tammany's Hand in Congress. One of the most interesting aftermaths of the election is that found in an analysis of the figures of New York City where Tammany failed woefully in its announced intention of giving President Wilson a lead that would overcome the up-State vote.

The followers of Murphy have been practically ignored by the administration in the distribution of patronage during the past three years. The determining voice in the distribution of Federal plums in the Empire State has been that of politicians directly opposed to the Tiger organization.

Realizing that three years of political hunger probably had killed whatever enthusiasm and interest the organization might have in the re-election of the President, Democratic leaders approached the Tammany chiefs with a promise to "keep off" the New York City municipal election in 1917 in return for the loyal support of the organization for the Wilson candidacy.

It looks on the surface like another lean four years for Tammany so far as White House consideration is concerned. If the promise has been given that the administration will not encourage a fusion ticket in the 1917 municipal election that promise undoubtedly will be kept, but anything more in the way of administration favor seems very improbable.

Tammany has one hope. With the control of Congress held by a slender margin, the New York organization representatives in Congress presenting a united front may control legislation in the House when the lines are tightly drawn and a handful of votes will decide the issue.

All Nebraska is waking up to the advantages of the rural credits act, and the State University is taking an active part. Information regarding the new farm loan act and instructions as to how to form a national farm loan association to take advantage of low rates of interest made possible by the rural credits act may be had free upon application to the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

But if Canada and Australia will not accept compulsory military service to support an imperial army in France, what will the American people do when required to maintain such an army as is proposed in the program of the Wilson administration? Roosevelt is right in saying that the proposition to raise and maintain such a force without a provision for compulsory service is merely absurd—the experiences at home and abroad prove this beyond contradiction.

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Hunting ducks with airships is the newest form of sport. It is said to be very exhilarating, but is also a pretty low-down trick on the ducks. There is a law against hunting game birds from a motor craft and, of course, that law applies to a motor airship as well as to a motor boat, but these modern Nimrods have a way of getting around that by going outside the three-mile limit where the Federal jurisdiction does not operate.

Mr. E. K. Jaquith, the son of a Chicago banker, is the man who has started this airship hunting fad down on the New Jersey coast. It has become so popular that he is going to introduce it at Palm Beach this winter.

"Airship ducking has many advantages over the old way," said Mr. Jaquith. "You don't have to lie perfectly still for hours stretched out in a sneak box or behind a screen until you are numb with the cold waiting for the ducks to come your way. You can go after them. The machine has almost as much speed as the ducks when in full swing. I have often given chase to a flock just to hear them squawk and hit the high places for speed."

"My method is to go out beyond the three-mile limit and lie quietly on the water until a flock is sighted. Of course, I use a hydro-aeroplane. We follow them with glasses until they settle. Then we approximate our distance, start down or up at right angles to their feeding point and then gradually mount into the air, describing an arc that brings us close to them. If we are lucky enough to have clouds we can get right over the flock. The whirr of the propeller will usually flush them from the water."

"Nine times out of ten the ducks start right out with the wind and gradually soar into the air. We are going in the same direction and with the speed already attained generally can get almost among the ducks before they get under full swing. The passenger bangs away and if he is any kind of a shot generally gets two or three before they outdistance us."

"The most difficult part of the game is to retrieve the birds. At first we seldom picked up our game because it was hard to sight them down. I have overcome that by carrying buoys painted white. As soon as the passenger fires and a duck falls I cast out some of the white buoys. The speed with which we are traveling and the speed of the duck as it strikes generally brings the buoy and the bird down in the water within a hundred feet or so of one another. With the buoy as a finder we are then able to course back and get our birds."

"Gunning from a flying boat is much more interesting than target casting, which was the only fun outside of the exhilaration of flying that my passengers were able to enjoy before."

An announcement by the Hughes National College League of the work it has done during the campaign mentions that it has been instrumental in inducing an important group of citizens for the first time to take an active part in politics and make their presence felt for the general welfare.

There is a foreign trust, operating in this country with the full support and approval of the present administration at Washington, which is now cinching the wheat farmers of the United States as they never have been cinched before. This foreign trust has the warm approval of the administration because it was formed ostensibly for a purpose which chimes in exactly with the President's vague academic ideas.

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Lieut. Col. C. D. Rhodes, commandant of the mounted service school at Fort Riley, has sent to the War Department a special report on the problem of disposing of valuable animals. He points out that the character of the mounted school horses and colts at the institution compares favorably with that of animals at any school of equitation in the world.

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