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VOTERS DECISIVELY REBUKE HOGGATTISM

JAMES WICKERSHAM, former judge of the Third district of Alaska and independent candidate for delegate was elected yesterday by a vote so decisive as to permit of no doubt as to the desires of the people of Alaska when it comes to contesting with Governor Hoggatt the rule of this territory. So far as the returns received at this time show, John Corson, the avowed Hoggatt candidate, has received the strongest rebuke ever administered at the polls to a person seeking honor at the hands of Alaskans. In two corporation infested towns, Cordova and Treadwell, Corson polled a bigger vote than did Wickersham and in those towns only; every other precinct in Alaska buried beneath an avalanche of votes the man struggling for success against the handicap of the Hoggatt support.

The greatest surprise of the election came from Juneau, the particular yarding ground of Governor Hoggatt when he is in Alaska. Juneau expressed its sentiment by giving Wickersham 184 votes against 117 cast for Corson and Corson was badly defeated in every town in Southeastern Alaska with the exception of the aforementioned town of Treadwell.

Chilberg furnished a surprise by the manner in which he ran in the Tanana. Wickersham carried Fairbanks by a big vote but in the Tanana district as a whole present returns gives Chilberg 1,238 to Wickersham's 1,107. Nowhere did Ronan, or Clum show any strength.

Following is the tabulated vote so far as received:

| PRECINCTS | WICKERSHAM | CORSON | RONAN | CLUM | CHILBERG | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| VALDEZ (Town) | 165 | 19 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 199 |
| VALDEZ (Reservation) | 112 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 130 |
| CANYON | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| LANDLOCK | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| SEWARD | 52 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 |
| CORDOVA (approximate) | 150 | 700 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 925 |
| JUNEAU | 184 | 117 | 62 | 0 | 10 | 373 |
| KETCHIKAN | 78 | 17 | 35 | 0 | 40 | 170 |
| WRANGEL | 29 | 22 | 18 | 0 | 31 | 100 |
| SITKA | 33 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 62 |
| TREADWELL | 8 | 69 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 94 |
| DOUGLAS CITY | 56 | 48 | 47 | 0 | 23 | 174 |
| SKAGWAY | 164 | 27 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 203 |
| HAINES | 45 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| SILVER BOW BASIN 1st pre'ct | 31 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 24 | 65 |
| FAIRBANKS | 445 | 62 | 39 | 49 | 178 | 773 |
| HOT SPRINGS | 31 | 13 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 59 |
| EAGLE | 34 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 47 |
| SEWARD PENINSULA | 917 | 374 | 193 | 107 | 762 | 1730 |
| TOTAL | 2979 | 1529 | 553 | 164 | 1077 | 6298 |

TURKISH MINISTER IS RECALLED FROM POST

Washington, Aug. 13.—Mehmed Ali Bey, the Turkish minister to the United States has been recalled by his government. He says that the action on the part of the sultan is in accord with a plan to reorganize the Turkish diplomatic service, but in Washington it is believed that the recall has to do with political conditions in the Ottoman empire.

Among other things giving rise to the belief that all is not well with Mehmed Ali Bey is the fact that his father is fleeing to the United States to escape the wrath of the sultan. All Bey says that the charge that his father is guilty of inciting the Armenian massacres is false.

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ELECTRICIANS STRIKE AND WINNEPEG IS DARK

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Every employed electrician in the city walked out last night and the town is in darkness in consequence. There was not a power lamp burning either in streets or places of business and in the majority of places it was necessary for the business houses open to use candles as the stores selling lamps had closed for the day.

In all 6,000 men are on strike. The trouble resulting in the walk-out has been brewing for some time and there seems little chance of an immediate settlement, the employers declaring exorbitant the demands for shorter hours and more pay by the men.

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DETERMINATION TO HIT HOGGATT IS EXPLANATION

With Result of Election only a Question of Number of Votes by which Wickersham Wins, Talk turns to an Analysis of Corson's Defeat

With the delegate election a thing of the past and the only question in doubt the number of votes by which Wickersham will lead his opponents when the returns are all in, the talk today is turning to a solution of the whyness thereof; for the counting of the ballots has turned topsy turvy many preconceived ideas of "how the vote should be cast." The explanations have many ramifications but condensed, the view taken by the majority is that in casting their ballots the voters were for the most part actuated by the supreme desire to administer to Governor Hoggatt a rebuke that will not only long be remembered by him but will remove from the minds of the legislators in Washington any doubt as to where the people of Alaska stand when it comes to matters of territorial policy.

James Wickersham, eleventh hour candidate as he was, carried every Judicial district of Alaska, routed by potential majorities the Hoggatt candidate in all except two of the towns heretofore believed to be Hoggatt strongholds and clearly established the fact that whatever personal strength John Corson may have had in the beginning was lost to him by reason of his support by Governor Hoggatt. To assure the defeat of the Hoggatt hopes hundreds of democrats throughout the territory set aside desire to elect their candidate and cast their votes for James Wickersham. The democrats could have had the secret support of the Hoggatt influence but they refused it in the realization that if Ronan went to a congress sure to be republican it would only increase the Hoggatt influence in Washington.

To the effect that Governor Hoggatt be given discredit men having personal enmity to James Wickersham voted for him and the manner in which the Hoggatt "influence" worked is shown in the vote, totals of which to date show that Wickersham received 3,227 to Corson's 1,610, or nearly twice as many. Even in Canyon precinct, from whence came exaggerated account of the returns, the revised count takes Corson's single vote away from him, the correct returns showing that Wickersham received ten and Ronan two of the twelve votes cast. Copper Center cast eleven votes, nine for Wickersham and two for Ronan. The vote so far received shows that Wickersham carried the city of Fairbanks by more than 64 per cent in excess of all other candidates. He has all told more than 1,000 votes in excess of those cast for Chilberg, the candidate taking second place. The detailed vote by districts follows:

Coast End of Third.

Wickersham, 515, Corson, 752 (Cordova), Ronan, 103, Clum, 0, Chilberg, 0.

Tanana Division.

Wickersham, 1,167, Corson, 190, Ronan, 185, Clum, 8, Chilberg, 1,238.

Seward Peninsula.

Wickersham, 917, Corson, 374, Ronan, 193, Clum, 107, Chilberg, 762.

First District.

Wickersham, 628, Corson, 324, Ronan, 214, Clum, 1, Chilberg, 133.

This gives the total vote so far received: Wickersham, 3,227, Corson, 1,610, Ronan, 695, Clum, 117, Chilberg, 2,125.

HOLLAND TO TRY AND CURB CASTRO

Dutch Fleet is Assembling Preparatory to Threatening Venezuela.

Willemstad, Aug. 13.—Holland is to make an attempt to curb the oppressive tactics of President Castro of Venezuela and to that effect Dutch war vessels are being assembled preparatory to departure for Venezuela where a demonstration will be made. Queen Wilhelmina has sent word to the governor of the Dutch colony of Curacao that she understands the Venezuelan situation and will immediately take measures to bring Castro to terms.

NEW ZELANDERS DO HONOR TO BIG FLEET

Auckland, Aug. 11.—The Atlantic battleship fleet arrived off this port yesterday and today the fighting machines are drawn up in two lines abreast the city. The city has taken a holiday in honor of the visiting war vessels the officers of which were welcomed by Premier Sir Joseph Ward and other dignitaries.

The citizens of Auckland have prepared an extensive entertainment consisting of banquets, sight-seeing and the like.

In his speech of welcome Premier Ward eulogized President Roosevelt. Admiral Sperry, responding, said that the voyage has resulted in great improvement in gunnery and tactical work and has also taught the officers much concerning coaling which will result in great improvement in this branch of naval service.

A. L. Levy, and Mrs. Levy are passengers on the Yucatan, being on their way to Portland where they will make their home.

SIX PERISH WHEN CANNON EXPLODES

For Third Time Fatal Accident Occurs on School Ship of French Navy.

Toulon, Aug. 13.—Six men were killed and eighteen wounded, some of them fatally, as the result this morning of the explosion of a gun on the training ship Courant at the naval station here. The cause of the explosion is not known.

This is the third fatal accident to occur on the Courant, each of the previous accidents resulting in the death of three persons.

WINNIPEG WOMEN ACT AS STRIKE BREAKERS

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—There is some relief from conditions consequent upon the strike of the electrical workers of the city and this relief comes from women, who as far as possible, have been substituted for the strikers. This has, with the added labor of owners and managers of electrical plants, made it possible to have a few lights and to furnish some power.

The employment of women has, however, added new difficulties and several other organizations are threatening to walk out unless the fair strike breakers are dispensed with.

Vorys Sure of Ohio Vote.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 13.—Arthur Vorys, manager of Taft's campaign in Ohio is positive that the state will go republican by 100,000. Mr. Vorys asserted this belief at a conference here yesterday afternoon between Taft, Vorys, Hitchcock and other advisers. When the conference was completed Mr. Taft, asked what had happened replied "It is not necessary to take anyone over my knee for a spanking."

CORSON AND RONAN GET DOUBLE CROSS

With details of the election of yesterday as yet received in meager form only there is every indication that the flaming double cross was carried about through the Territory of Alaska. During the campaign the press dispatches received by the Prospector have conveyed the information that Corson and Ronan were spending much money and even the most confident of the Wickersham supporters feared that this expenditure would prove more fruitful of results than is evidenced by the vote.

In Valdez the Ronan supporters were confident of getting somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 votes for their candidate and men asserting to be in a position to form a fair estimate declared that Ronan's twenty-five votes in Valdez cost him close to \$20 each. There was considerable Corson money in evidence during the last day or so of the campaign and it is probable that his twenty-four votes were rather expensive. It is not intimated that votes were purchased, the estimates being formed on knowledge of money spent for printing posters, and tickets, and paying watchers and workers at the polls.

Out in the Canyon, where G. W. Nelson has a gang at work, a strong play was made in behalf of Ronan and a trusty emissary sought that locality armed with whiskey paid for with Ronan coin. The indications are, however, that the shipping clerk made a mistake and sent the Wickersham brand for the latter received twenty-eight of the thirty votes cast there.

The result in Cordova proves suspicious felt that the railroad vote would be cast for Corson. The Guggenheim town took on a holiday aspect, a special train being run in early in the morning from the work out on the right-of-way, but in spite of the railroad influence for Corson, which lined up most of the business men of the town that way about 150 votes were cast for Wickersham, seventy-five for Ronan and a few for Chilberg. Very few of these were voted openly, as most men did not care to antagonize the railroad.

It is admitted that the railroad officials adopted no open bulldozing tactics. They simply asked the business men to help out and this was done. One man expressed the feeling when he said to a Valdez man, "We are helping the people who made it possible for us to do business here." The personal popularity of Messrs. Heney and Hawkins and their chief subordinates also went far toward enlisting town influence for Corson.

Workers for Wickersham and Ronan were few and their protests were easily brushed aside. Challenging was of little use and the best the anti could do was to work quietly for their candidates and get men to vote just as quietly.

In connection with conditions in Cordova there is current the expressed belief that the Wickersham forces of Valdez were scorched by the heat from the aforementioned flaming double cross.

Nobody seems able to explain why a gasket blew out of the Elsie's machinery when that steamer was half-way between Valdez and Cordova Monday afternoon, carrying an assistant district attorney, accompanied by a personal representative of Judge Wickersham to the railroad town to prevent as much illegal voting as possible. The "accident" occurred, as the steamer was passing Fidalgo bay and she ran into Snug Corner Cove and anchored fourteen hours. It was claimed that it took all night for the engine to cool—something new in the subsidence of heat—so that the repair could be made.

News of the "accident" must have been waited to a Corson worker of Valdez, by wireless or by telepathy, as he bet two hats that the Elsie would not reach Cordova that night.

In the majority of the coast towns the vote is close to that cast two years ago, but the Tanana cast more than 1,000 votes in excess of the previous delegate election. In Valdez the vote is less by forty-nine than that cast two years ago. There was considerable challenging done here by Ronan and Corson supporters, and a Ronan supporter filed a protest against the election on the ground that the Wickersham ballots are technically inaccurate.

GASOLINE CAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT

Difference of Opinion Among Business Men as to using Lighting Plant.

Now that the excitement consequent upon the delegate election has subsided the citizens of Valdez are agitating themselves concerning the momentous question: "Shall we, or shall we not, decide to ask the council to permit the use of gasoline lighting plants?"

The trouble started at the meeting of the council last Monday night by the presentation of a petition signed by a majority of the business men asking that this permission be granted. Now the opponents of the plan are lining up and signing a petition being circulated by the council committee instructed to obtain an expression of public opinion and there promises to be lively times at the council meeting called for next Monday night.

At a meeting of the fire department held last night the members passed a resolution protesting against the present ordinance regarding the use of gasoline being modified to permit the indiscriminate use of that fluid. The firemen hold that inasmuch as they are the ones who risk life and injury in fighting the fires that they are entitled to some voice in the question and they further hold that the gasoline is in case of a fire a menace.

Cordova Is On Cable Line

Cordova is now on the line of the government cable, the Burnside having completed connections yesterday, and the Guggenheim town is now on the conversational map.

TRAIN IS WASHED INTO DEEP CHASM

Three Persons Die as Result of Unusual Accident Near Goldfields

Goldfield, Aug. 13.—Three persons perished this morning when a cloud burst on the Goldfield branch of the Union Pacific washed a passenger train from the rails into a deep chasm. At the time the train was coming into Goldfield but had only a few passengers. Word of the accident quickly reached here and relief was sent at once, a half a dozen injured being brought here.

At the time of the accident the train was passing through a gulch, one side of which descended precipitously. When the cloud burst the gulch became a torrent and the entire train was lifted almost bodily from the rails but with the exception of one coach it was washed against the bank in such manner that it slid, rather than rolled down the declivity. The car in which the passengers were killed turned completely over.

Seattle—Enraged at the delay in arriving at Nome this season, the passengers of the steamship Ohio from Seattle June 1, who did not get into port for forty days, have brought action for damages and the White Star steamship has been sued for \$65,000, which is holding her in Nome until sufficient bonds are furnished.

Reuben Baird, an old timer in Alaska, is a passenger on the Yucatan. Mr. Baird has been in ill health for some time and is going to join his family in Wisconsin, his departure having been made possible by friends.