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New York State Women Obtain Suffrage Rights

GRENADIERS FIGHT TO LAST MAN

GERMANS CONTINUE ADVANCE IN ITALY

MAYOR WILSON RUNS LOWEST ON TICKET; VOTE 9126

Defeat of Lynn Wilson for Congress by Schuyler Merritt No Surprise to Losing Candidate—Democrats by No Means Disheartened—Factors Which Lead to Victory of Republicans—Wilson Asserts That Kirk Would Have Won But for the Special Congressional Election.

Declaring Bridgeport Democrats were just starting their fight for good municipal government, William P. Kirk, defeated mayoralty candidate, was much encouraged by his ticket's showing against the Republican machine, which returned Mayor Clifford B. Wilson to office for the fourth consecutive time, thereby establishing a record in local politics.

Mayor Wilson's plurality was 2,569 and for the first time in his political career he is a majority leader, although he ran low on the ticket with 9,126. The Collector Edward F. Smith polled the highest Republican vote, 3,870, with Town Clerk Joseph Schultz second in line with 3,307. The Socialist vote showed a slight falling off.

The special county election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Ebenezer J. Hill gave Schuyler Merritt, Republican, a majority of 4,892 over the Democratic candidate, Lynn W. Wilson.

Lynn W. Wilson, Democratic candidate for Congress, defeated yesterday, said today: "It was unfortunate for Mr. Kirk that the special congressional election was held at the same time as his own. Mr. Kirk did magnificent work. In less than three weeks he constructed a militant organization. He got the party the largest vote in its history, and got it 4,600 more votes than it had two years ago."

The Democratic party received many Republican votes, but it lost many Democratic votes, principally through the injection of the congressional election. Because the congressional election Mr. Roosevelt was brought into the city, and it was possible for the Republican machine to obtain additional large sums of money.

ALLEGED TRUST FUND ABSCONDER HELD BY POLICE

Wanted in Georgia, on charges of absconding with a trust fund, James English, a prominent lawyer of Waycross, Georgia, employed as a laborer in short time at the Remington Arms works, was placed under arrest here yesterday by Detective J. J. Gerrity, and is held for Georgia authorities. In the city court today the case was continued until instructions from Douglas, Georgia, where the warrant was issued, are received.

HOOVER TO FIX PRICE AND SIZE OF BREAD LOAF

Washington, Nov. 7.—Direct action to control the price of bread and fix the size of a standard loaf will be taken soon by President Wilson in a proclamation placing all bakers under the license system administered by Food Administrator Hoover. The bakers will be considered as manufacturers and the terms of the proclamation will make it possible for the food administration to control price and size of the loaf. Considerable reduction of prices in many localities is expected to be the immediate result.

BUCKINGHAM TO SIT IN HARTFORD

Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham will sit in the Hartford compensation court tomorrow and Thursday in the absence of Commissioner Chandler, who is working in the interests of the Connecticut State Council of Defense.

BLOW FROM PLAYMATE'S BAT FATAL

Coroner Phelan Institutes Inquiry As to Cause of Death of Samuel Handelman—Police Offer Assistance on the Case.

His death occurring yesterday at the Bridgeport hospital, said to have been caused by a blow on the head with a baseball bat in the hands of one of his companions, Coroner John J. Phelan has started an investigation as to the cause of the demise of Samuel Handelman, age 12 years, son of Bernard Handelman of 62 Colorado avenue.

In an effort to locate the culprit should it be found that the responsibility for the death can be placed, the police department is giving the coroner assistance. Some time during the vacation Samuel came into his home crying, and told his parents he had been struck upon the head by one of his playmates with a baseball bat. At the time he did not seem seriously injured but later complications developed.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE STATE LEADERS TAKE NEW HOPE

Hartford, Nov. 7.—News from New York of the adoption of the equal suffrage amendment overshadowed everything else when the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association opened its 48th annual convention here today. Delegates were in delighted mood and all were eager to obtain the latest figures both from New York state and from Ohio.

The wet forces carried the city by 2,601 votes. The plurality was greatly reduced by the negligence of the voting machine mechanics, who failed to block the question spaces not in use. As a result many voters turned the pointers on questions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The drys carried only one district, the fifth, which is strictly residential, also the first precinct of the Ninth district, which is also a residential territory, and his not a saloon in its limits.

Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, the retiring president, in her review of the year, prefaced with a reference to the suffrage vote. She declared that it was a great victory and one with far reaching effects to carry New York state, and she was confident that Ohio would be found true to equal suffrage.

Losses suffered by the British army last week totaled \$1,891 officers and men.

WOMEN GET VOTE IN NEW YORK BY LARGE MAJORITY

Suffrage Carries New York State by 100,000—Metropolis Alone Gives Majority of Over 80,000, With 272 Election Districts Yet Missing—Judge Hylan Sweeps Into Office With Greatest Plurality Ever Given a Mayoralty Candidate—Whole Ticket Is Successful.

New York, Nov. 7.—The woman citizens of New York state were given unlimited suffrage in yesterday's election by a majority that is expected to reach 100,000 when all election districts have completed their tabulations. Judge John F. Hylan, swept this city with the entire Tammany ticket.

Early today, with 1,348 out of 5,772 election districts missing, the vote stood 533,519 for the amendment and 446,701 against it.

In the greater city, which reversed its stand of 1915, the suffrage leaders predicted that the missing 272 election districts would greatly increase the already large majority. The incomplete vote for the city was 239,724 for suffrage and 209,127 opposed to it.

In the long fight for the ballot in New York state of almost 70 years the women long since learned to expect defeat, but their fears were early turned to hope and, as the big vote began to pile up, to jubilation that knew no bounds.

At both the city and state suffrage headquarters scenes approaching hysteria were enacted as the women showered embraces, kisses and congratulations on one another. Then, as if sobered by the realization that other states still withheld the vote from their women, the leaders immediately set about pushing the campaign for the federal amendment.

On the sweeping character of yesterday's victory in this state the leaders predicted that congress would be influenced to act favorably on the constitutional amendment enfranchising women of the nation. But a victory without a jubilee could not be overlooked and before the crowds of jubilant women began leaving the two

21 MISSING ON ALCEDO SUNK BY GERMAN U-BOAT

Washington, Nov. 7.—The navy department today was awaiting from Vice Admiral Sims a complete report of the torpedoing of the American patrol vessel Alcedo, which went down in the war zone early Monday morning with a probable loss of one officer and 20 men.

The department early today gave out a list of those unaccounted for and announced simultaneously that vessels were combing the waters in the vicinity of the sinking for possible survivors. Of the Alcedo's full complement of seven officers and 85 men, 71 are known to have been rescued, but little hope is held out for the possible safety of those reported missing.

ARREST OF MAX AMS WORKER FOR SEDITIOUS TALK

Violation of his permit as an alien enemy, and his pro-German talk in the shop of the Max Ams Co. and elsewhere led to the arrest today by Charles H. Lane of the department of justice of Paul Lange, 109 Lenox avenue, chief draftsman at the shops of the Max Ams Co. Lange had a permit for residence in Bridgeport, but violated it by a visit to Baltimore without the proper permission from a United States marshal, and has also been indulging in very strong pro-German talk. He was born in Germany in 1881, has resided in America for 14 years, and for one year in Bridgeport. He will be interned for the remainder of the war.

CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE ARE CUT

Hearing on the claims of Lillian R. Bartram and Jessie L. Washburn against the estate of their mother, Amelia E. Bartram, was held in the superior court before Charles S. Canfield, Robert N. Blakelee and Frank N. Canfield, commissioners appointed by Probate Judge Paul L. Miller. The former was awarded the sum of \$720 for board and care and the latter was given \$486.88. Each had presented claims in excess of \$1,500.

Nurse to be Naturalized. May Margaret Egan, of Greenwich, a Red Cross nurse, applied to M. J. Flanagan, naturalization clerk of the superior court today for a passport to Yvonne. She is to join the American Red Cross organization over there.

Enemy Forces Make No Attempt to Regain Ground on Flanders Front—Italians Withdraw Behind Tagliamento River in Good Order and Take Up Positions Near the Livenza—French Repulse Strong Attack on Verdun Front.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The Germans are continuing their pursuit of the Italians and have taken more prisoners, the war office announces.

German troops on the Flanders front are holding a line along the eastern edge of Passchendaele village, army headquarters announced today.

The British penetrated Passchendaele yesterday, the official statement says, but had to relinquish later the eastern part of the village. Fresh forces were brought up at noon by the British, but they were able only to effect a local extension of their penetration in the vicinity of Passchendaele.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The Germans made an attack last night on the Verdun front at Chaume wood. The war office announces that the enemy was repulsed.

German attacks near St. Quentin and northwest of Rheims also failed.

London, Nov. 7.—The Germans made no effort during the night to regain the ground captured yesterday on the Ypres front by the British.

"On the battle front there is nothing to report except intermittent German artillery operations," says today's official statement. "Our troops have been engaged in consolidating the positions won in yesterday's attack. A successful raid was carried out last night by Liverpool troops northwest of Queant. We captured a few prisoners."

Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 7.—Again a brigade of grenadiers has covered itself with glory, standing like a rock in the face of the advancing Austro-German tide until it was overwhelmed. After the enemy had crossed the Tagliamento river and was pressing on between Pordenone and Portogruaro, grenadiers were assigned to the task of holding up the advance in this region. No shelling from the enemy could dislodge them. They lay prone behind brushwood, calmly awaiting the foe.

As soon as the enemy came within range his ranks were swept with the rifle fire of the grenadiers. The Austro-German lines were filled up immediately, however, and continued to advance in overwhelming waves.

As they approached the grenadiers rose to their knees and hurled their grenades, but were unable to turn back such great numbers of the enemy. The last surviving officer then ordered a bayonet charge. Without hesitation the grenadiers dashed at the foe. When last seen the few survivors, using their rifles as clubs, were fighting on until, one by one, all fell.

That did not occur, however, until they had accomplished their task, for their resistance delayed the enemy until the Italian troops reached a place of safety and were re-formed for action.

Italian Army Headquarters, Tuesday, Nov. 6.—Gen. Cadorna has issued an order including in the zone of military operations all territory to the north and east of the Po and Minicoro rivers. This district takes in all of north-eastern Italy, from a point on the Adriatic coast about 80 miles south of Venice, westward and northward to Lake Garda on the Trentino front.

LANDLORD WANTS TENANT TO MOVE

Alleging an agreement for a renewal for two years of a three year lease of the Farmly farm in Stratfield, has been violated, Seabury H. Lyon, of Fairfield, has filed action in the superior court asking for an order from the Family of Bridgeport, for the carrying out of the agreement, or damages of \$1,000. The lease was for three years from December 5, 1914, with privilege of renewal for two years additional provided the farm was not sold. Despite notice of intention to renew, the owner has declined to execute a new lease.

TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE SATURDAY

Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham recently reappointed for a term of five years by Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb, will take the oath of office at 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon. Justice George W. Wheeler of the supreme court will administer the oath. Commissioner Buckingham has received hundreds of congratulations and tokens since his reappointment was announced. During his term only a few appeals were made from his decisions, the number being far below the number of appeals in other compensation districts. Buckingham's jurisdiction includes all of Fairfield county.

THE WEATHER. Fair and slightly cooler tonight; Wednesday fair.