

HUGHES OR WILSON?

Election of Neither of the Candidates Yet Certain and Returns Coming Slowly

RIVAL LEADERS STILL CLAIM THE ELECTION

Western Managers Say they See Victory When the Count is Finished.

WESTERN STATES ARE THE BALANCE

Democrats are Making the Largest Boast of Final Success.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—After receiving the latest returns from the party leaders in a number of doubtful states in the middle west and far west by long distance telephone today, Alvin Hart, manager of the western Republican headquarters, claimed Hughes and Fairbanks had carried Indiana, North Dakota, California and Minnesota, and the Republican national ticket had won with at least 275 electoral votes, six more than the required number.

"I am certain Hughes and Fairbanks won, although the race appears close," said Mr. Hart.

"I talked with Caneer H. Rowell, Republican state chairman of California this morning, and he said he had received returns from every county in the state that Hughes has won in California by about 10,000.

"In Indiana leaders with whom I talked assured me the Republicans had carried the state by 10,000. In Minnesota Republican leaders are certain Hughes carried the state by 20,000.

"I also received assurance from Republicans in a position to know that North Dakota is absolutely safe for Hughes.

"Counting the electoral votes of these states Hughes will have 272, or six more than the necessary 268. In addition to these, which we are certain of, we have strong hopes of winning in Missouri and Oregon, where the vote is exceedingly close. You will find complete returns from these doubtful states confirm information I have received."

The Democratic Boast. Chicago, Nov. 8.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, manager of the western Democratic headquarters, declared at noon he was positive President Wilson had been re-elected by at least 204 electoral votes, or 38 more than the number required.

He had received reports from party leaders in every doubtful state in the western territory this morning. After tabulating these latest figures he declared Wilson would surely carry these western states.

Montana, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Nebraska, Idaho, Arizona, Washington, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, California, Wyoming and North Dakota.

"Complete returns show Wilson carried a majority of western states which elect him with 204 electoral votes," said Senator Walsh. "In some of these states the vote is close but the latest reports show we have won. I have been confident all along. The early reports from a number of western states were misleading. As the returns from these states come in our claims are being confirmed in every important respect."

WILSON HOME IS REPUBLICAN

New Jersey also Elects a Republican Senator and Governor.

Trenton, Nov. 8.—New Jersey, President Wilson's home state, went Republican on both national and state issues. President, however ran ahead state ticket.

Hughes' plurality, with 777 districts missing, is 22,674. The state elected Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, (Republican) to succeed Senator Martine (Democrat), and a Republican governor, Walter E. Edge. Frelinghuysen's plurality is about 35,000. Republicans strengthened their hold on the state legislature, but may lose one of their eight seats in congress.

13 STATES IN CLAIMS OF THE RIVAL LEADERS

Early Morning Figures Outlined Where the Battles Would be Fought Out.

New York, Nov. 8.—After a night of excited shifting of states from one column to another and resulting claims and counter claims both the national committee chairmen appeared confident during the forenoon that the ultimate returns would return victory to their banners. Each issued a statement before noon as follows:

Chairman McCormick of the Democratic national committee gave out the following list of states with electoral votes, of which he claimed for President Wilson:

Alabama, 12; Arizona, 3; Arkansas, 9; California, 12; Colorado, 6; Delaware, 3; Florida, 11; Georgia, 14; Idaho, 4; Indiana, 15; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 8; Minnesota, 12; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 18; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 5; Nevada, 3; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 3; North Carolina, 12; Ohio, 24; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Utah, 4; Virginia, 12; Washington, 7; West Virginia, 5; Wisconsin, 12; Wyoming, 7.

Chairman William R. Willcox, Republican national committee, issued the following statements:

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

California, 12; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 13; Idaho, 4; Kansas City 10; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 16; Minnesota, 12; Missouri, 18; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; Nebraska, 5; New Mexico, 3; North Dakota, 3; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 28; Rhode Island, 5; South Carolina, 9; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 12; West Virginia, 5; Wyoming, 7.

As it requires 268 electoral votes to elect Hughes, he has received 57 more than necessary.

It will be observed that both chairmen claimed California, Delaware, Indiana, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, New Mexico, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming. Further, North Dakota was in the Republican claims.

AWOKE TO FIND THE WEST WAS IN THE SADDLE

New York Went to Bed sure Hughes Was Elected on East Landslide.

New York, Nov. 8.—When the Republican landslide in New York became known early last night it was quickly followed by heavy Republican victories in New England, and there was a veritable stampede to announce the election of Hughes and the defeat of President Wilson.

Hundreds of thousands waiting in the streets saw the signal lights flash the defeat of the president. The New York Times and other papers which had been prominent in their support of him, conceded the president's defeat before some western states had been heard from.

Thousands of persons in the east went to bed believing Hughes was elected, and woke up this morning to find the result apparently changed while they slept. Hundreds who made their plans for what they expected would happen in Wall street today found themselves all awry.

The first figures of Wilson majorities throughout the west did not shake the confidence of those who predicted the election of Hughes and not until a steady stream of Wilson majorities began coming in that Hughes' column piled up in the east did any of them suspect the result was in danger.

At midnight it was apparent the free predictions of a sweeping Republican victory throughout the country were being contradicted by results from the west. As every hour saw the Hughes lead melting it became clear the president was not defeated so easily and at daylight, without any decisive result, it became apparent the battle was being fought out in the doubtful states with the advantage decidedly in favor of Wilson.

BRITISH ATTACKS ON SOMME HALTED. Berlin, Nov. 8.—By wireless to Bayville.—British attacks between Lesard and Guisnesport on the Somme front last night were broken up by the German fire. The war office announced today that the British had lost possession of the village of Fresnoire.

HUGHES PULLS UP WELL IN MINNESOTA

Rival Districts are Cutting Down Wilson's Early Lead.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Rural districts returns this afternoon cut down Wilson's lead over Hughes in Minnesota, 1,029 of 3,024 precincts giving Wilson 52,065, Hughes 52,144.

In precincts outside Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, Hughes showed rapidly growing strength. In 691 of these rural precincts Hughes 42,172, Wilson 44,139.

Republican leaders expressed confidence that if this ratio should be maintained giving their candidate a plurality 10,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 8, 3 p. m.—Further inroads into Wilson's lead in Minnesota were made when half of the total precincts reported this afternoon—1,430 of 3,024 gave Wilson 111,173; Hughes, 103,690.

CALIFORNIA SLOW; BOTH SIDES CLAIM A FAIR PLURALITY

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Owing to the exceptional length of the ballot, few precincts had been reported in either San Francisco or Los Angeles at 11 a. m. today and on the result of the count in these two cities hinges the outcome. In San Francisco, it was estimated Wilson would have a majority of 20,000. Los Angeles returns indicated that Hughes' major-ty would not be as heavy as Republican leaders had estimated.

U. S. SENATE TO DEMOCRATS

Republicans Apparently Have Failed to Overcome Majority.

New York, Nov. 8.—Late returns from Ohio indicating the re-election of Senator Atlee Fontenay Democrat, over Myron T. Herrick, Republican, virtually ended the possibility of Republicans ascending in the U. S. senate.

With the Democratic leaders insisting that Hitchcock in Nebraska and Pittman in Nevada were re-elected, and with Wendell Forney Democrat, in Wyoming, the political status of the new senate is thus:

Democrats 52, Republicans 42, with results in Arizona and New Mexico still doubtful. Should the Republicans carry both, the Democratic majority in the senate will be eight.

Practically complete returns showed the Democrats carrying 47 of 47 Republican seats in the senate. The Democratic majority at present in the senate is 16.

With forty-nine congressional districts to be heard from late today, returns for the next house show 192 Democrats, 189 Republicans, two Progressives, one Socialist and one Independent have been elected.

Of the 49 missing districts, there are 30 Democrats, 19 Republicans and one Independent in the present house.

Prohibition Defeated in California; Hiram Johnson to Senate. San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson, Republican-Progressive candidate for United States senator, had a commanding lead over his Democratic opponent, Geo. E. Hatton, and it is believed his majority would be approximately 200,000.

The prohibition amendments have been beaten.

STATE SWINGS TO HUGHES ON LATE RETURNS

1151 Precincts Show the Republicans in the Lead by 820 Votes.

2,000 PLURALITY IS PROBABLE RESULT

Frazier and McCumber Victorious by Large Majorities—3 Congressmen.

Eleven hundred fifty-one precincts of 1,859 give Hughes 33,339, Wilson 32,519. The German districts of the southwestern section are coming strongly for Hughes and late this afternoon overturned Wilson's previous lead.

President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes are running neck and neck in North Dakota, with the advantage shifting rapidly toward the Republican nominee. Nine hundred and ninety-seven precincts out of 1,363, as tabulated in The Herald office this afternoon, give:

Hughes, 32,078; Wilson's plurality 29. This state swung into the doubtful column this morning, when returns from outlying districts wiped out President Wilson's lead. Democrats claimed the state by a comfortable margin and this afternoon, despite the big swing towards Hughes, are not conceding North Dakota electors to the Republicans.

On the face of the latest returns received, it is estimated that Hughes will carry North Dakota by at least 2,000 votes. His majority may go over that, however.

Frazier and McCumber Win. So far as the state ticket is concerned, there is no doubt on governor and senator, Lynn J. Frazier is sweeping the state as he did in the primaries, while every report increases Senator McCumber's lead over John Burke.

Very incomplete returns have been received on the congressional fights, but it is certain that H. T. Helgeson, P. D. Norton and Geo. C. Young are re-elected.

The fight between Steen and Casey for state treasurer is too close to make any estimate.

Supreme Court Figures. The reports on the supreme court contest are very incomplete, but in (Continued on Page 7.)

WILSON CUTTING INTO HUGHES LEAD IN WISCONSIN

Milwaukee, Nov. 8.—In 1,737 precincts out of 2,250 in Wisconsin, Hughes' lead has dropped to 18,064. Wilson's vote in those precincts totals 166,867; Hughes' 174,931.

Senator LaFollette has the greatest plurality of any of the candidates, his lead over Wilson, with 83 precincts reported, is 59,349. With more than one-third of the state missing Governor Philipp, Republican, leads Willams, Democrat, by 26,711.

At noon today there was but one congressional district in doubt, the Second district, in which Voigt, Republican, leads 453 over Burke, Democrat, present incumbent, in 139 out of 205 precincts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNT WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Attorney General and Dem. Chairman Have a Consultation.

New York, Nov. 8.—Attorney General Gregory was in conference with Chairman McCormick at Democratic headquarters this afternoon on the question of investigating the count in New Hampshire and other doubtful states.

TWELVE STATES HOLDING FATE OF THE TWO RIVAL CANDIDATES

LATE BULLETINS

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Three were killed and twelve injured when the passenger elevator of the Florsheim Shoe company plant fell four floors.

Missouri for Wilson. St. Louis, Nov. 8.—President Wilson at noon led Hughes more than 16,000 on returns from approximately two-thirds of the state. Lamm, Republican nominee for governor on returns from same precincts had lead 3,400. United States Senator Reed, Democrat had a lead of more than 13,000 over Walters Dickey, Republican.

Hughes Leads in West Virginia. Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Returns from 720 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia give Hughes 60,905; Wilson 58,352.

Wilson Gets Kansas. Kansas City, Nov. 8.—The Kansas City Star, which supported Hughes, concedes Kansas to Wilson by 15,000. With complete returns of 1,224 of 2,474 precincts in Kansas, President Wilson received 170,890, Hughes 157,778 votes.

Wyoming to Wilson. Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—A statement issued by T. B. Kennedy, secretary of the Republican committee, said: "Returns indicate Wilson and Kendrick carried Wyoming." 173 precincts of 584 Wyoming gave Wilson 8,218, Hughes 5,840.

Wilson Leads in Kansas. Kansas City—Wilson has received 123,293, Hughes 120,018, with tabulation returns from 1,253 of 2,474 precincts in Kansas.

New Jersey for Hughes. Trenton, N. J.—Hughes' plurality in New Jersey at 3 p. m. was fully 39,565. The total vote with 267 districts missing gave Wilson 180,326, Hughes 219,934. Earlier returns which appeared to give Hughes—when 442 districts were missing—a plurality of 9,196 proved an error when revision of figures were made. Hughes' plurality at that time instead was 39,148.

Hughes Leads in Delaware. Wilmington, Del.—With 23 of 191 districts in Delaware missing the vote is as follows: Wilson 20,220, Hughes 21,055.

Oregon Still Wavers. Portland, Ore.—Both sides still claim Oregon.

McCormick Claims 300. New York—Democratic Chairman McCormick at 4 p. m. said: "When the count is finished Wilson will have over 300 electoral votes. The California Democratic chairman wired headquarters: 'The count on San Francisco increased the 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.

Wilson Loses More in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn.—Returns on president 1,655 of 8,024 precincts in Minnesota give Wilson 123,150; Hughes 116,615, cutting Wilson's lead 6,533.

Various Late Counts. Santa Fe, N. M.—Returns from 112 precincts in New Mexico give Hughes 5,419; Wilson 5,614.

Portland, Ore.—256 precincts of 1,649 in Oregon give Hughes 13,324; Wilson 13,249.

Seattle—Returns from 1,218 precincts of 2,385 in Washington give Hughes 84,711; Wilson 108,516.

San Francisco, Cal.—3,712 precincts of 5,917 gives Hughes 284,900; Wilson 282,361.

MEXICAN WOMEN ARE BURNED ALIVE BY VILLA AND BANDITS. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 8.—A Mexican refugee from Chihuahua City who arrived here last night brought the report that Villa bandits had soaked the hair of two Mexican women in oil and had burned them at Santa Rosalia on October 26. The refugee claimed to have talked with an eye-witness of the tragedy. He also reported General Uribe, Villa commander, had declared at Santa Rosalia that he intended to kill all Americans and Chinese caught by his forces.

Queen Lil Very Ill at Honolulu. San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Elizabeth, former queen of Hawaii, is very ill at Honolulu. Her death at any time is expected, according to information received here today.

POSSIBILITY OF A RECOUNT OR DECISION OF RESULT BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

New York, Nov. 8.—"President Wilson is absolutely re-elected," said Democratic Chairman McCormick at 4 o'clock this afternoon. "The Republicans can't beat him by any combination of states that may ensue. We can lose Minnesota and California and still re-elect the president, but we feel confident we will carry both states."

New York, Nov. 8.—The Republican national headquarters statement late this afternoon claimed Minnesota, Oregon, California and New Hampshire and asserted Hughes had obtained 277 electoral votes.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—O. K. Cushing, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, claimed California for Wilson by 10,000. Chester H. Rowell, chairman Republican state central committee, reiterated his statement that Hughes would carry the state by at least 6,000 votes.

New York, Nov. 8.—Chairman Willcox of the Republican National Committee at 1 p. m. o'clock issued this statement: "California and Minnesota are surely for Hughes. This means Hughes is elected."

The statement, he said, was based in advices from the respective state headquarters claiming California by 10,000; Minnesota by 20,000. Chester H. Rowell telegraphed from San Francisco Republicans could concede everything the Democrats claim and still carry the state by 6,000.

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS VERY CLOSE. Manchester, N. H., Nov. 8.—While the Republican state committee had announced that with 21 precincts still to be heard from Hughes had an unofficial plurality of 1,867, revised newspaper figures this afternoon reduced Hughes' lead to 275 with eleven small precincts missing. Republican leaders said the unreported vote was in Republican territory and Hughes would carry the state by 400.

New York, Nov. 8.—With a decided drift toward the re-election of President Wilson the result of the election is still officially in doubt today.

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

The chairmen of both national committees claimed a majority in the electoral college, but the actual figures made good the claims of neither.

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

Not since the days of the revision of the returns that seated Grover Cleveland in the contest of 1892, has the country been compelled to wait so long to know the result. Over twelve hours after the polls closed, Wilson and Hughes are running a neck-and-neck race in 12 doubtful states.

Wilson is reasonably certain of 232 votes in the electoral college, and the same returns pointed to 218 for Hughes, with 81 votes doubtful and 266 being needed for an election, the states in doubt are being watched closely.

These states with 81 votes include California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.

EITHER ONE CAN WIN YET. There seemed no doubt that Wilson had carried Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

In the Hughes column were counted Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin.

From doubtful states returns continued to point first to one candidate and then to the other. Although New England returns supported the prediction (Continued on Page 7.)