

## PROGRESSIVE TIDE TURNS TOWARD WILSON, SAYS CHAIRMAN OF PARTY

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Boston, Nov. 2.—The tide of the progressive vote in New England, and to a great extent throughout the country, has turned toward the president. There is a very much larger element of progressives going to vote for Wilson than any one had any idea of two months ago.

"The feeling among the progressives about their betrayal at Chicago in June is very strong, and I believe that the progressive vote will be one of the vital factors—as it should be—in the re-election of Pres. Wilson, Nov. 7."

Such is the view of Matthew Hale, acting chairman of the Progressive national committee. Hale, as staunch a progressive as ever, following the same ideals that made him a leader in the party organized four years ago for the advancement of social justice, but deprived of an opportunity to work for that cause through the progressive party, has turned his support to Pres. Wilson. He is campaigning through New England, urging all progressives who are really interested in progress to vote for Wilson as the only candidate in any way meeting progressive specifications.

"The result in New England," says Hale, "depends on the labor vote. This is normally Republican. If Pres. Wilson's attitude toward labor, the passage of the 8-hour, child labor and other labor laws, wins the workers for him, then it's all off with Hughes. Any decided switch in the labor vote will do the trick.

"And there seems absolutely no doubt but that the progressive, the independent and the labor vote is turning his way.

"Wilson's strong position lies in his attitude toward labor and his work for peace.

"He has done more to establish the rights of labor than any other man ever in public life.

"He has kept the country at peace at a time when influences of every sort were pulling and pushing to get us into war. And yet our peace is not a pacifist's peace. It is a peace maintained with full honor. We have surrendered no rights. It is simply that we have refused to aggress on the rights of others.

"Most of the claim for the return of progressives to the Republican fold is based on the course of Roosevelt, Perkins and their personal followers. But canvass the field over; you will find few or none of the small progressive leaders who are working for Hughes.

"Roosevelt is out touring the country shouting that we need a man of acts in the White House, not a man of words.

"I should say Wilson has shown himself to be a man of deeds; Roosevelt a man of words.

"Roosevelt is slaying Wilson on the ground that his deeds do not square up with his words.

"Match Roosevelt's acts of today with his words four years ago. The very men on whom he declared undying warfare four years ago—the old reactionary ring that has stood squarely across the path of progress in the Republican party for years—are the men with whom he is working hand in glove today, trying to kick out of the White House the man who has actually achieved more forward legislation than any president we ever had."

Cleveland.—Tris Speaker is wearing a wrist watch. He's back from hunting trip in Canada. All the hunters wear 'em, said Tris today.

New York.—More than \$1,000,000 has been so far get on presidential election, Wall street broker figures.

Eau Claire, Mich.—State bank here robbed of \$4,050 by gunman who stuck up cashier.