

WILSON EDGES SLIGHTLY AHEAD IN NECK AND NECK RACE FOR PRESIDENT

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Returns at Four O'clock Indicate Almost Exact Stand-off Between the Presidential Candidates.

CONGRESS CLOSE

Democratic Majority In the House Is Now Reduced to Three Votes.

Kansas City, Mo.—A total of 1,501 precincts out of 1,731 in Kansas give Wilson 196,988 and Hughes, 177,876.

Fargo, N. D.—(4:17 p. m. bulletin)—North Dakota swung into the doubtful column in the presidential race late today. Slow returns from outlying rural districts wiped away Wilson's lead.

Concord, N. H.—The Democratic state chairman committee refuses to concede New Hampshire to Hughes. It has been reported in New York that Attorney General Gregory may be asked to investigate the electoral count.

New York City.—At four o'clock the outcome of the presidential election was still in doubt. At that hour, Wilson was leading in states having a total of 266 electoral votes; and Hughes in states having a total of 265 electoral votes.

Wilson at that hour was leading in Minnesota by 6,810 votes, and in the above tabulation, Minnesota is counted for Wilson. However, returns this afternoon from rural precincts in Minnesota recorded a slow but generally steady gain for Hughes. Whether he will be able to wipe out the Wilson lead is the question. At this hour, it seems likely that Minnesota will settle the contest, as there were no indications of a change in the trend of votes in any other states.

Returns of course have been received from all the states but in some they are not nearly complete. Indications late this afternoon were that the Democrats would retain control of each branch of congress by a very small margin. This contest for control of congress, however, is proving almost as close as that over president.

St. Paul, Minn.—(3:50 p. m.)—When 1769 Minnesota precincts had reported, Wilson led Hughes, 125,524 to 118,724, a slight increase in the president's plurality.

St. Paul, Minn.—(3 p. m.)—Returns on president from 1655 of 3024 precincts in Minnesota give Wilson 124,150 and Hughes 117,617, cutting Wilson's lead to 6,533.

New York City.—The Republican national headquarters, in a statement late this afternoon claimed Minnesota, Oregon, California, and New Hampshire. They asserted that Hughes and obtained 277 electoral

ELECTORAL VOTE AS IT LOOKED AT 4 O'CLOCK TODAY.

Table with 2 columns: State, Wilson, Hughes. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding electoral votes.

Totals 266 265. Necessary to elect, 266. The above table gives Minnesota to Wilson because he still leads, but this afternoon's returns show Hughes steadily gaining. If the other states remain as shown above, as now seems likely, Minnesota's vote will determine the outcome of the election on president.

McCormick Stands Pat.

New York City.—Democratic Chairman McCormick said at 2:30 o'clock: "When the count is finished Wilson will have over 300 electoral votes."

The California Democratic chairman wired to headquarters: "The count continues to increase our confidence that Wilson will carry the state."

Claiming Wilson's re-election, the Democratic headquarters statement said the president could lose both California and Minnesota and still be elected.

U. S. Senate Democratic.

New York City.—Late returns from Ohio indicating the re-election of Senator Alden Pomerene, Democrat, over Myron T. Herrick, republican, virtually ended the possibility of Republican ascendancy in the Senate.

While Democratic leaders insisting that Hitchcock in Nebraska and Pittman of Nevada have been re-elected and with Kendrick probably elected in Wyoming, the political status of the new senate appears like this: Democrats 52 and Republicans, 42.

With the result in Arizona and New Mexico still in doubt, should the Republicans carry both, the Democratic majority in the senate would be eight.

Hughes Gaining in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn.—Rural districts returns out afternoon out down Wilson's lead over Hughes in Minnesota, 1929 of 3024 precincts giving Wilson 92,966 and Hughes 83,144.

In the precincts outside of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Hughes showed rapidly growing strength this afternoon.

In 691 of these rural precincts Hughes receives 42,172 and Wilson 34,139. Republican leaders expressed confidence that this ratio would be maintained, giving their candidate a plurality of 10,000.

If Hughes carries Minnesota and holds the other states in which he was leading at 3 o'clock this afternoon, he will be elected.

Further inroads into Wilson's lead were made when half of the total precincts in the state had reported this afternoon showing 1429 of 3024 precincts that Wilson has 111,173 and Hughes 103,630.

Uncertain at 2 p. m.

New York City.—(2 p. m. Wednesday).—Whether Wilson or Hughes will be the president of the United States for the next four years remains an uncertainty early this afternoon.

With figures in nearly a dozen states, which are believed to hold the balance of the electoral vote, fluctuating from hour to hour the nation awaited the outcome with the keenest interest.

In Minnesota, where Wilson was first believed to have full sway, the returns from the rural districts today began trimming the Wilson lead. Both sides are confident of victory and claims and counter claims were



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being made by various political leaders throughout the day. It is possible the final result will not be known before late Thursday.

On the other hand, returns in a few states may come in rapidly and make the election of one candidate apparent before many hours.

Wilson still Claims It. Chairman Wilcox of the Republican National Committee at 12:50 o'clock issued this statement: "California and Minnesota are surely for Hughes. This means Hughes is elected."

This statement he said is based on advices from the respective state headquarters, claiming California by 10,000, and Minnesota by 20,000.

Chester H. Rowell telegraphed from San Francisco that the Republicans could concede everything the Democrats claim and still carry the state by 6,000.

Democrats Lose in House. New York City, 1 p. m.—With 76 congressional districts to be cleared up the Republicans have gained 39 seats over their quota in the present House, while the Democrats have gained 19, a net gain of 9 for the Republicans, which reduces the present Democratic majority of 23 to 5.

Two Democratic districts in New Jersey now reported doubtful may reduce this majority to one.

Senate Is Close. Practically complete returns on congress showed the Democrats certainly have lost four United States Senators, on each in Maine, New York, New Jersey and Maryland, while they gained one each in Rhode Island, Delaware, and Utah.

The indications pointed strongly to a further Democratic loss of two Senators in Indiana, one in West Virginia, and one in Arizona and possibly one in Ohio and Montana.

To offset these possibilities, is the election of Republican senators in Wyoming, and New Mexico which had been assured.

If the Republicans and the Democrats should lose all these as indicated, the Senate would still remain Democratic by two, 49 Democrats to 47 Republicans. The Democratic majority in the present Senate is 16.

New York City.—With a decided drift toward the re-election of President Wilson result election still officially in doubt shortly before noon today.

Upon a dozen doubtful states from which returns are coming slowly depends whether Wilson will be elected or whether Hughes will be the next president of the United States.

The chairman of both National committees claim handsome majorities in the electoral college but the actual figures made good the claims of neither. They did, however, show a steady trend towards Wilson all through the west.

Aside from the uncertainty of the result the most remarkable thing was the sudden wiping out of the Hughes majorities piled up in the east, by the returns from the far West.

Not since the next day's revision of the returns seated Grover Cleveland in the contest of 1892 has the country been compelled to wait so long to know results.

Over twelve hours after the polls closed, Wilson and Hughes were running neck and neck race in doubtful states.

Wilson was reasonably certain of 232 votes in the electoral college at 11 a. m. and the same returns pointed to 218 for Hughes.

With 81 votes doubtful at that time, and 266 needed for the election, the states in doubt were being watched closely. These states, with 81 votes, include California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.

Congress Democratic. Democrats made a net gain of eight members in the house, with 100 congressional districts unreported, but late returns from New York indicated that two of these might be reversed.

Democratic losses from New York, New Jersey and Maryland in the U. S. Senate were shown by reports.

McCormick Claims 288. Chairman McCormick claimed Wilson's election with 288 electoral votes shortly after eleven o'clock.

"I am basing my conclusion on the official canvass of 1916 states," he added. "It is a sweeping victory."

Alabama 12 Arizona 3 Arkansas 9 California 13 Colorado, 6 Delaware 3 Florida 6 Georgia 14 Idaho 4 Indiana 15 Kentucky 13 Louisiana 10 Maryland 8 Minn. 12 Mississippi 10 Missouri 8 Montana 4 Nebraska 8 Nevada 3 New Hampshire 4 New Mexico 5 North Carolina 12 Ohio 24 Oklahoma 10 South Carolina 9 Tennessee 12 Texas 7 Utah 4 Virginia 12 Washington 7 West Virginia 8 Wisconsin 13 Wyoming 3.

Early this forenoon Chairman McCormick of the Democratic National Committee gave out the following list of states with electoral votes that totals 312 which he claimed for the president:

Alabama 12 Arizona 3 Arkansas 9 California 13 Colorado, 6 Delaware 3 Florida 6 Georgia 14 Idaho 4 Indiana 15 Kentucky 13 Louisiana 10 Maryland 8 Minn. 12 Mississippi 10 Missouri 8 Montana 4 Nebraska 8 Nevada 3 New Hampshire 4 New Mexico 5 North Carolina 12 Ohio 24 Oklahoma 10 South Carolina 9 Tennessee 12 Texas 7 Utah 4 Virginia 12 Washington 7 West Virginia 8 Wisconsin 13 Wyoming 3.

Wilcox Claims 323. New York City.—Chairman William R. Wilcox Republican National Committee issued the following statement this forenoon:

"During the night I have been in telephonic communication with most of the so-called doubtful states and I am confident Hughes has carried the following states giving him a total of 323 electoral votes:

California, 13; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 39; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 13; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; Maine, 8; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 13; Minnesota, 12; Missouri, 18; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; Nebraska, 8; New Mexico, 5; North Dakota, 5; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 38; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 5; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 13; West Virginia, 8; Wyoming, 3.

"As it requires 266 electoral votes to elect, Hughes has received 57 more than necessary."

Illinois Vote Largest. Chicago, Ill.—With Illinois back in the Republican column the election officials are confronted with the task of counting what they believe might prove to be the largest vote ever cast by any state. Women, voting the first time for president in Illinois, swelled the total vote cast in the state to approximately, 1,765,000. New York set the record in 1915 by polling, 1,429,969 votes. But 3,334 precincts

Arkansas voted down a proposal

SOUTH DAKOTA IS FOR HUGHES; DRYS AND SUFFRAGE WIN

Republican Presidential Nominee Is Given Substantial Lead.

PROHIBITION IS

Winner By Probable Majority Of 25,000—Equal Suffrage Lead Is Less.

South Dakota yesterday went for Hughes for president by probably 12,000; Norbeck for governor by at least 25,000; adopted statewide prohibition by probably 25,000, and probably carried woman suffrage by about 10,000.

Statewide prohibition made a remarkably clean sweep of the state, carrying such cities as Sioux Falls, Watertown and Pierre by substantial majorities. Sioux Falls by 365. Woman suffrage is running quite a little behind prohibition, but if it continues to lead in the rest of the state as shown by precincts already in from well scattered districts, it will carry.

Following is the Associated Press summary of the results in South Dakota as received over leased wire at 4 o'clock this morning:

Summary at 4 a. m.

The First congressional district returns from 54 precincts give, Anderson, Democrat, 1,830; Dillon, Republican, 2,567.

The Second congressional district returns from 172 precincts give Johnson, Republican, 6,166; Battered, Democrat, 3,685.

The Third congressional district returns from 8 precincts, give Gandy, Democrat, 416; Bartine, Republican, 262.

The returns for president from 714 precincts out of 1,728 in South Dakota give Wilson, 29,301, and Hughes, 34,452, indicating a Hughes plurality of 12,000.

Returns for governor from 527 precincts out of 1,728 in the state give Rinehart, 17,952 and Norbeck, 25,622.

The returns on the prohibition amendment from 149 precincts out of 1,728 in the state give, for 10,874, and against, 7,598.

The returns on the suffrage amendment from 97 precincts out of 1,728 in the state give, for 6,094, and against, 5,136.

From Some Counties. Hughes carried Lawrence county, which includes Deadwood and Lead, by 430.

Wilson apparently will get Brown county, in which Aberdeen is situated, by a small margin.

Lincoln and Turner counties each will go for Hughes by probably 300 or more.

Wilson gets Aurora county by probably 150 or 200. In Brule the vote is running very close.

The most remarkable showing made by Hughes in this state was in McPherson county, where he leads in 7 precincts by 294 to 72; and in Campbell county, where in five precincts, Hughes gets 467, to 105 for Wilson.

Only a few returns were available early today from the Third congressional district, and these indicated the election of Gandy, Democrat, over Bartine, Republican. In the other districts, Dillon and Johnson, Republicans, were easily re-elected.

Norbeck ran ahead of Hughes generally over the state, though Hughes came nearer to him than was expected.

Deadwood Votes "Dry." Deadwood, S. D.—Historic Deadwood voted "dry" yesterday for the first time on record. The result of the vote on state-wide prohibition was, yes, 371; no, 342; on suffrage was, yes, 401; no, 298. Wilson carried Deadwood.

DRYS WINNING IN ALL STATES

RETURNS INDICATE PROHIBITION HAS CARRIED SOUTH DAKOTA, NEBRASKA, MISSOURI AND MICHIGAN.

Columbus, Ohio.—Headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League at Westerville, a suburb, reports having information that dry forces won statewide prohibition in five states: Michigan, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Nebraska, Michigan by 80,000.

Chicago, Ill.—Prohibition was favored by voters yesterday. South Dakota adopted statewide prohibition by over 20,000 and incomplete returns from Nebraska indicate the amendment has been carried there also.

The total count in Missouri on statewide prohibition at noon today gave 31,546 for and 30,397 against. Kansas City, Mo., voted "dry" by 1,143.

LINER ARABIA IS SUNK BY PLUNGER WITHOUT WARNING

British Admiralty Announces Loss of P. & O. Steamship.

ALL PASSENGERS

Including 169 Women and Children, Are Saved.—Were 637 Souls Aboard.

London, England.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Columbian of 8,579 tons gross, is sending out wireless telegram calls for help, stating that she is being shelled by a submarine.

The American-Hawaiian steamship company's vessel Columbian is a freighter under American registry, carrying no passengers and a crew of 113. She was under charter by the France and Canada Steamship company. The Columbian is unarmed, it is stated here.

London, England.—The Peninsular & Oriental line steamship Arabia, sunk by submarine, was torpedoed without warning, the admiralty announces. All of the 637 passengers, including 169 women and children, were saved.

FOWLER IS ONLY DEMOCRAT TO WIN

RE-ELECTED TREASURER BY MARGIN OF SEVEN VOTES OVER HENRY B. ANDERSON.—COUNTY FOR HUGHES.

Charles Fowler, county treasurer and Democratic candidate for re-election, was returned to that office by Davison county voters yesterday by a margin of seven votes over Henry B. Anderson, his Republican opponent.

The county auditor's figures this afternoon, was 1,599 for Fowler and 1,592 for Anderson.

All of the remainder of the Republican nominees were elected in yesterday's voting by consistent majorities. Emery Owens, candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff on the Republican ticket, was retained by the heaviest majority on the slate, with 1,848 votes for himself and 1,664 for his opponent, George H. Strong.

Return nearly complete over the county at noon gave Norbeck 960 to Rinehart's 806 for governor and Dillon 959 to 787 for Anderson in the race for Congress in this district. The complete vote on the presidential electors gave Hughes 1,552 and Wilson, 1,369. Gus H. Helgeson, Davison county's candidate for state treasurer, received 866 votes to 634 for his opponent, Jacob Fergen, of Parkston. John Michels, Michels' candidate on the minority ticket for commissioner of school and public lands, received a vote of 596.

Has One Majority. The hottest race in the county, which nearly turned out a dead heat, was that between Charles F. Grady and L. E. Lowrie, for commissioner in the Second district. Mr. Lowrie, the Republican candidate, was elected by a majority of one over the present incumbent, Mr. Grady. The vote stood 225 and 224. Nels Jensen was easily re-elected in the Fifth district.

Next to Sheriff Owens' lead over Mr. Strong, the biggest majority on the county Republican ticket was that of Charles Boreson, who has advanced from the lower house of the legislature to the state senate. His vote was 1,467 to 1,012 for John Kurvink, his Democratic opponent. Mr. Boreson ran well in both the city and country.

Returns were very incomplete and scattering on both the prohibition and suffrage amendments, but indications at noon today were that both propositions received a favorable vote, the temperance measure going especially strong.

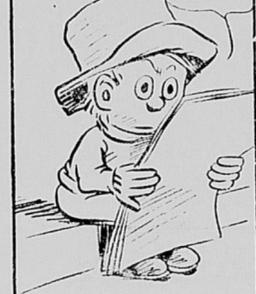
to repeal prohibition laws. Michigan apparently has adopted statewide prohibition by upwards of 15,000.

EAT CROW TONIGHT. Roseville, Ill.—Ernest Musk, Democrat, and Charles Conington, Republican, made an election bet, by the terms of which the loser will eat crow on the main street of the village tonight.

An advertisement has been placed in a local newspaper inviting the citizens of the town and surrounding country to witness the feast. Business men have provided a bottle of champagne.

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NOW TH BIG-PRESIDENT SCRAP IS SETTLED-HOW DID TH HOME TOWN TICKET COME OUT I WONDER



The Government Forecast. South Dakota: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer north and west portion tonight. Warmer Thursday except in extreme north portion.

The Temperatres. By The Republican's Recording Thermometer.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Temperature. Shows Tuesday 3 p. m. 51, Wednesday 3 a. m. 35, 6 a. m. 44, 9 a. m. 43, 12 p. m. 39.

ELEVATOR KILLS THREE. Chicago, Ill.—There were killed and twelve injured when a passenger elevator of the Florsheim Shoe company plant fell four floors.