

WILSON HOLDS AT 268; GAINS IN CLOSE STATES

WALL STREET A BEDLAM AS STOCK PRICES REFLECT SHIFTING ELECTION FIGURES

Bulls Become Bears and Bears Turn Bulls and Then Change About Again.

2,000,000 SHARE DAY. Common Stock Goes Up to 126, Highest in History, But Closes 124 1-4.

After five hours of election excitement and enormous speculation today the Stock Exchange ended a two-million-share session without a boom or a break.

Trading was the largest for several weeks, sales totaling 2,099,000 shares. The rapid fluctuations of prices reflected the shifting of political opinion rather than intrinsic values.

In the midnight cafes, when Hughes was supposed to have been safely elected, there was predicted a wild, booming opening of the Stock Exchange in the morning.

Professional players of the game on the ground in New York hastened to cancel their buying orders and perched themselves around the edge like hawks ready to swoop in for rich pickings whenever way the tide turned.

Not in many a day has there been such a scene of running, racing, shouting, waving of arms and mad confusion as followed the start of the stock exchange session.

There was a very excited advance of about \$2.30 a bale in the cotton market owing to a substantial upturn in Liverpool and bullion gunning features.

CURB BETTING WENT ON AS RESULT WAS IN DOUBT

Odds Swung Back and Forth From Wilson to Hughes as Late Returns Came In.

Betting on the result of the election was resumed this morning on the Broad Street curb market. The odds swung back and forth like the prices of stocks on the Exchange as brokers and bettors shifted from Hughes to Wilson and then back again.

The first odds of the day were on Wilson to pull through. Ten to eight in favor of Wilson was the opening proposition, and several wagers of \$100 were made at this figure.

At 2:30 o'clock the Hughes backers were offering nothing better than 10 to 2, with the Wilson people asking 10 to 7.

During the afternoon betting on the election dominated all the transactions on the curb. Wilson odds increased steadily on spirited offers by L. J. Stokes, who had a large amount of Wilson money to wager.

The closing bets were 10 to 9 on Wilson. The betting was remarkably high. The largest individual wagers were made by Bernard Baruch, who bet a quarter of a million dollars on Wilson at 1 to 2 and 2 to 3, and Foster Lowensbury, who bet \$50,000 on Wilson. Even money was also offered that Wilson would carry California.

HUGHES SILENT UNTIL DEFINITE RETURNS ARE IN

Former Secretary of the Nominee Assures Him Minnesota Is Safe for Him.

Charles E. Hughes was up and about his suite in the Hotel Astor at eight o'clock today. He sent for Carl Sheppard and Lawrence E. Green his secretaries, and had them take the telegraph operators and set them to work at the tables in the sitting room.

With Mrs. Hughes the Republican nominee had breakfast in his apartment. He entered immediately on a study of the newspapers and said he would have no statement to make until definite returns had been tabulated.

Robert Fuller, secretary to Mr. Hughes as Governor, called with others from the Republican National Headquarters at 1 o'clock this afternoon and remained an hour. Mr. Fuller said they had assured Mr. Hughes he had carried Minnesota and the tension was relieved.

LILIUKALANI IS ILL.

Former Queen of Hawaii Is Near Death at Honolulu.

GUARD THE BALLOT BOXES!

In 1876 the Republican National Committee stole a Presidential election. In 1884 the Republican National Committee tried to steal a Presidential election. Make sure that the Republican National Committee does not steal a Presidential election in 1916. The Republican organization has relied upon the brute power of money to win this election. The great Hughes majorities have been won in the States in which the Republican leaders poured their vast corruption funds—and no where else. We believe that President Wilson has won this election if there is an honest count. The supreme duty of all Democrats in every close and doubtful State is to make sure that there is an honest count. Guard the ballot boxes. The Presidency must not be stolen.

"WILSON'S VICTORY NOW HISTORY," SAYS HOUSE

President's Adviser Declares California, Minnesota and New Mexico Are Sure.

"The election of 1916 and the victory of President Wilson is now a matter of history. Our eyes and our thoughts are now on the future. I'm surprised that you are interested in my opinion of the late unpleasantness."

The above was the reply of Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's closest friend and adviser, when he was located this afternoon, after having been in seclusion since opening of the polls.

"President Wilson has not only been re-elected, but he will carry California, Minnesota and New Mexico as well as New Hampshire," Colonel House added. "I make this statement on the basis of that sixth sense which any man who has dabbled in politics for forty years is bound to develop."

LONDON BESIEGES EMBASSY FOR NEWS OF THE ELECTION

Many Requests for Latest Information Made by Government Officials.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Presidential election in the United States excited intense interest throughout London. The morning newspapers announced that Hughes had been elected, and this was taken for granted until the tickers and the early evening newspapers began to show the issue was in doubt.

Excited groups assembled in the clubs and hotels scanning the latest returns. The American Embassy was besieged by inquiries for news, many of the requests coming from British Government officials.

This is the first time that London has felt a personal interest in the Presidential election with public opinion apparently split divided.

BIG FRENCH AMMUNITION DEPOT WRECKED BY AEROS

Berlin Also Reports Raids on Twenty Places Where Russians Were Billeted.

HERLIN, Nov. 8.—A great French ammunition depot at Cersy, on the Somme, was destroyed in the course of the raid made Monday night by a German aerial squadron, the War Office announces to-day. It is said a series of fires and explosions was caused by bombs dropped by the raiders.

VILLA RAID TOWN WILSON'S.

Big Plurality for the President in Luna County, New Mexico.

AMERICAN SHIP SHELLED BY U-BOAT CALLS FOR HELP

The Columbian Sends Out Wireless Appeal After Submarine Attack.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Columbian, of 5,379 tons gross, is sending out wireless telegraph calls for help, stating that she is being shelled by a submarine.

According to one report received here to-day the Columbian was sunk. The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company's vessel Columbian is under American registry and is a freighter, carrying no passengers and a crew of about 113 officers and men, according to officers of the company here.

She was under charter by the France and Canada Steamship Company, with offices here. She discharged a cargo of horses at Nazaire, France, and continued on for Genoa laden with iron and steel taken on at New York, according to officers of the France and Canada Company. Being an American vessel she was unarmed. It was stated.

The vessel touched at St. Nazaire, France, on Nov. 2, leaving that port the following day for Italy. The Columbian was built at San Francisco in 1907 and is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company of New York.

BAKER TO QUIT CABINET AND RETURN TO LAW

Secretary of War Will Resign After March 4, Says Announcement From Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 8.—Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, will resign after March 4. This became known definitely to-day.

It was said Baker determined when he took office last year to serve only one year, and that he intends to return to his home here to practice law.

WILSON BIG RUN IN ALBANY.

Polls 3,610 Ahead of Average Republican Majority.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 8.—In the county of Albany Wilson runs 2,415 ahead of the average Republican majority and 2,620 ahead of the average Republican majority in the city of Albany.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE BASED ON RETURNS AT 4 O'CLOCK

Table showing electoral votes for Hughes and Wilson across various states. Hughes: 230, Wilson: 268. Includes a 'DOUBTFUL' section listing states like California, New Hampshire, and New Mexico.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE DOUBTFUL STATES

The latest results from the States which are in the doubtful column are as follows: CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The San Francisco Daily News claims California for Wilson by from 5,900 to 10,000. 3,414 precincts of 5,917 in California gives Hughes 262,946; Wilson 252,993. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Sacramento County returns from 132 precincts for President give Hughes 8,997, Wilson 12,230. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 8.—100 complete city and county precincts gave Hughes 14,691; Wilson, 12,778. Partial and complete returns from 1,092 precincts in Southern California counties give Hughes 78,943, Wilson 62,751. Semi-official returns announced to-day by Thomas McAleer, registrar of votes, showed 412 complete city and county precincts gave Hughes 41,412, Wilson 38,071. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Nov. 8.—Ninety-three precincts complete of 122 in Kern County give Wilson 5,672; Hughes, 3,499. Shortly after noon to-day (3 P. M. Eastern time) D. K. Cushing, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, claimed California for Wilson by 19,000. Chester H. Rowell, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, reiterated his earlier statement that Hughes would carry the State by at least 6,000 votes. At noon 3,712 precincts out of 5,917 give Hughes 264,992; Wilson, 252,361. NEW HAMPSHIRE. CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 8.—The entire State returns were almost complete at noon and showed a plurality of 230 for Wilson. Returns from all but nineteen small towns give Hughes 42,130, Wilson 41,769, according to the official figures given out by the Secretary of State. NEW MEXICO. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 8.—The contest for this State's three electoral votes is so close to-day that it may take an official count of ballots to decide. Democratic leaders are claiming for Wilson by from 1,000 to 3,000. Republicans do not concede this. Three of the twenty-one precincts in Bernalillo County, including Albuquerque, complete, give Wilson 1,614, Hughes, 1,361. For United States Senator, John D., 1,787; Hubbell (D), 3,158. For Governor, Dubsack (D), 1,553; Bureau (R), 1,309. SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 8.—Returns from 112 precincts in New Mexico give Hughes, 5,419; Wilson, 5,614. OREGON. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8.—254 precincts out of 15,302 in Oregon give Hughes 13,923; Wilson, 13,348. "We will carry the State by a safe majority," declared Sam White, Democratic chairman, to-day. C. L. McNary, Republican chairman, (Continued on Second Page.)

WILSON HOLDS MINNESOTA BY MARGIN OF 7,000 VOTES ON THE LATEST RETURNS

California and W. Va. Close, Wilson Cutting the Hughes Lead in Both States—Hughes Sure of Only 230 Votes—Steps Taken by Democrats to Guard Ballots in Close States.

With definite returns at hand apparently bulwarking 268 Democratic electoral votes, the Democratic National Committee is so sure that Woodrow Wilson has been re-elected President that plans were perfected to-day to safeguard the ballots in the States favoring Wilson where the vote is close. United States Attorney General Gregory conferred this afternoon with National Chairman Vance McCormick over the situation in New Hampshire, New Mexico and other doubtful States from which reports of a sinister nature have reached headquarters.

George E. Farrand, Chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee, telephoned to National Headquarters that the vote in his State has been counted and Wilson carries the State by 200. He added that a Protective Committee has been formed to guard the ballot boxes.

Although the returns, viewed without bias, show 268 electoral votes for Wilson, Chairman McCormick issued a statement late this afternoon claiming 300 electoral votes. He said he based his claim on confidential reports from doubtful States and intimated that as the returns came under official scrutiny some States now conceded by the newspapers to Hughes may be found in the Wilson column.

Minnesota, the corner stone of the Wilson strength, with her twelve electoral votes, gave nothing but encouragement to the Democratic National Committee as the returns from the country districts began to come in this afternoon.

CHAIRMAN WILLCOX. Chairman Willcox, on information received from F. B. Kellogg of Minneapolis, State Chairman of Minnesota, claims the State. But, late this afternoon, with all the cities in and about half the rural district returns reported, Wilson still maintained a lead in the State of 7,053. His lead had been cut down by Hughes, but if Hughes does not gain at a much higher rate of percentage Wilson will carry the State easily.

FRED LYNCH. Fred Lynch, the Democratic National Committeeman from Minnesota, has claimed all through the campaign that the Scandinavian farmers, normally solidly Republican, are overwhelmingly for Wilson this year.

IF WILSON CAN HOLD MINNESOTA he cannot be dislodged on the face of the returns and wins with what he has now by a margin of two electoral votes. But as the returns began to freshen up this afternoon doubtful States which had a Hughes trend in the morning began to lean toward Wilson.

INDIANA. Indiana, for instance, cut down the Hughes lead with every return that came in, and with half the State reporting Hughes's lead was only 10,358 at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This is a dangerous margin in Indiana considering the way the Wilson strength has been developing through the day.

CLOSE VOTE IN WEST VIRGINIA. West Virginia, which, viewed from the standpoint of the returns, was headed toward the Hughes column at noon, took a turn this afternoon. With about half the districts in, West Virginia shows but 600

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