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BIGELOW TALKS OF BIG VICTORY

New Constitution To Be Written By Progressives

Have Majority Of Delegates—Sufficient Written Pledges Have Been Given To Insure Insertion Of Initiative And Referendum In Ohio's Organic Law—Wayne B. Wheeler Says Drys Will Prevent Action Hostile To Their Cause—Democrats In Majority

Columbus, O., Nov. 9.—Republican and Democratic progressives will dominate the coming constitutional convention in this state, as less than 25 out of a total of 119 delegates are classed with the reactionaries. In addition a clear majority of all delegates are pledged in writing to work and vote for the initiative and referendum with percentages of 12 per cent petitions for the submission of constitutional amendments, 10 per cent for the initiative on new laws and 8 per cent petitions for the referendum of laws passed by the legislature, all propositions to be decided by a majority of the votes actually cast on the measures submitted.

"The long fight for the initiative and referendum has been won" said Herbert S. Bigelow, secretary of the Ohio Progressive Constitution League. "The slush fund of big monopoly business will avail nothing in the convention. Machinations of the reactionary press will be futile. The enemies of popular government have met a crushing defeat. There can be no miscarriage of the people's will this time. A majority of the 119 delegates are pledged in writing not only to the principle of the initiative and referendum, but to the specific percentages demanded by the labor, grange and progressive league organizations.

Calls It Great Victory.

"This is the greatest victory ever won for progressive government in any state of the Union."

It looks as if the drys will have a majority over the wets. The big counties, with the exception of Franklin, will send wet delegates, but the drys have more than made up the loss in the small counties. Wayne B. Wheeler, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, gave out this statement: "The majority of the delegates reported to be elected to the constitutional convention are against any submission of the liquor issue that will take away from the general assembly its power to pass local option laws or prohibit the liquor traffic."

While all delegates were elected on nonpartisan ballots, it develops that the Democrats will have a big lead over the Republicans. The Democrats have elected approximately 70 of the 119 delegates, the Republicans 40 and the Socialists and independents about 8.

As about four-fifths of the delegates were elected on tickets nominated and endorsed by the Ohio Progressive Constitution League, which Bigelow organized, his friends say he will have easy sailing for the presidency.

Other well-known delegates are Mr. S. A. Hoskins of Auglaize county, former candidate for secretary of state on the Democratic ticket; John D. Fackler of Cleveland, progressive Republican leader in Cuyahoga county; Robert Cressler, Cleveland, father of the municipal initiative and referendum law; E. W. Doty, Cleveland, former clerk of the Ohio house of representatives; Walter Brown of Toledo, chairman of the Republican state central committee; S. D. Fess of Greene county, president of Antioch college; R. J. Mauck of Gallia county, former assistant attorney general, and Frank W. Woods of Medina county, author of the Woods public utilities bill in the Seventy-eighth general assembly.

Goldborough Elected.

Baltimore, Nov. 9.—Unofficial returns from all of the counties in the

REV. HERBERT BIGELOW

Cincinnati Man Prominent In Progressive Movement.



state show that Phillip Lee Goldborough, the Republican candidate for governor, was elected by 2,700 majority.

VOTE IS BIG SURPRISE

Socialists Make Heavy Gains Throughout Country.

New York, Nov. 9.—From end to end of the country the Socialist vote showed emphatic gains in the election, and Socialist candidates for minor offices were elected in many states. The strength manifested by political Socialism was perhaps the most interesting feature of an off-year contest. Socialist leaders attributed their party's showing to a straight-out, natural growth. Old party managers figured differently, saying the increase was due to Republicans and Democrats who were dissatisfied with local conditions and wished to rebuke candidates who displeased them.

Among the more important victories achieved by the Socialists were the election of three assemblymen in the east—one in New York state, one in Rhode Island and one in Massachusetts; 11 mayors in Ohio, a mayor in New York state, Schenectady; mayors in Utah, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Mississippi, and municipal officers in many states of the west and south. The party made its most impressive showing in Ohio, gaining strikingly in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and came near to electing a lieutenant governor of Mississippi.

HARMON SMILES

Sees Big Democratic Victory Ahead In 1912.

Columbus, O., Nov. 9.—Basing his opinion upon the results in Ohio, Kentucky, Massachusetts and other points where the Democratic candidates won office in elections, Governor Harmon predicted a Democratic landslide in the national elections to be held next year.

"To say that I am pleased," Mr. Harmon said, "is to but feebly ex-

Florida, Our Newest and Biggest Warship, Seen From 150 Feet Above

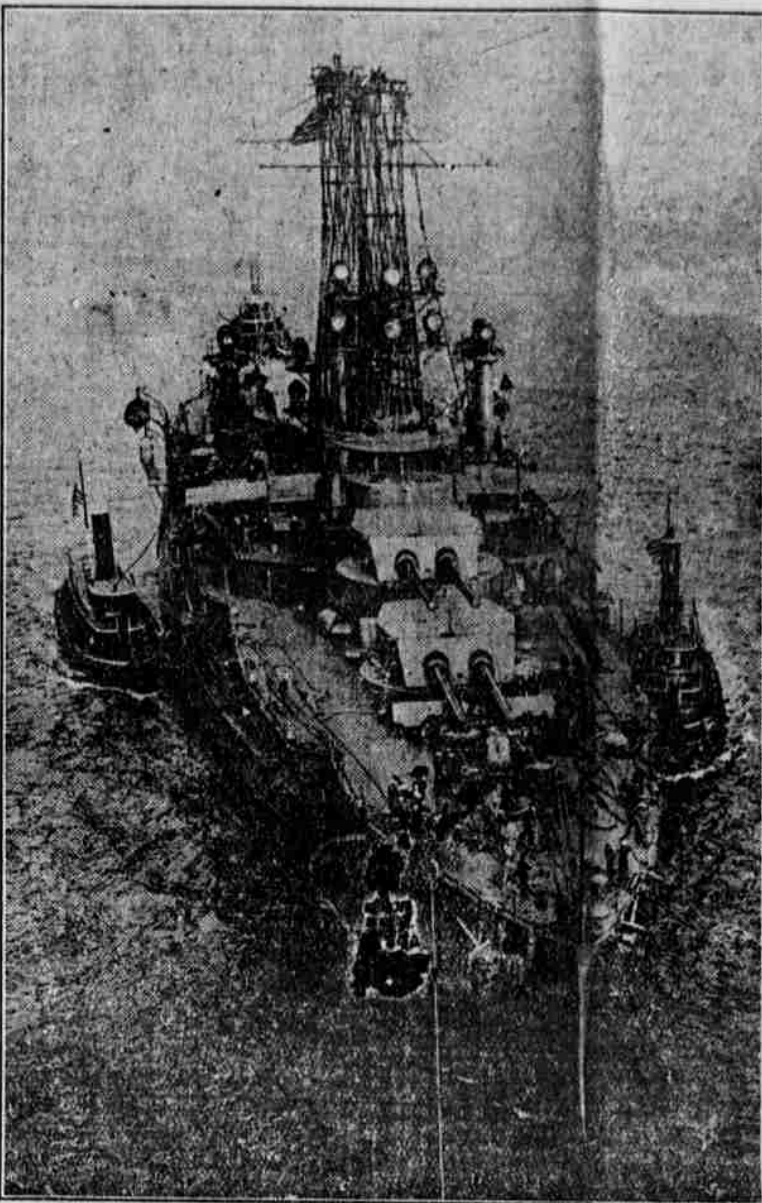


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SOMETHING like \$190,000,000 worth of warships was exhibited to a few hundred thousands of the millions of people who paid for them while the 100 vessels of the largest fleet America ever saw lay at anchor in New York harbor. It may interest the statistically inclined, by the way, to know that the sum just mentioned is approximately the same as New York city's budget estimate for the year 1912. All the types of modern naval construction were to be seen in the line which stretched seven miles up the Hudson, from the little submarines, like the Plunger, to the giant Dreadnoughts, the sister battleships Florida and Utah, with their displacement of 21,825 tons. The Florida is the newest ship in the navy and, with the Utah, the largest. She made her first public appearance at the time of the New York muster of sea fighters, having been towed by a fleet of tugs from the Brooklyn navy yard to her station in the North river. The photograph shows her on her way down the East river to the rendezvous.

press my delight. Next year I shall expect to see the Democratic legions win even greater victories. I consider the results a complete endorsement of the administration in Ohio as well as of Democratic policies throughout the country.

"One of the things that pleases me personally is the victory of Henry T. Hunt, the Democratic nominee for mayor of Cincinnati. For 25 years I fought to win away from the Republicans the nomination of that city and today I find that the voters have risen and broken the chains that bound them to Republicanism. I am most pleased."

SLAP AT WILSON

New Jersey Executive Gets Little Consolation at Home.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 9.—Governor Wilson and his political cabinet gleaned little satisfaction from an analysis of the election returns. The governor himself admitted his regret at the loss of the house by the Democrats, while his followers equally charged that this was due to the treachery of former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., and James R. Nugent, his lieutenant, who was deposed as chairman of the Democratic state committee.

As a candidate for the presidential nomination next year, the situation which confronted the governor was not a pleasing one. Last year he was swept into office on a Democratic landslide which gave him the state by nearly 50,000 plurality. The Democrats at the same time captured 42 of the 66 assemblymen and elected four of the seven senators chosen.

This year the Democrats elected only 23 assemblymen and cut down the Republican majority in the senate by nearly 50,000 plurality. The net result, therefore, was that the legislature, which was Democratic on joint ballot last year by a majority of 21, is Republican this year by a majority of 15.

Both Claim New Mexico

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 9.—On the face of complete returns from about one-half of the election districts of the state and estimates on the balance, Democrats claim the election of McDonald for governor and the entire Democratic state and congressional ticket by majorities

estimated at 4,700. Republican managers decline to concede their defeat. The legislature is Republican.

Bond Issue Carries.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9.—The building of a \$2,000,000 municipal lighting plant will be one of the first duties of Mayor-elect Baker, the people having approved the issue of bonds by a vote of 57,023 to 22,207. A two-thirds vote was necessary for approval of the bonds. The people did better than that. They gave the bond issue not only the required two-thirds, but 12,809 votes more. Baker's plurality is 17,815.

How About This?

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 9.—For the first time in the history of rock-ribbed Mississippi, a Socialist candidate for a state office has come within an ace of winning, if he is not actually elected. James R. Lester, Socialist candidate for lieutenant governor, is so close to T. G. Bilbo, nominee of the Democratic party, that Socialists claimed that he will sit in the governor's chair next term when the governor is not a home.

Sullivan For Harmon.

St. Paul, Nov. 9.—Big Tim Sullivan, the New York political leader and Tammany man, will confer with R. T. O'Connor and Fred B. Lynch, local Democratic politicians, Saturday, and it is believed will try to arrange for Governor Harmon of Ohio when the latter is here on his western tour.

Wets Elected In Springfield.

Springfield, O., Nov. 9.—In the face of a six weeks' revival campaign by Evangelist Billy Sunday, the wets swept everything in Springfield, the liquor question being the sole issue in the political campaign. Joseph J. Miller, Democratic liberal candidate for mayor, received 5,424 votes; W. A. Martin, Republican, 4,382; J. M. Dickson, Socialist, 1,606.

Beattie In Murderer's Row.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 9.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., who is under sentence to die on Nov. 24 for wife murder, was conveyed from the city jail to the state penitentiary, where he is the only occupant of murderers' row, a few steps from the electric chair.

TOBACCO TRUST SPLIT ACCEPTED

Little Attention Paid to Wick-ersham's Objections.

JUDGE LACOMBE EXPLAINS PLAN

Combine Is to Be Divided Into Four Smaller Concerns, Neither of Which Is to Control More Than 40 Per Cent of the Trade in Its Line—Individual Stockholders Enjoined From Making Increase in Their Holdings of Securities.

New York, Nov. 9.—Judges Lacombe, Cox, Ward and Noyes, composing the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York have unanimously approved a plan for the reorganization of the American Tobacco company, whose dissolution was ordered by the United States supreme court.

The reorganization plan provides for the disintegration of the company into four companies, no one of which is to be a monopoly, or to control more than 40 per cent of the business in any branch of tobacco. In its general features the court approves this plan. The attorney general asked for many modifications and restrictions. The most important of such requests the court refuses. It refuses to order that for five years the case be kept open and the companies be kept under the direction of the court. It refuses to order the sale of the property of the United Cigar Stores company but permits the ownership and conduct of the retail tobacco business. It enjoined the 29 individual defendants from increasing their holdings of securities in the four constituent companies, but placed the period of this injunction at three years instead of five, as requested by Mr. Wickersham. It ordered that the company which is to be dissolved, that is, the dominant company, keep its books and records, but this order was made owing to litigation between the company and private concerns rather than with the government.

Will Be No Appeal.

The opinion, as rendered by Judge Lacombe, intimates that there will be no appeal. Judge Lacombe says: "While the plan is correctly described as the proposed plan of the American Tobacco company, since that corporation and other defendants offer to carry it out, it should be remembered that in its present form the plan is the fruit of much discussion. For upwards of two months successive conferences, in the presence of two or more members of the court, were had between the attorney general and the counsel and representatives of the tobacco company. Objections of the attorney general were followed by modifications of the plan, some of its most drastic provisions being inserted in order to meet or avoid his criticisms. When a point was reached where such adjustment of differences ceased to be practicable, a time was fixed for a hearing before the whole court upon the matters remaining in dispute."

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beeves \$4 75@9 15; Texas steers, \$4 00@5 35; western steers, \$4 35@7 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 25@5 90; cows and heifers, \$2 00@6 00. Calves—\$5 50@8 50. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$2 50@3 85; western, \$2 75@3 90; native lambs, \$4 00@5 90; western, \$4 00@5 90; yearlings, \$3 70@4 40. Hogs—Light, \$5 50@6 25; mixed, \$5 75@6 37 1/2; heavy, \$5 75@6 35; rough, \$5 75@5 95; pigs, \$3 75@5 30. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$4 65@5 1/2; No. 2 white, \$4 50@4 85. EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Prime steers, \$7 50@8 00; shipping, \$6 25@6 75; butchers, \$5 00@7 00; heifers, \$3 75@6 00; cows, \$2 00@5 00; bulls, \$3 25@5 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 50@5 15; fresh cows and springers, \$20 00@62 00. Calves—\$5 50@9 25. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$3 25@3 50; wethers, \$3 50@3 75; ewes, \$3 25@3 40; lambs, \$4 50@5 60; yearlings, \$4 00@4 25. Hogs—Heavies, \$6 40@6 45; mediums, \$6 40@6 45; Yorkers, \$6 35@6 40; pigs, \$5 75@5 85; roughs, \$5 60@5 80; stags, \$4 50@5 00. CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, 97@99c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 74@74 1/2c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 47 1/2@48c. Rye—No. 2, 96@98c. Cattle—Steers, \$5 00@7 00; heifers, \$2 50@3 35; cows, \$1 25@4 50. Calves—\$3 00@8 00. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$1 50@3 25; lambs, \$3 00@5 40. Hogs—Packers, \$5 65@6 35; stags, \$3 00@5 00; sows, \$4 00@5 50; pigs and lights, \$3 00@5 65. CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice fat steers, \$6 00@6 25; heifers, \$4 50@5 00; fat cows, \$3 70@4 25; bulls, \$3 75@4 25; milkers and springers, \$20 00@55 00. Calves—\$8 75@9 00. Sheep and Lambs—Choice spring lambs, \$5 35@5 50. Hogs—Heavies, \$6 30; mediums, \$6 30; Yorkers, \$6 15@6 20; pigs \$5 50; roughs, \$5 60; stags, \$5 00.

REBELS BURN CHINESE CITY

Two-Thirds Of Hankow Said To Be In Ruins

Property Loss \$50,000,000—Four Hundred Thousand Natives Are Rendered Destitute And Homeless—Imperialist Officers Unable To Restrain Soldiers Who Join In Looting Unburned Dwellings—Refugees Compelled To Disgorge On Entering Concession

Wu Hu, Nov. 9.—Fire has destroyed two-thirds of the city of Hankow. The lowest estimate of the loss is \$50,000,000. Four Hundred thousand people are destitute. Hundreds of half-burned bodies lie among the ruins. Many of them are the bodies of women and children.

The customs house, the postoffice and the American missions have been spared. The city has been looted, the imperialists taking a hand in the pillage. Imperialist officers tried to check this work and executed a number of the soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on entering the British concession, cartloads of valuable furs, silks and jewelry being seized. It is suggested that the Red Cross receive the proceeds.

A few hundred of the revolutionists are still in Hankow. Riflemen on opposite sides of the Han river have had numerous engagements, but they are steadily decreasing in volume. There is much open revolutionary talk among the imperialists.

Memorial School Looted. The David Hill memorial school for the blind, connected with the Wesleyan mission, has been looted, while in contrast all the mission property in Wuchang, which is held by the

revolutionaries, has been protected. Foreigners who have not been given the opportunity of witnessing the engagements except at a distance are hearing horrifying stories of brutality. The imperialists have hanged men and, falling to strangle them, tortured them to death; prodded them with bayonets or crushed them to death with stones. The outrage against women can not be told.

CONVICT COURTS DEATH

Begs Physician For Poison to End His Sufferings.

Columbus, O., Nov. 9.—Suffering greatly in the last stages of tuberculosis at the pen hospital, Grover Tip-ton, 26, serving three and one-half years from Butler county for highway robbery, pleaded with Dr. J. W. Clark, institution physician, to give him strychnine so that he might end his suffering, which he said he could no longer bear.

Four Hundred Rebels Killed.

Mexico City, Nov. 9.—Federal and rebels met in battle at Juchitan, Oaxaca. Four hundred rebels are reported dead. The federals lost 40 men. The city is cut off from rail and wire communication.

"BEST CHIEF" IN OHIO MAY LOSE HIS JOB

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9.—That Cleveland's golden rule chief of police, Frederick Kohler, must undergo a physical examination, and that on the result of this examination will depend whether he is to remain active head of the department or be retired on a pension, was determined

upon by Mayor Baehr after receiving a report from Director of Public Safety Hogen.

Chief Kohler lately returned from a trip to Europe in search of health and he has not yet resumed his duties in that department.

ADJOURNS FOR FUNERAL SCALDED TO DEATH

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9.—United States district court was adjourned here to enable Judge William L. Day and the court attaches to attend the funeral of the judge's court messenger, Thomas H. St. John, who died Sunday. St. John, an Arab by birth, had an interesting career. He was an expert chef and during President Arthur's administration served in that capacity at the White House.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 9.—Racked with pain, Bertha Hughes, 11, lies on a cot in the city hospital in a critical condition as a result of burns received when she stumbled and fell into a tub of scalding hot water. She was carrying her little sister Pauline, 11 months, and the baby was thrown into the seething water with her. Little Pauline died shortly afterwards.

ASSAULTS OFFICER INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Washington C. H., O., Nov. 9.—By an explosion of dynamite at the National lime and stone plant at Carey, A. J. Van Derberg and Russell Reece were badly injured. The men were thawing out a quantity of dynamite and were blown high.