

WEATHER Tacoma: Fair tonight and Friday. Washington: Same.

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POINDEXTER FAR AHEAD IN TACOMA

First choice votes in 118 out of 131 Tacoma precincts total: Poindexter 5,965. Humphreys 3,288. U. S. Senator Miles Poindexter is piling up a bigger lead for re-nomination every hour, returns from all over the state show. In first choice votes alone he has a lead of at least 10,000.

When Tacoma and Pierce county threw Humphreys into the discard by a big majority, landing him in third place, and Seattle and King county, Humphreys' stamping ground, turned him down, the republican bosses threw up their hands. Returns from 118 out of 131 Tacoma city precincts show that Poindexter leads Humphreys by more than 2,677 first choice votes alone.

OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS VILLA'S STILL NEAR SANTA CLARA

Gen. Gonzales, Carranista commander at Juarez, today announced officially that Villa is still in the Santa Clara region, where he has been seen personally by peons, but is showing no disposition to fight.

AVIATOR DIES IN FLIGHT AT FAIR

FREDERICKSBURG, Pa., Sept. 14.—Jack Miller of Cleburne, Texas, an aviator, is dead today as the result of injuries sustained when his aeroplane fell 75 feet during a flight at the county fair here late yesterday. Miller made the flight under protest because of the high winds.

Constant Care The interests of our patrons are manifold, and these have our constant care

PUGET SOUND BANK

Scene On Almost Any Tacoma Block This Week



WILLIAMS NOSED OUT; 3 JUDGES MAY STICK

Returns from all but five of the 217 Pierce county precincts, show that all the county officers running for re-election have been nominated, with the exception of C. H. Williams, county commissioner from the first district. With one of the first district precincts still to be heard from, James R. O'Farrell has a lead of 200 over Williams.

Mexicans Don't Understand U.S.

A double misunderstanding on the part of both Americans and Mexicans is causing the present antagonism on the Mexican border, according to Col. T. B. Ledgewidge, an officer of Carranza's army, who addressed Pierce county democrats at the Peerless Grill Thursday noon.

Speeding Up For Wilson

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 14.—President Wilson today issued "speed-up" orders to his party leaders. There was a distinct air of optimism about today's conference.

LIFT BURDEN

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 14.—Steps to relieve any unfair burdens in Mexican taxation of foreign-owned property appeared likely to result from the conference today between American and Mexican commissioners here.

FLASHES

FRESNO, Cal.—His two little daughters were sold in open court Thursday by Gary Youell to Mrs. M. J. Christie in payment of a \$400 debt.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal.—Recorder Albert Meyer, town magistrate, who has been sentencing auto speeders for six years, was sentenced by a justice of the peace to serve one day in jail for speeding.

NORFOLK, Va.—With oil leaking from five of her tanks into the bilge; with bilge valves choked; and fire extinguished to prevent an explosion, the Norwegian tanker Keckoria, listing badly, is anchored off Craney island awaiting orders from the owners.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A wireless dispatch from Rome today repeated the report that the Bulgarians have evacuated the Black Sea port of Varna and added that the Russians have cleared the port of enemy submarines and torpedo boats.

Taft and Root to Speak for Hughes

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Former President William Howard Taft will take the stump for a series of speeches in support of Charles E. Hughes in October. It is believed the former president will spend some time in Ohio.

Former Senator Elihu Root will join the Hughes' speaking forces in October, making a swing through New York state.

Lorimer a Loser

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Former U. S. Senator William Lorimer has fallen down in his come-back race for congress, incomplete returns from yesterday's state primary showing he has lost to Arthur W. Fulton in the Sixth district by 1,000 votes.

James R. Mann, republican leader, swamped his preacher opponent, Rev. M. P. Boynton, in the Second congressional district by a plurality of 15,000.

In the gubernatorial race, Governor Dunne, democrat, and Col. Frank O. Loudon, republican, were easy winners. Dunne's landslide vote has swept the entire statehouse ticket to victory with the possible exception of Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, who is running behind Henry W. Huttman, the Sullivan candidate.

Beach Vessel

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 14.—Leaking badly, the steam schooner O. M. Clark was beached today at Pancake Point near Westport on the Columbia river. The vessel crashed into the south jetty while entering the river last night.

Flour Up 20c

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 14.—Patent flour advanced 20 cents a barrel in the Portland market today, making the rate \$6.60 for standard brands.

SPEAK UP, BOSSLETS!

Greetings, "republican leaders," hand-pickers and your partisan press; greetings, what are you going to do about it now? You tried before the primaries to snub and belittle Senator Poindexter. You said he wasn't "regular." You said he wasn't even a republican. You maligned him and tried every way to defeat him.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you seen the valley fair? returns on H. Johnson, LaFollette and Poindexter don't indicate it. GOT THERE AT LAST A certain Tacoma paper in successive editions covering the election returns carried these headlines: First, "Humphreys Takes Lead." Second, "Bryan Takes Spurt." Third, "McBride and Poindexter."

The candidates who have been complaining because the partisan press wouldn't give them a square deal ought to be fully consoled. For look what the people did to the partisan press' candidates!

Progressivism may be receding, as the grandpatters claim, but the returns on H. Johnson, LaFollette and Poindexter don't indicate it.

Remember: Oysters! THE TRUTH ABOUT SOME PUBLIC FIGURES IS NEVER KNOWN UNTIL THEY ACQUIRE A MONUMENT AND THEN IT IS SELDOM FOUND ON THE MONUMENT.

Judge Hughes is rapidly boiling down all campaign issues to this vital question: "Can a popgun fire a broadside?"

TOO MANY OF OUR COMING YOUNG MEN START WITH A HANDICAP. Tip to Hughes: Charge those forest fires to Wilson!

LASTING, DURABLE PEACE ASSURED, IS BRIAND'S BELIEF

PARIS, Sept. 14.—A lasting and durable peace, imposed by an allied victory has been insured by the Teutonic powers being up entirely on the defensive, Premier Briand declared today in reviewing before the chamber of deputies war developments since the last session.

The intervention of Rumania and Italy's declaration of war against Germany have completed the solidarity of action of the allies, said he.

RUSSIA TO OBTAIN TURKISH CAPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—If the allies overthrow the central powers, Constantinople will become the possession of Russia, an agreement to this effect having been signed by the entente rulers, according to M. M. Itcha, member of the Russian duma, who is here today.

Vote New Loan

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Following Premier Briand's speech outlining the military situation, the chamber passed the new war loan asked by the government without a dissenting vote.

Bertillon Man Will Replace Fackler As Department Head In Next Few Days.

Harry M. Smith, Bertillon officer in the police department, will become chief of police within the next few days, it was learned today from authoritative sources. Capt. William Fackler, who has been acting chief, will retain his civil service standing in the department, and will be assigned to some new duty by the incoming chief.

Sub Said to Be On Tyme

(United Press Leased Wire) GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 10.—The German submarine merchant Bremen has been captured and is tied up in the River Tyme, according to the captain of a British merchant steamer that arrived here today from England.

MAJ. FIELD AT CAMP

Maj. P. C. Field of Calceio, U. S. medical inspection officer, has arrived in Tacoma and is at American lake Thursday.

U. S. DEVELOPING LINEN INDUSTRY

(The European war brought a shortage in the United States of many manufactures which hitherto had been imported. Americans immediately set to work to remedy the lack—with striking success. This is the first of a series of articles showing that "America can!"—Editor.

(Newspaper Enterprise Association) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14.—Because the noses of American farmers are more sensitive than those of Russian and Irish peasants, the United States has had no linen industry.

But American commercial genius, out of respect to sensitive olfactory organs, has solved the problem in another way—and THERE IS GOING TO BE AN AMERICAN LINEN INDUSTRY!

Linen is made from flax, which the botanists call an "inner-bark" fiber plant.

Between the outer skin on the stem and the woody inner pith is found the commercially useful flax fiber.

Before this is ready for the mill, the plants must not only be harvested, the seed removed and the straw dried, but a process known as "retting," which is a polite way of saying, "rotting," must take place.

In Europe the flax farmer rets his plants by putting bundles of flax straw on end in pools dug to the correct depth, and keeping them covered with water from seven to 10 days.

In Ireland, where this method is much used, the stench from these retting-pools covers the country for miles around.

When the process is complete, the men must wade waist deep in these fetid pools and lift out the slimy mass of straw.

American farmers won't do this kind of work. So flax in the United States is raised almost wholly for flax-seed, or linseed oil.

Now, however, at least two companies in the United States have perfected a chemical process which works. The Northern Flax Fiber Co. of Great Falls, Mont., is one, and the United States Linen Co. of Beloit, Wis., another.

These companies are making contracts with farmers to grow fiber-bearing flax at a guaranteed income to the farmer of \$15 an acre.

The European war has already curtailed the available supply of flax fiber from abroad. The United States in normal years im-



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ports between 10,000 and 12,000 tons of this material, valued at between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

The United States department of agriculture estimates that 50,000 acres of farm land would be necessary for raising the 10,000 tons of raw flax a year at present used in this country.

In addition, to supply enough flax to manufacture in the United States our present imports of linen from abroad, would require about 400,000 acres more devoted to fiber raising.

The United States is the world's largest user of linen goods, and except for insignificant amounts of cash-toweling, the entire supply has been imported from abroad.

The imports of linen goods in 1915 totalled \$14,715,943 in value. The normal imports run up to \$28,000,000.

A new \$25,000,000 American linen industry, therefore, is one which may come from the European war.

It is another proof that "AMERICA CAN!" when it has to.