

MR. TAFT INFORMED OF GREAT VICTORY

RECEIVES RETURNS IN CINCINNATI.

Many Messages of Congratulation Sent Him—Shows His Gratification Over Result.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—The utmost gratification prevailed at the Taft home here this evening. Where the returns from all sections indicated an overwhelming Republican victory. An elaborate telegraph room had been fitted up of the music room, and the continuously arriving telegrams were read to the guests assembled in the larger room. Besides Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taft and Miss Taft, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Pillsbury, sister of Mr. Longworth; Dr. Richardson and a number of other guests. Judge Taft strolled up and down, occasionally reading the returns himself to those present, and receiving the enthusiastic congratulations of his friends with beaming countenance.



JAMES S. SHERMAN, The next Vice-President of the United States.

MR. TAFT CASTS HIS VOTE. Mr. Taft intended to cast his vote at 11 o'clock, but later changed his mind and remained at home until almost 4 o'clock, when, accompanied by Mrs. Taft and his niece, Miss Louise Taft, he entered an automobile and drove to the polling place in Grandin Road, where he voted.

Mr. Taft cast ballot No. 371. It required three minutes for him to vote after going into the booth. A flashlight picture was taken of him entering the voting place and another as he emerged. Before voting Mr. Taft presented to the election judges a letter from the Board of Supervisors containing the decision that his vote would be legal if cast in that precinct. The decision was based on the fact that Mr. Taft's last residence in Cincinnati was at the old Walker home, near the voting place, the residence portion of which has been destroyed.

Mr. Taft began after 10 o'clock answering the telegrams of congratulation. He acknowledged receipt of such dispatches from Secretary Cortelyou, Postmaster General Meyer, Governor Curtis Guild of Massachusetts and others. "It is delightful to think of such support from the old Bay State," he sent to Massachusetts.

To Representative William B. McKinley the candidate telegraphed: "I am delighted to know that we shall have a Republican House, for that is absolutely necessary for future work."

Timothy L. Woodruff was sent an expression of gratitude "for the great campaign which was carried on."

He also expressed especial gratification at the election of Governor Hughes.

Chairman Hitchcock was heard from as early as 6:30 o'clock. He said: "Hearty congratulations on magnificent vote."

"What has pleased me more than anything else up to this time," said Mr. Taft shortly after 7 o'clock, "is the undoubted influence of Yale in Connecticut. We get Connecticut by 30,000 and Hartford by 3,900."

At midnight a throng which had been making merry downtown reached the Taft home. The candidate responded to the concert of brass bands and red fire and went out on the porch to find the entire street blocked with a shouting throng. Many of the local Republicans were with their uniforms and banners. Cheers were given for "President Taft" and Mrs. Taft. Cries of "Speech, speech!" from the crowd brought a response.

After expressing his deep appreciation of the affection shown by his friends and neighbors, Mr. Taft said the election had been a most important one, and he hoped and believed would prove to be wholly in the interest of the whole country in promoting a return of prosperity.

"If the present returns are confirmed," he continued, "in their indication of a complete Republican victory, it shows that not only the business men, but the laboring men, wage earners and the farmers have had confidence in the Republican party and the Republican ticket. It indicates that they were independent and would not be controlled by any leader who might propose to deliver them to one party or another. Now, my friends, if, as I say, these returns are confirmed by a decisive Republican victory, if the Congress and the Executive shall be Republican, I say that so far as I can pledge to you all the energy and ability that in me lies shall be used to make the next administration a worthy successor of that of Theodore Roosevelt, and beyond that I claim nothing higher."

The speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm, which continued for some time thereafter.

Mr. Taft said after the demonstration that he would have no statement to make to-night.

MR. SHERMAN HAPPY.

Receives a Flood of Congratulations on Victory.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 3.—James S. Sherman, the Republican candidate for Vice-President, received the election returns at his home, in upper Genesee street, this city, surrounded by a company of relatives and friends. The house was supplied with long distance telephone connections and a direct telegraph wire from New York, and as the bulletins were read to Mr. Sherman he was congratulated by those present.

It became evident from the start that the returns were not surprising to Mr. Sherman. He had said all the time that he expected the Republicans would win, and he expressed no surprise as the returns came indicating that the state had gone heavily for the Republican national ticket. He was at his best, and joked and talked with his visitors in a happy frame of mind. Congratulations came from all sections early, and the telephones were busy with messages from home and abroad. A large crowd assembled in the street in front of Mr. Sherman's house, but as no bulletins were shown in that section of the city the crowd thinned out and the street was comparatively quiet.

The following statement was made by Mr. Sherman to-night: "The result of the national election does not surprise me. For the last month I have been as sure of Republican success as I am to-night. The Republican party, platform and candidate stood for stability, order, confidence, a continuance of prosperity based upon a continuance of protection and the gold standard; stood for the equality of all men and all interests before the law."

Mr. Bryan and Bryanism attempted to array class against class, to stir up hate, to confuse the voter by a multiplicity of minor alleged issues, and to draw attention from the tariff plank of their platform. Mr. Taft's campaign was dignified, straightforward, manly. He met every issue squarely, justified by clear argument his past acts and his expected administrative policies. The result justifies the confidence in the ultimate wisdom of the people's decision.

BRYAN CALM IN DEFEAT

Gets Election Returns at His Home—Carries His Precinct.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—With the sun parlor of his home turned into a temporary telegraph and newspaper office, Mr. Bryan to-night watched the returns with great interest. He was, however, perhaps the most unconcerned among those who had assembled to learn the people's verdict. Mr. Bryan divided his time between the sun parlor and his library, where he received special reports from state chairmen and the national committee, and frequently came upstairs and read aloud the reports he had received. The returns from New York, particularly from the upstate precincts, were of unusual interest to him. He made many inquiries regarding the result in New York City and Ohio.

At intervals in the early hours of the day Mr. Bryan would come into the sun parlor and chat freely with the correspondents, and by way of amusement he brought out a number of telegrams of the frank kind which he had received, giving him advice as to what he should do in case of his election. While waiting for the detailed returns Mr. Bryan entertained a large company at dinner in honor of the correspondents who had been connected with his campaign and accompanied him on his tours. The election for the time was forgotten. Before the dinner the guests assembled in the drawing room, and Mr. Bryan treated them to a concert on the piano, the instrument being manipulated by himself. After resting an hour he rejoined the party in the sun parlor and began reading the returns. His daughters, Mrs. Ruth Leavitt and Miss Grace, and his son, William, were among the group in the sun parlor, and spent most of the evening keeping in close touch with the situation, while Mrs. Bryan was content to come into the room occasionally, when Mr. Bryan kept her thoroughly posted on the returns.

Election Day at Fairview was ushered in with clear skies and balmy weather. Mr. Bryan was astir early looking over a mass of telegrams received from different parts of the country giving prophecies of a Democratic victory. At 9 o'clock Mr. Bryan in a dog cart to Health's grocery store in the little village of Normal, where at 9:15 he deposited ballot No. 42 in the box. As he did so a score of voters in the store removed their hats and offered him their best wishes. On the way to the voting place Mr. Bryan paid a visit to a sick friend, "Uncle Jake," who a few days before had died, and returned to his home about Mr. Bryan carried a bundle of morning papers into his library and remained there for some time.

Mr. Bryan carried his precinct by 206 to 62 for Taft. Confident of victory to the very last, Mr. Bryan was not prepared to believe that his cause was lost until the pluralities of his Republican opponent piled up in such proportions as to leave no room for doubt. When the early returns came in he made a number of particular inquiries regarding the State of New York, but as the figures continued to be received he relied on New York City to offset the heavy Taft vote above the Harlem. Even in that he was bitterly disappointed, and he soon realized that the state was hopelessly gone, and with it his prospects of being elected.

According to the predictions of his managers he was led to believe that he would be elected without a vote in the Empire State, and he turned his inquiries toward Ohio and Indiana. The heavy Democratic gain in the 13th Ohio district was a source of interest to him. He also got much comfort out of a telegram from John E. Lamb, member of the advisory committee from Indiana, stating that the indications were that Indiana was probably Democratic, and derived a good deal of satisfaction from the fact that his own precinct had given him a majority.

After nearly three hours spent in his library, Mr. Bryan came upstairs and talked to the newspaper men and others who had assembled in the "workroom." He read some further returns, but they told the same story of defeat, and he announced that he would not have any statement to give out to-night. A large number of the voters of his precinct came in to congratulate him on its being carried for him, and after chatting with them for a while he went into the house, first saying that he would retire at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Leavitt, Mr. Bryan's oldest daughter, would not concede that her father had lost his fight, and remained up until a late hour, believing that more favorable news would be forthcoming.

At 11 p. m. Mr. Bryan sent downstairs the following statement: "It is very gratifying to receive so complimentary a vote in my home precinct of Normal and in the city of Lincoln. We appreciate very much this expression of good will on the part of our neighbors in Republican strongholds."

CANNON WINS BY 10,500.

Considerably Above the Normal—Union Labor for Him.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 3.—Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected to Congress to-day from the 18th Illinois District by a plurality considerably above the normal. Returns are still incomplete, but enough figures have been obtained to show that he will probably have a plurality of at least 10,500. This is estimated to be in the different counties in his district as follows: Vermillion, 6,000; Iroquois, 1,500; Kankakee, 2,000; Edgar, 700; Clark, 300, and Cumberland, 100. The result was something of a surprise even to the friends of Mr. Cannon.

The fight made against him by various church organizations, the Anti-Saloon League and organized labor, coupled with the fact that the Democrats had, for the first time since 1862, a complete organization in this district, led the Republicans to believe that Mr. Cannon's plurality would not be over 2,000. In the heaviest union labor precinct, however, Cannon received as large a vote as he ever received before, and in some he made decided gains. The Speaker expressed himself to-night as extremely gratified over the vote of confidence given him by his constituents.

MR. HUGHES GRATIFIED

Receives Election Returns at Executive Mansion.

Albany, Nov. 3.—Governor Hughes scanned with keen interest every election bulletin received at the Executive Mansion to-night. Special telegraph and telephone wires had been installed in the billiard room adjoining the office, where the Governor and his family, Secretary Fuller and other members of the executive staff assembled after dinner to await the count of the ballots.

Fruit of confidence of Republican success in state and nation, the Governor read with satisfaction the early bulletins indicating substantial Republican pluralities in upstate districts. Of equal interest to him was the news from time to time of the result of the vote in New York City, where the Democrats hoped to roll up a sufficient plurality to overcome the Republican vote above The Bronx.

Governor Hughes was serenaded to-night by members of the Taft-Hughes League of Albany, who marched to the Executive Mansion with a band and a large crowd of people. The Governor and Mrs. Hughes greeted them from the porch on the north side of the mansion. The crowd gave three cheers for Mrs. Hughes, and the Governor then stepped forward and in a short speech said:

"Fellow Citizens: I thank you very heartily for coming to give me this greeting. The indications from the returns so far as they have been received are most gratifying. I am deeply rejoiced at the splendid victory for the national ticket. It is most inspiring, and I want to thank you all for the earnest work that you have done which has made possible our victory in this state."

"I know very well that it has not been because of interest in me personally, but of your intense desire that we should maintain the applications of the principles of government for which I have endeavored to stand during the last two years. I thank you one and all for your unselfish effort and your hard work. We have had a lot of hard work, indeed, and a good fight. But it has been an inspiring fight. I would not have missed it. It has been a great pleasure to me from one end of the state to the other and meet directly so many of my fellow citizens and talk over with them the great questions in which we are interested, and I want to thank you all for the loyal support that you have given to the ticket. I thank you most heartily. This is a time when emotion gets the better of words, and I would not trust myself to speak fully all that my heart would prompt me to say. Once more, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you, Governor Hughes early congratulated Mr. Taft on his election.

He also sent the following message of congratulation to James S. Sherman: "I most heartily congratulate you upon your victory."

A little later the Governor received this message from Mr. Sherman: "Accept my congratulations upon your victory. The people of the entire state are to be congratulated most heartily upon their great good fortune in retaining your services, noted for right-mindedness and courage, great ability and sagacity."

To this message Governor Hughes sent the following reply: "I heartily thank you for your telegram and I desire to express my sincere appreciation of your service in securing this result. The splendid victory of the national ticket is inspiring."

FOUR SHERMANS VOTE.

Vice-Presidential Candidate and Sons Go to Booth Together.

Utica, Nov. 3.—James S. Sherman, the Republican candidate for Vice-President, accompanied by his three sons, went to the election booth in the 3d District in the 7th Ward about 10:30 this morning. There was no unusual crowd around the polls and no special incident occurred. Mr. Sherman voted ballot No. 228. He was behind the curtain of the voting machine about six seconds, and was immediately followed by his sons, Sherrill, Richard and Tom. The boys voted in about the same time as their father, and Mr. Sherman suggested that at least four straight Republican votes had been cast. He laid a handful of cigars on the table occupied by the officials, nodded pleasantly to some of the workers about the polls and stepped out to re-enter his automobile. A local photographer held him up to take several pictures, and then Mr. Sherman rode back to his home. There were less than a dozen persons present besides the regular officials and the poll watchers.

KERN VOTES EARLY.

Then Receives Election Returns at His Home at Night.

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, who arrived here this morning on his return from his speaking tour in Ohio, proceeded to his home for a short rest. Later, accompanied by his small son, "Billie," he went to his polling place and at 10:30 registered his vote—No. 407. There were many inquiries as to the condition of his sick boy, and Mr. Kern replied that the lad was much better, being able to sit up this morning.

Mr. Kern received the election returns at his home to-night, surrounded by a number of his political friends. A special wire had been run to his house, and he read the dispatches with the keenest interest.

OHIO STANDS BY TAFT

PLURALITY NEAR 50,000.

Election of Harmon (Dem.) for Governor Indicated.

Cincinnati, Nov. 4.—At 1 o'clock this morning it seemed that Taft would have slightly more than a normal Republican plurality in Ohio of close to 50,000, while Harris (Rep.) for Governor, was defeated. The figures at that hour were for the election of Harmon (Dem.) by 15,000.

Senator Joseph B. Foraker when asked for an expression on the election said: "It is just as I expected." He would not discuss the subject further.

Returns from Hamilton County are coming in slowly, but the indications are that Taft's majority will be narrow.

Nicholas Longworth has been defeated, unless the suburban vote offsets that of the city precincts.

The first sixteen precincts in Hamilton County which reported their returns indicate that while Taft has carried Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the vote for Governor and for the county ticket is much closer than had been expected. The returns were very much delayed, because of heavy scratching throughout the city, and at 10:30 o'clock the Republican campaign managers who were receiving and tabulating the precinct returns at the Blaine Club, the headquarters of the Cox organization, hesitated about making any definite statement.

National Committeeman Vorps has just telegraphed National Chairman Hitchcock that Ohio has given Taft not less than 100,000 majority.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Taft Piles Up 350,000 Plurality—Dalszell's Signal Victory.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—At 1 a. m., with eighteen counties still to hear from, the indications are that Taft has carried Pennsylvania by a plurality that will be nearer 400,000 than 300,000.

A heavy vote was polled throughout the state owing largely to the many warm contests in the Congress districts, where the Republicans hold their own, if they do not increase their representation.

In Philadelphia the Republican national ticket has about 125,000 plurality. The entire state ticket is elected by a large plurality.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsburg, Nov. 3.—William H. Taft has carried Pennsylvania by a plurality which apparently exceeds 350,000. The Legislature will be overwhelmingly Republican.

Congressman John Dalszell, representing the 30th Congress District, won a most signal victory in his great industrial bailiwick. His majority will be in the neighborhood of 6,000. The city of McKeesport, in Dalszell's district, gives him a majority of not less than 2,000. It was in McKeesport that E. F. Duffy, Dalszell's opponent, hoped to win out. Duffy has conceded his defeat.

NEVADA.

State Conceded to Bryan by 3,000 Majority.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 3.—Republican Chairman Humphreys concedes Nevada to Bryan by 3,000. The vote in Reno was about evenly divided between Taft and Bryan.

KANSAS.

Taft Carries State by 25,000—J. L. Bristow, Senator.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 3.—Early returns indicate that Taft has carried Kansas by 25,000 plurality, and that the entire Republican state and Congressional ticket is elected by proportionate pluralities. The state ticket is running close to the pluralities of Taft, except W. R. Stubbs, Republican candidate for Governor, who is being scratched in every precinct. It is possible that J. D. Botkin (Dem.) may be elected Governor, but the present returns do not indicate that he is pulling down the Republican majority enough to win.

Practically all of the railroad voters went to Bryan's aid. The vote of the railroad corporation of the state, where a large percentage of the mining vote appears to have been cast for Debs. The total vote for Debs will be about twelve thousand. The Independents cast about three thousand votes for Hisgen and the state ticket.

The Legislature probably is Republican by a large margin, and J. L. Bristow will be the United States Senator to succeed Chester Long. The new Kansas tax law and the railroads have worked to reduce the normal Republican majority in the Legislature. Thirty districts are so close that the result is doubtful.

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ILLINOIS TAFT BY 170,000

CANNON IS RE-ELECTED.

Governor Deneen Defeats Adlai E. Stevenson by 65,000.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—The Republican national and state tickets gained a complete victory in Illinois, although the pluralities will probably fall short of those obtained by the party in the campaign of 1904. Taft has carried the state by approximately 170,000 votes, although it will be some time to-morrow or Thursday before the exact figures can be obtained. Chicago, according to the latest returns, will be represented by seven Republicans and three Democrats. Thomas Gallagher has probably won in the 8th District. William Lottman has won by his usual big majority in the 6th. Martin B. Madden seems to have defeated M. L. Mandable in the 1st. J. R. Mann is re-elected in the 2d. W. W. Wilson is re-elected in the 3d. J. T. McDermott was re-elected in the 4th. A. J. Sabath is returned in the 5th, and Henry Bouteil and I. George E. Foss, representing the 9th and 10th, have both been re-elected.

Joseph G. Cannon has been re-elected to Congress by a majority of approximately 2,500. The returns are incomplete, but enough of them have been received to show that he will receive his normal vote throughout the district. In Danville eight out of nineteen precincts give Cannon a majority of 1,748. This is an increase of about one hundred votes in the same precincts over his majority of two years ago.

Charles S. Deneen, Republican candidate for Governor, ran far behind the national ticket, but has been elected by a plurality of about 65,000 over Adlai E. Stevenson, his Democratic opponent. Deneen's greatest losses were suffered in Cook County, which is his home.

Chicago and Cook County gave a plurality to Taft of 50,000, against 128,000 for Roosevelt four years ago. Outside of Cook County the plurality for Taft is not far from one hundred and twenty thousand. The plurality for President Roosevelt in 1904 was 294,923 for the state.

Stevenson, Democratic candidate for Governor, carried Chicago by about 8,000. He lost heavily, however, in the state outside of Cook County.

The Legislature, which is to select a successor to Senator Albert J. Hopkins, will be strongly Republican, and it is likely that Mr. Hopkins will be re-elected.

In Chicago a hot fight was waged over the office of state attorney, but John E. W. Wayman (Rep.) was elected by about 30,000.

The Socialist vote showed a considerable falling off from that of four years ago. Debs in 1904 received 62,225 votes. From the returns so far obtained it seems probable that he will not receive much over 40,000.

The intensity, not to say bitterness, of the Governorship fight and the contest in Cook County for the important office of State's Attorney had no material effect on the vote for President. With 1,144 precincts out of 1,250 in Chicago reported, it became practically certain that Taft had carried the municipality by well over 60,000.

In the face of this Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for Governor, leads his Republican rival, Governor Deneen, by about 800 votes.

The State's Attorneyship fight between Wayman, Republican, and Kern, Democrat, was complicated by support given to Street, Prohibitionist, by a section of the so-called reform element, including one influential newspaper. Wayman's election, however, was indicated from returns from 73 per cent of the voting precincts in Cook County by about 30,000 majority. Street polled about 5 per cent of the total vote. One thousand and four precincts in Chicago, which gave Taft 152,253, gave Chaffin, Prohibitionist, for President, 3,439; Debs, Socialist, 11,895, and Hisgen, Independence party, 3,337.

The following message, signed by W. H. Taft, was received by Mayor Fred A. Buse, of Chicago: "I congratulate you on the magnificent showing made by Chicago and Cook County for the Republican national ticket."

IOWA.

Taft by 40,000 to 50,000—Cummins Wins Senatorship.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 3.—Incomplete returns indicate that Taft has carried Iowa by a plurality from 40,000 to 50,000. This is a heavy falling off from the Roosevelt plurality of four years ago, but it represents only a slight falling off from the normal plurality. The entire Republican state ticket is elected, probably by about the same plurality. Governor A. B. Cummins probably carried the Republican Senatorial primary over Major J. F. Lacey by a plurality of 40,000 to 50,000, a tremendous gain from last June, when Cummins was defeated by Allison by 15,000.

The indications are that the entire delegating in Congress will be Republican, a gain of one over two years ago. There is a close race in the 8th District between Hamilton (incumbent, Dem.) and Kendall (Rep.) Both sides are claiming the district.

OKLAHOMA.

Bryan's Plurality 25,000—Return of Senator Gore Assured.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 3.—Oklahoma has continued loyal to the Democratic party, but the majority has been reduced materially, and Bryan's lead is estimated at 25,000. The five members of Congress, four Democrats and one Republican, have been re-elected. The Legislature is two-thirds Democratic, insuring the re-election of United States Senator Thomas P. Gore. The only state officers chosen were Corporation Commissioner A. P. Watson and Justice of the Supreme Court S. W. Hayes, both Democrats.

PRESIDENTIAL PLURALITIES BY STATES.

Table showing Presidential Pluralities by States for 1904 and 1908. Columns include States, 1904 (Roosevelt, Parker, Taft, Bryan), and 1908 (Taft, Bryan). Total 1904: 3,069,931; Total 1908: 528,640.

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