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ELECTION FORECASTS

United States House of Representatives Will be Controlled by Democrats—They May Also Control the Senate

Election forecasts are even more unworthy of serious consideration than the meteorological prognostication of the patent medicine almanacs as a rule; but they are much more interesting, and probably have a much greater effect on the subsequent election than the probabilities have on the weather. The New York Herald has the reputation in the United States for being about as good a guesser as another, and its regular surveys of the political situation are usually widely quoted. The Herald has issued the first of its calculations as to the fate of the two great political parties in the United States in the approaching battle for control of the House of Representatives; and the figures it compiles and the arguments used can give little comfort to the Republican party. The signs point to a Democratic victory. As far as the Herald is concerned the chief blame for the approaching defeat of his party will rest upon Mr. Roosevelt.

On the Defense. There are 391 Congressional districts in the United States, 217 of them being now held by Republicans and 174 by Democrats. It is clear therefore, that the Democrats will not have to make very sensational gains to secure control of the House. If they win 25 seats they will have turned the Republicans out. The Herald's information is that 141 seats are securely Democratic for the next election, and 132 seats in Republican hands are in doubt. The doubtful seats are those in which the normal majorities for either side are not more than 5,000. That even this is not a safe figure is indicated by a recent election. In the 32nd New York district, James E. Havens, Democrat succeeded the late James B. Perkins a Republican, who ordinarily won 10,000. A noteworthy fact is that of the 118 doubtful constituencies 82 are held by Republicans and only 36 by the Democrats. This means that the Republicans will be put upon the defensive. Even if they win every doubtful seat now held by one of their own party they will only be where they are at present. That there is any prospect of their making gains in Democratic territory is not seriously considered.

Where Danger Threatens. In New York State, where there are 37 Congressional districts, the Re-

publicans now hold 25. Thirteen of these seats are in danger, while the Democrats are said to be sure in the 12 seats they hold. Even in hide-bound Pennsylvania, where the Republicans hold 27 out of 32 seats, only 11 of these are said to be safe. In Indiana the boot appears to be on the other foot, for nine of the Democrats' eleven seats are said to be within the danger zone. Nine of the 19 Republican seats in Illinois are doubtful, and Illinois is expected to be one of the great battlegrounds of the campaign. Five out of 13 Republican seats in Ohio are threatened, and two of eight in Kansas. It is important to remember that these calculations make no distinction between Republican regulars and insurgents, although for most political purposes it would be as reasonable to classify a man like Murdock, of Kansas, with the Democrats as with his own party. We may be sure that Democratic leaders think much more kindly of him than Republican chieftains.

Republicans Rally. The Herald thinks that the plait inference from its figures is that the Republican party is about to undergo one of the worst defeats in its history. It is of opinion, however, that it is recovering from the state of panic and demoralization that it has been in for the past few months. It has got over the shock it received when Roosevelt made his rally from Oyster Bay, and toured the country striking terror to the hearts of the conservative members of his party. Incidentally, it may be noted that some quarters Roosevelt is denounced for his general approval of the Taft policies, and in others for his supposed hostility to the Administration. The Herald, which likes Mr. Taft and dislikes Mr. Roosevelt, classifies him as an opponent to a Taft renomination, and as an aspirant on his own behalf. That he will be a strength to his party, the paper does not believe, an opinion it must be said, which is peculiarly disinterested observers believing that Roosevelt is Republicanism's only hope.

In the Senate, Too. The article calls attention to the fact that not only do the Democrats threaten to capture the House of Representatives, but the Senate as well. At present the nominal Republican majority in the Senate is 26, but this figure includes from seven to twenty insurgents who are as likely as not to vote for a Democratic measure. Of the 31 Senators whose terms expire this fall, 28 are Republicans. Here again the fighting will be in Republican territory, and it is not unlikely that the Democrats and insurgents will have made enough gains to turn over the Senate to the Democrats. Three new insurgents and one new

Democrat are certain already, and they replace three of the former leaders of old the guard, and one other regular Republican. Although the possibility of the insurgent Republicans voting with the Democrats is contemplated by the Herald, it does not take cognizance of the opposite possibility, namely, of the old guard among the Democrats coming to the rescue of the old guard among the Republicans and thus forming a league against progressive measures in both parties.

A Nice Position to Occupy. So far as Canada is concerned, it does not matter much which party succeeds. The leaders of both are patriotic enough to "trim" this country in any kind of deal when the opportunity offers. We have nothing to hope or to fear from either. Under the Republicans our relations have come to be very cordial indeed, and the last "tail twister" was Grover Cleveland, a Democrat. So far as the present leaders are concerned, Mr. Roosevelt has always shown friendliness to and understanding of the British Government and its problems while Mr. Bryan is opposed to all empires. As for President Taft, Canada did him a great favor a few months ago, and so we might have a right to consider him a good friend.

LOST MEMORY.

Lost Canadian Official Discovered in Brussels. Ottawa, Oct. 16.—A cable to the Department of Marine and Fisheries from Wm. Hutchinson, superintendent of the exhibition branch, announced that Mr. Robert Venning, superintendent of fisheries, who has been missing six weeks has been located in Brussels. Mr. Venning was found in a hotel in Brussels, Belgium, suffering from amnesia, or loss of memory. He has been taken charge of by Mr. Hutchinson, and it is expected he will be able to leave for Ottawa shortly, accompanied by one of the members of the staff. Mr. Venning was one of the members of the Canadian delegation to the Hague in connection with the fishery arbitration. He is one of the best posted men in the Canadian public service on international law, especially in its application to fisheries questions and his advice was continuously sought by counsel on the Canadian side.

The death rate in the United States in 1909 was fifteen in each thousand according to a bulletin issued by the census bureau, and this is the lowest average ever recorded for that country.

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KETCHEL MURDERED

Champion Middleweight Prize Fighter Murdered on a Missouri Ranch—Murderer is Captured and Awaits Trial

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 15.—Stanley Ketchel, champion middleweight pugilist of the world, died here Saturday night at 7:05. An hour before he died Ketchel regained consciousness, and there was then thought to be a slight chance of his recovery. His condition soon took a decided change for the worse, however, and he passed away quickly.

The pugilist died in the Springfield hospital, where he had been rushed on a special train chartered by Mr. Dickerson. Operator failed to locate the bullet.

Out in the wooded hills east of here Hartz, Ketchel's slayer, heavily armed, is fleeing before a pack of bloodhounds and a posse of officers and citizens. Dickerson has placed a price of \$5,000 on the dead body of Hartz. The members of the posse are armed with repeating rifles. Hartz is believed to be desperate and no one intends to take any chances on asking him to surrender.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 15.—Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, was wounded fatally, it is believed, this morning at the ranch at Conway. Ketchel was alone breakfasting at the ranch of R. P. Dickerson, when ranch hand Walter A. Hartz, with whom Ketchel had some words the previous evening, entered with a 22 rifle and ordered "Throw up your hands." Ketchel was taken by surprise, but apparently remained cool. Instead of complying, he arose. His back was half turned toward his assailant when Hartz, but a few feet away, fired. The bullet struck Ketchel below the right shoulderblade and, ranging forward, entered his right lung. As Hartz ran out and made for the heavy timber along the Osage river bottoms, ranch superintendent Charles Bailey entered to whom Ketchel said, "He shot me," and pointed in the direction Hartz had taken.

Immediately after Ketchel lapsed into unconsciousness until about noon when he was still unable to speak, but recognized those about him. Owing to Bailey giving his first attention to the wounded prize fighter, Hartz got a good start, but is being pursued with bloodhounds. Dickerson was here in Springfield, but as soon as he heard of his guest being shot he promptly

left with physicians on a special train for Conway, forty miles distant.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 15.—Walter A. Hartz, who shot Ketchel, was captured today at the home of Thomas Haggert, one mile from Niangua, Mo. Hartz was taken to the Webster county jail at Marshfield, where he is being closely guarded. After being placed in his cell the prisoner made a statement in which he said he shot Ketchel in self-defence. He says he ordered the fighter to throw up his hands and when he did not obey him he fired.

Late last night, overcome with hunger and fatigue from fleeing through the rough Osage country, Hartz reached the home of Thomas Haggert, where he applied for a place to sleep and something to eat. He was given food and a bed. At that time Haggert had not heard of the shooting, but a short time after he learned of the affair. Shortly after 4 o'clock this morning Haggert secured the services of three neighbors and they awaited Hartz at the point of a gun. The man broke down and admitted the shooting. He was then turned over to the officers and taken to Marshfield.

Hartz, in telling the story, said Ketchel made insulting remarks to Goldie Smith, a cook employed at the farm. He says words passed between Ketchel and himself, and he then demanded that the prize fighter throw

up his hands. When the champion refused to do, he said he was so frightened, not knowing but that Ketchel carried a revolver, that he fired and hardly without realizing what he had done, fled. Goldie Smith, the woman in the case, will be held pending an inquest. Funeral services were held at the Elk Club today and tomorrow the body will be taken to Grand Rapids, the home of Ketchel's parents.

A SECOND SODOM.

Lurid Description of Canada's Largest City.

Montreal, Oct. 16.—A hot attack upon the administration of the liquor laws in Montreal was tonight made by Secretary Roberts of the Dominion Alliance in a sermon at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Roberts declared emphatically that the laws were not enforced and that Sunday night orgies occurred in saloons and hotels here, which were making a second Sodom and Gomorrah of this city. He declared he could name hotels where Sunday after Sunday they were crowded outside with rigs and autos and frequented by men and women of the lowest type with nothing done to prevent such orgies, although the police outside knew perfectly well what was going on. He further said that there were 300 unlicensed liquor dealers in the city, while the red light district was going on just as ever.

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