

SOCIALISM WON, DECLARES WILSON

Berkeley Mayor Elect Says Any One on Same Platform Would Win

Continued From Page One do businessmen and commuters of Berkeley, he raced Hodghead closely. "In the precinct in which both Mr. Hodghead and I live, north of the university grounds, the 'Hillside' district, out of about 240 votes cast," said Wilson, "Mr. Hodghead had but 25 votes more than I. I came within 13 votes of beating him. At my meetings were many professors, instructors and students of the university, and many professors came to me and told me that I had their support.

"I was gratified this afternoon to receive a telephone message from President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, who was a Hodghead man in the campaign, congratulating me on my election and promising to add me in any way that he could during my term of office. The new mayor of Berkeley says he is not a 'radical' socialist. He calls himself a 'scientific' socialist, or what is more generally known as an evolutionary, as distinguished from a revolutionary, socialist.

Believes in Revolution "I used to be a 'destructive' socialist," he explained, "but I have become convinced that it is better to advocate constructive principles, while criticizing the existing order of capitalism. I do not sign myself 'Yours for revolution,' although I believe in the 'revolution.' It is coming, but it is an evolutionary revolution that I believe in." Scientific socialism and the Berkeley charter—that is the platform of J. Stitt Wilson.

The Berkeley charter was prepared two years ago as the last word of municipal perfection in Berkeley, a time of culture and light, where good government and attractive bungalows are held to be indigenous to the soil, passed into a condition of civic Brahminism when it was adopted as a charter. Of course in the two years that have passed since the charter was adopted the velocity of civic progress has been exhilaratingly amazing, and there have been as many new discoveries in charters as there have been new fancies in popular songs, but the people of Berkeley have been true to their organic law.

The progressives of Berkeley even contemplated making of their community a separate city and county for the avowed purpose of testing out advanced theories in municipal perfection. They were willing to dedicate their community as a civic laboratory to correspond with the psychological laboratory or the propagation gardens of the state university. But none, probably, predicted the extent to which Berkeley would go as an experimental station in civics.

He Is True Berkeleyan "However, Berkeley is true to its academic propensities. The new mayor is a master of arts and a former instructor of English literature at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill. As a Berkeleyan Stitt Wilson is true to the fundamental Berkeley instinct. He had taken to the hills to live. His home is the "furthermost oak" in Ridge road, and in Berkeley the further east you build and the higher up the hills you go the more sensitive you are shown to be to Berkeley's Wilson's home has an outlook that is as fine as any in Berkeley. Before his window lies the town of Berkeley and the bay. Beyond, in almost direct line, is the Golden Gate.

Wilson was at home yesterday afternoon in a living room that was filled with flowers sent in by friends, admirers and supporters or plucked from his own blossoming garden, filled with flowers and western sunshine. Around were telegrams, night messages, letters from socialists and friends throughout the states. And at that time he had taken a companion on the messenger boy and told the telegraph company that it need not deliver any more messages.

With the sunshine and the blossoms and the simple furniture were books of all sorts, but mostly of the socialist propaganda and of municipal government. The shelves contained religious books and general literature. Wilson had been a Methodist clergyman and now lectures every Sunday on religious topics.

Wilson lives with his wife and four children. The eldest of the family is Mrs. James Conway, a talented actress, who appears on the stage under the name of Viola Barry, and who has recently concluded an engagement in language at the Belasco theater in Los Angeles. There, while appearing in the comedy, "Is Matrimony a Failure?" Miss Barry put the issue to the test by being married to a man named James Conway, a motion picture actor. She was at home yesterday to join her felicitations to the others which her father was receiving, a remarkably pretty girl, about 6 years old, Melnetta Stitt Wilson.

Of his campaign and of his municipal plans, Wilson spoke at length. He said: "The program which I intend to carry out has already been provided for in the charter. The city of Berkeley is corporation ridden. The water and light rates are too high. We pay 9 cents a kilowatt for electricity and \$1 a thousand feet for gas, and the minimum for water of \$1.50 a month. We shall have a regulation of those rates. We socialists agree with the Berkeley charter. I intend during my term as mayor to institute proceedings for the purchase of the water and lighting plants.

"I really propose no more for Berkeley at this time than what the most progressive cities of the world have already accomplished. I am a scientific socialist and I define socialism as the art of which sociology is the science. The deductions of sociology as a science show us that what all the people use in common and need in common should be owned and operated in common.

"Do you consider your election a radical step?" the mayor elect was asked. "Everybody," he replied, "knew me as a socialist, as an aggressive socialist; I ran for governor on the socialist ticket. And it seems to me that nobody could possibly have voted for me in any other light than as a socialist. The chief attack made upon me was that I was a socialist. The intelligent people of Berkeley have taken a decided step that corresponds to the worldwide movement of socialism. Wilson has two planks in his platform in addition to those of municipal ownership and control. He declares that he will establish free kindergartens as part of the public school system and that he will organ-

Policeman Rescues Woman From Baze

Mrs. Flora Rice and Baby Marion Blue and Patrolman J. A. Annear, who rescued them from burning building.



ize a civic art commission to recommend and suggest plans for the preservation of the great natural beauties of Berkeley and to offer suggestions for the beautification of the city.

The plan includes the planting of trees and the laying out of tracts. Wilson will adhere firmly, he says, to the socialist principle of removing no city official for partisan reasons. He expects to have two of the four members of the city council elected on April 25, John A. Wilson, the only socialist who qualified for the final election, and E. G. Turner, an independent candidate, who is a supporter of the Wilson policies.

Wilson Talks of Election "My election is only a forerunner of the future," declared John Stitt Wilson, Berkeley's new socialist mayor, at the central theater yesterday morning. "What we have done in Berkeley is nothing to grow excited about," he continued calmly. "It was simply the beginning of a new era in the politics of this and other nations. The sleepers have awakened, the giant has reared his strength. People have commenced to think. That's all my election signifies. It was not Wilson who won the victory. It was the principles for which he stands, and if anyone else had been run on our platform the result would have been the same."

It was his first speech since the election and it was an enthusiastic audience that greeted him. The place was packed with smiling and cheering socialists, men, women and children. About 1,500 were present and every utterance applying to the recent election was followed by applause. Wilson is a Sunday morning lecturer on biblical subjects, when he is not running for office he makes his living that way, and the meeting was merely a continuation of a series that he started some time ago. His subject was to be "The Good Samaritan."

The audience, however, met him like a conquering hero. Women and children showered his pathway with flowers, and strong men bore him on their shoulders to the platform. Meanwhile the crowd cheered, waved hats and fluttered handkerchiefs.

DEMAND ELECTION TALK He started to speak on his subject of a week ago, but there were cries of "tell us about the election," until he was compelled to revert to it. Without leaving his subject he compared the old parties to the two men who passed the wounded man, who he said represented the people, without offering to help him up and house and feed him. "The good samaritan," said Wilson, "is the socialist party, the other two who have been passing the people by so regularly after each election they have grown tired of and refused to be followed any longer. They want promises kept. And when they elect a man on a platform demanding certain things, like municipal ownership of public utilities for instance, they want that platform carried out. That's what beat my opponent, and it will beat any promise making politician from now on."

"The average voter has commenced to do his own thinking; a great wave of radicalism is spreading over the country not only in this, in other countries, and the thinking voters have reached the conclusion that no matter on what platform a candidate runs, if it promises certain reforms, they will vote for him and try him. If he fails to carry it out they have been gainers, they have had the experience and will discriminate better each succeeding election until they get what they want."

Continuing, he praised the student body and faculty of the University of California for the excellent support accorded him and thanked the comrades, as he called them, who had helped in the campaign.

1,000 STUDENT VOTES He had received not fewer than 1,000 votes from the students and faculty at the university, he said, and it was due to their support and that of the workmen of Berkeley that he was elected. He denied that disgruntled politicians of the old parties cut any material figure. "They don't think enough in the first place and their prejudice against the alleged bugaboo of the word socialism would prevent them voting for me," said Wilson. "I'm rather inclined to think they remained at home rather than vent their spite on my opponent by voting for a socialist," he exclaimed after the meeting to a group of friends who crowded up to congratulate him. The women socialists took no little interest in the Wilson campaign. Many of them were vice presidents of the meeting. Among those on the platform were: Mrs. Emma P. Gray, Mrs. Lillian Bishop, Mrs. Agnes Moore, Mrs. I. A. Stough, Mrs. L. A. Stoddard, Mrs. George E. Kendall and Miss Lillian Bishop. Many of these campaigned actively for Wilson in Berkeley, making a house to house canvass, and their

SLEEPERS TRAPPED IN BURNING HOUSE

John Annear Climbs Burning Stairway Twice to Succor Two Victims

Two Men Jump From Windows and Are Injured, While Loss Is \$8,000

Policeman John Annear climbed three stories up a fire wrapped stairway at 28 Clyde street early yesterday morning, fought his way along a burning hallway and rescued Mrs. Flora Rice, who was trapped in her apartment by the flames and had fainted.

After carrying the woman to the street the policeman rushed back to the second story and rescued 6 months old Marion Blue. Then Annear collapsed and he was rushed to the emergency hospital for treatment.

Twenty other persons who lived in the burned house narrowly escaped with their lives. T. T. Thompson broke his leg when he jumped from the third story to the vacant lot next to the house. John O'Brien dislocated his right shoulder in leaping to the street from the second floor. The other lodgers rushed from the burning house in their nightclothes and several were severely burned about the head and body.

The fire, which is thought to have been of incendiary origin, started in the basement of the three story building and rapidly spread up the front and back stairways before it was discovered at 4 o'clock.

Marion Blue, the child rescued by Annear, was sleeping in a rear room on the second floor. The smoke caused her to cough. The mother awoke and was startled to find that the house was in flames. She rushed into the street to give the alarm, but before she could return the stairway was ablaze and she was unable to reach the child. All the children lost belonged to Mrs. Blue lost a pet dog and Mrs. Flora Rice one parrot and 10 canaries.

Two cans of coal oil were found in the basement after the fire started in the morning there were two other mysterious fires in the same neighborhood.

None of the occupants of the building of the owners, John Wiley, was insured. The loss is estimated at \$8,000.

Policeman John Annear was commended highly by his superior, Lieutenant John Louis of the southern station, and a report of his brave conduct will be sent to Chief of Police John Seymour.

Frame Buildings Damaged Damage amounting to several hundred dollars was done to two frame buildings at 726 and 728 Harrison street Sunday morning when fire started in the Bee cafe, conducted by Andrew Coules at the former address. The flames spread to the building adjoining, occupied by the agency of the Regal motor car company. Before the arrival of the fire engines the Bee cafe was almost destroyed. Little damage was done to the building occupied by the Regal company. The losses were covered by insurance.

POSSE SEARCHES FOR ABDUCTORS OF BOY RUMOR CONNECTS PROMINENT PERSONS WITH KIDNAPING

LAS VEGAS, N. M., April 2.—With the abduction and ransom of Wallace Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rogers, three days old and no arrests made, the mystery surrounding the case seems to be deepening. Rumors connect several known persons in Las Vegas with the abduction, but no official confirmation can be secured. It is believed that the man who took the child from his home received the \$15,000 paid for his recovery, although others aided in the kidnaping. Every member of the New Mexico mounted police is working on the case and Captain Fred Forneo headed an armed posse that left this afternoon in an automobile for some point south of Las Vegas. The object of the expedition is known only to those in charge.

300,000 COOLIES LOSE JOBS THROUGH PLAGUE MANCHURIA FLOODED WITH UNEMPLOYED MEN

SEATTLE, April 2.—According to Japanese papers just received, 300,000 coolies have lost their occupation in Manchuria through the plague. The coolies in northern Siberia, who were deported by the Russian authorities, have entered Manchuria and added to the number of unemployed. A dispatch from Australia to the Tokio Asahi reports that various papers are calling attention to the report that a great number of Chinese are entering New Caledonia. There are at present about 4,000 Japanese in the island, including many skilled carpenters, engineers, etc. The French in the island are indifferent. Australian papers, however, declare that colonization of the Pacific islands by Japanese should be resisted.

WARSHIPS TO COMPETE IN TARGET PRACTICE FOURTEEN BATTLESHIPS TO FIRE WHILE OTHERS DRILL

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The annual battle practice of the Atlantic fleet off the Virginia capes will begin tomorrow morning when 14 of the 18 battleships under command of Rear Admiral

Schroeder will direct their big guns at targets representing warships of a supposed enemy. Secretary of the Navy Meyer, on the president's yacht Navyflower, will observe the efficiency of the officers, men and guns under battle conditions. Twenty-five vessels of the navy will be on the scene of battle, which is known as the southern drill grounds. The four divisions of the fleet will be spread over a distance of 45 miles. With their 12 inch guns the battleships will fire at canvas screens stretched between masts on heavy rafts. These will be towed by a fleet

auxiliary and a battleship steaming 10 miles an hour, six, seven or eight miles away, will direct its guns upon the targets. Each screen will be examined frequently and records of hits will be made. In this way the annual records of target practice are obtained and the ships rated as to efficiency.

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Table showing Call's gain in March 1911 over March 1910. Includes categories like Local Display, Oakland Display, Foreign Display, Classified, Readers, Legal, Resorts, Business Directory, Total, Net Gain, and Net Loss.

Table showing Chronicle's loss in March 1911 over March 1910. Includes categories like Local Display, Oakland Display, Foreign Display, Classified, Readers, Legal, Resorts, Business Directory, Total, Net Loss, and Net Gain.

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CIRCULATION BRINGS ADVERTISING ADVERTISING BRINGS BUSINESS

Advertisement for Hunyadi Janos Natural Laxative Water, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its benefits for various ailments like biliousness, sick headache, and constipation.

POSITIVISTS DEMAND HONORS FOR COMTE

The positivists demand that the remains of Auguste Comte shall rest in the Pantheon. Whether the demand will be complied with is, says a Paris paper, a debatable subject. In regard to such posthumous honors a bill has been brought into the chamber, and such bills are not passed rapidly, and the proposal slumbers in the legislature.

A demand has also been put forward in favor of Garnier of the opera, and this is sleeping in the Pantheon. Although entry to the Pantheon by vote of the legislature is not easy, yet there are exceptions to the rule, notably Victor Hugo, Zola and M. Berthelet of the Academy and his wife, who died within a few hours of one another. Although every one knows that Comte was the founder of the positivist school of philosophy, yet it may not be out of place to indicate briefly what positivism is.

According to Doctor Maher, this is the substance of the French philosopher's teaching: Metaphysics, or the investigation of the first causes of things, of their inner nature and last end, is a chimerical science. Human reason can never learn anything about God, the soul, man's origin or destiny; consequently natural theology and rational psychology are alike illusory. Agnosticism, in fact, describes the true philosophical attitude. Comte insisted much on "altruism"—Altruism, as happiness not of self but of others—as the ethical end of life.

GROVE PLANNED IN HONOR OF VIRGIL

The poet, par excellence, of nature study is about to receive a well inspired, if somewhat tardy, tribute to his memory near his native Mantua. At the instance of the commandatore, Giacomo Boni, the distinguished architect and archaeologist who conducts the excavations in Rome, there will be planted on the margin of the Mincio, at the fort of Pietole, a lucus or grove, sacred to the Italian flora. In illustration of the botanical and sylvan growth mentioned in the Eclogues and the Georgics. According to the Scotsman, all the lovely or lordly denizens of the garden or the champion will be represented as hallowed in the "undying song" of the swan of Mantua. The poet Gabriel d'Annunzio will, it is expected, inaugurate the "Flora Virgiliana" with an ode in which he will attempt to show that in Italy the gift of poetry did not die with Virgil and Virgil's scholar, Dante.

MONKEYS SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM

The Philadelphia Record publishes the following from Washington, D. C.: Eleven monkeys have been sent to the government hospital for the insane, though the little "forest men" are sound mentally and healthy.

Fresh from George Washington university, where their association was with professors and students of psychology, by whom their faculties for perception and sensation were pronounced to be more keen than those of the average man the simians are now to be subjected to close scientific scrutiny. That the savants may learn what effect may follow confinement among insane persons. Dr. S. I. Franz, psychologist of the hospital staff, will have the monkeys under observation. When he shall have finished with them they will be killed and their brains preserved in alcohol for future study.