

WILSON SEEMS WINNER

PRESIDENT HAS ALMOST ENOUGH VOTES TO MAKE ELECTION SURE

Republicans Refuse to Give Up Hope That They Will Win on Final Count

CALIFORNIA HOLDS PIVOTAL POSITION

Latest returns from California gave Wilson a commanding lead there, although the republicans declined to concede defeat. The reverse was true in Minnesota, where Hughes gained steadily during the day, but the democrats refused to concede defeat.

It is apparent that Hughes must carry both states and hold all those now credited to him of partial reports, in order to win. With California apparently lost, the election of Wilson seems assured.

New York, Nov. 9.—Chairman McCormick of the democratic committee announced late this afternoon that he had sent telegrams to all the democratic state chairmen in the country telling them to "engage bands and buy red fire to celebrate tonight the return of Woodrow Wilson."

New York, Nov. 9.—If the result of the incomplete returns of Tuesday's balloting are accepted as final in all but five states at noon today, the electoral vote would give President Wilson 251 and Mr. Hughes 243.

The five doubtful states with their electoral votes are: California 13; Minnesota 12; New Mexico 3; North Dakota 5; New Hampshire 4.

The sudden switch of New Hampshire from a small Hughes plurality to over a hundred votes for President Wilson was the dramatic change in the situation this forenoon. It came in an announcement from the secretary of state that a partial official count of all the districts disclosed errors in tabulation by town and ward clerks to that extent. The official count is still progressing.

In Minnesota and New Mexico the incomplete returns show Mr. Hughes to have a lead, while in California and North Dakota Mr. Wilson is leading.

The returns from doubtful western states are belated and not expected to be available before a late hour today.

Returns Anxiously Awaited. The election passed into the second day of uncertainty with President Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes both anxiously awaiting the count in a few western states—the pivotal ones being California—with thirteen electoral votes and Minnesota with twelve, New Mexico with three and North Dakota with five.

Although still so close that the result could not be regarded as assured, indicative overnight returns seemed to dispose of previously doubtful states by placing West Virginia's eight votes in the Hughes column and giving the four votes of Idaho and seven from Washington to President Wilson.

An eleventh hour development came this morning from Concord, N. H., where Secretary of State Bean stated that with the New Hampshire returns complete but only partly verified officially, Wilson led by 83 votes. Verification of the New Hampshire returns was still in progress.

The Hughes total thus became 243 and the Wilson total 255 with 266 necessary to elect.

After so disposing of these previously doubtful states, from which the returns still are incomplete, the situation appeared to be as follows:

Unofficial Poll of the States

(BASED ON PARTIAL RETURNS.)

State	Repulican	Demo-crat	Doubt-ful
Alabama	12		
Arizona	3		
Arkansas	9		
California		13	
Colorado	6		
Connecticut	7		
Delaware	3		
Florida	6		
Georgia	14		
Idaho	4		
Illinois	29		
Indiana	15		
Iowa	13		
Kansas	10		
Kentucky	13		
Louisiana	10		
Maine	6		
Maryland	8		
Massachusetts	18		
Michigan	15		
Minnesota		12	
Mississippi	10		
Missouri	18		
Montana	4		
Nebraska	8		
Nevada	3		
New Hampshire	4		
New Jersey	14		
New Mexico		3	
New York	45		
North Carolina	12		
North Dakota		5	
Ohio	24		
Oklahoma	10		
Oregon	5		
Pennsylvania	38		
Rhode Island	5		
South Carolina	9		
South Dakota	5		
Tennessee	12		
Texas	20		
Utah	4		
Vermont	4		
Virginia	12		
Washington	7		
West Virginia	8		
Wisconsin	13		
Wyoming	3		
Totals	243	255	33
Needed to elect			266

How Campaign Leaders see It

New York, Nov. 9.—Statements were issued from both democratic and republican national headquarters today still claiming the pivotal states for the respective parties.

"When I retired at 5 o'clock," said Chairman McCormick, "I knew that North Dakota was safe for Wilson, California absolutely ours, that we had New Mexico surely and that we are putting up a good fight in Minnesota."

George W. Perkins at republican headquarters declared that New Mexico and Minnesota were both swinging toward Hughes and that North Dakota was sure. He asserted that if these three states were placed in the Hughes column the republican candidate's election was assured without California's thirteen electoral votes.

Mr. Perkins added that all precincts were being taken to guard the ballot boxes where the vote was running close and where the recount might be deemed necessary.

"We will take every precaution to guard against ballot box frauds," he said.

Charles B. Warren, republican national committeeman from Michigan, after a conference with Chairman Wilcox and other national committeemen gave out this statement as reflecting the consensus of opinion among the republican leaders:

"The election depends upon the count in California, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Mexico and New Hampshire. Oregon is safely for Hughes as is also West Virginia. The probabilities are that the Minnesota vote will be cast for Hughes, but the official count will be required in North Dakota, New Mexico, New Hampshire and California before the results in those states will be definitely known."

CALIFORNIA VOTE MAY BE DIVIDED

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—Possibility of a split electoral vote is not remote in California and especially is it made likely because of the scratching of A. J. Wallace, republican presidential elector, by the radical votes, because Wallace is one of the foremost drys.

Should Hughes carry California there is a possibility of Wilson taking one vote from the state to the electoral college.

GUARDING BALLOTS.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 9.—Members of the local democratic state central committee established a guard today at the local court house where Alameda county's ballots are being tabulated.

SCRATCH VOTES DELAY COUNTING

Republican Ticket in Iowa Is Safe; Theophilus Ahead of Rivals

Des Moines, Nov. 9.—Returns coming in slowly today failed to change to any great degree the estimated plurality in Iowa for the republican presidential and gubernatorial candidates. The count was going forward very slowly in the rural districts on account of the number of "scratched" ballots.

In the non-partisan race for justice of the supreme court, 670 precincts out of 2,297 gave Deemer 25,624, Evans 24,482, and Theophilus 25,646.

For lieutenant governor 363 precincts gave Moore 59,155, as against 34,770 for Doty.

For secretary of state 527 precincts gave Noth democrat, 36,543; Allen republican 54,479.

For treasurer 527 precincts gave Hansen 32,360; Brown 57,555. 532 precincts in the race for auditor gave Keefe democrat 32,631; Shaw, republican 58,489.

IOWA RESULTS.

Des Moines, Nov. 9.—The republicans in Iowa have a fair chance of sending a solid delegation to congress. Congressman Steele of the eleventh district, the only democrat now in the delegation, is having a neck and neck race with George C. Svott, republican, and it is predicted now that it will take the official count to determine the winner.

Hull won out in the second district, one of the doubtful ones. His plurality will be about 5,000 according to present indications.

WILSON CONFIDENT

EARLY MORNING RETURNS CONVINCED HIM THAT HIS ELECTION IS ASSURED.

Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 9.—President Wilson got up shortly before 3 o'clock this morning to hear again that the outcome of Tuesday's election was not yet certain. He read the morning newspapers before breakfast and planned to take an automobile ride later.

Mr. Wilson's first questions had to do with California, Minnesota, New Mexico and North Dakota, the states on which he was told before going to bed last night, the result largely hinged.

It was taken for granted among officials here that there would be recounts in several of the very close states and it was believed that weeks might pass before questions involved were settled.

The president remained in a cheerful mood today and believed the result would eventually favor him. As the returns began coming in this morning at the executive offices they were promptly telephoned to him at Shadow Lawn.

The president will leave from Atlantic Highlands, N. J., on the naval yacht Mayflower late this afternoon or tonight for Rhine Cliff, N. Y., on the Hudson, where he takes a train at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for Williamstown, Mass. There he will act as god-father for the child of Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, his daughter, tomorrow.

Miss Margaret Wilson, who is staying at Shadow Lawn with her father, showed particular interest in the returns. Before the president was up, Miss Wilson called to receive returns. Early reports showing Mr. Wilson leading in California, North Dakota and New Hampshire, three doubtful states, were carried by her to the president.

HUGHES IS SILENT.

New York, Nov. 9.—After studying the election returns for two hours this morning Charles E. Hughes went motoring shortly after 11 o'clock. Mrs. Hughes accompanied him. The nominee declined to comment on returns.

ONE WASHINGTON VOTE IS IN DOUBT

New York, Nov. 9.—Chairman McCormick said today he would investigate reports received at democratic headquarters that the republicans in Washington state may get one of the democratic electoral votes on the ground that votes cast for one of the democratic electors who died were invalid.

According to the reports the name of E. M. Conner, the democratic elector who was substituted for A. Stream, the dead elector, did not appear on the ballot in many counties, and it was stated that therefore, the votes cast for Stream might be valid, the difference giving a plurality for one republican elector.

"We will investigate the matter," said Chairman McCormick, "but even if we were forced to concede the vote, I am not worried by the loss of one electoral vote."

AGAIN OUR PRESIDENT

WOODROW WILSON



DEMOCRATS KEEP HOLD ON CONGRESS

WITH VERY FEW DISTRICTS TO HEAR FROM, REPUBLICANS ARE NINE IN REAR.

New York, Nov. 9.—Returns on the election for members of congress received up to 1 o'clock today showed 212 democrats and 203 republicans elected with sixteen districts not yet accounted for.

Seven of these sixteen districts are democratic in the present congress and nine are republican. Should each keep to its present political affiliation the count would stand: Democrats, 219; republicans 212; which would give the democrats a majority of three over the 212 republicans and four representatives of other parties in the house.

AGAINST SUFFRAGE.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Returns from 727 out of 1,713 precincts in West Virginia on suffrage: For, 29,489; against, 60,712.

NORSE NOTE IS ON WAY TO KAISER

Christiania, (Via London,) Nov. 9.—The Norwegian note replying to the German protest against the U boat ordinance of October 13 was today delivered to the German ambassador here.

The controversy between Norway and Germany over the submarine question reached an acute stage with the passage of the ordinance of October 13 by King Haakon's government.

By this ordinance submarines of belligerent powers were forbidden to traverse Norwegian waters except in cases of emergency. In the latter instance they were directed to remain upon the surface and fly their national flag. Mercantile submarines were also ordered to remain on the surface and display their country's colors.

This ordinance provoked strong feeling in Germany and Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the German under secretary for foreign affairs was quoted in Copenhagen papers as saying that the German note of protest would be a serious one and that Germany would not calmly submit to the action of the Norwegian government.

TWO AUTOISTS DIE

Machine Misses Bridge and Goes Into Stream; Two Other Passengers Seriously Injured.

Quincy, Ill., Nov. 9.—Clarence E. Brockman and Joseph Parks, prominent residents of Mt. Sterling, Ill., near here, were killed yesterday and two other men will probably die, when an automobile in which they were riding missed a small bridge and hurled into a stream.

The two men were instantly killed and though injured the other two managed to keep from drowning in the shallow stream and called for help.

VILLA TO ATTACK

Foreigners in Chihuahua Fleeing For Their Lives As Rebel Threatens Safety Of Town.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 9.—Passengers arriving from Chihuahua City brought a report that a special train was being prepared there to bring the French and British residents of Chihuahua City to the border. Chinese residents are also coming from the state capital. It is feared Villa is preparing to attack.

FAST ROCK ISLAND TRAIN IS WRECKED

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 9.—The wreck of the Rock Island train known as the Golden State Limited near Newman, Kan., last night resulted in injury to six persons according to revised reports today. One probably was fatally injured.

Seven of the eight cars of the train were derailed. Passengers in the diner were thrown together in a struggling mass when the car was thrown over on its side. The accident was caused by a broken wheel on the second car.

GERMANS REPULSED.

Paris, Nov. 9.—A German attack on Sailli-Saillise on the Somme front last night was repulsed after a brief hand to hand encounter, the war office announced today. There was great activity of the artillery during the night.

TO REORGANIZE ROAD.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 9.—The proposed reorganization plan of the Missouri Pacific and the St. Louis, Iron, Mountain and Southern railways was approved here today by the state public service commission.

MACKENSEN ARMY RETREATING AGAIN

RUSSIAN TROOPS, AIDING RUMANIANS, DRIVE BACK IN VADERS OF DOBRUDJA.

London, Nov. 9.—Continuing their offensive in the Dobrudja, Russian troops have driven back advanced detachments of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces and progressed southward, the war office announced today.

Bucharest, Nov. 9.—The war office today announced that Rumanian troops had recaptured the town of Hirsova in Dobrudja on the Danube forty-five miles north of Tchernavoda.

GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Russian troops which have invaded Hungary on the northern Transylvanian front in the Georgeny mountains were repulsed yesterday, the war office announces. In Rumania near Rothenthurm pass, the Austro-German forces captured hill positions.

In Dobrudja advanced forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army retired. German artillery yesterday defeated several efforts of the French and British to make advances on the Somme front, the war office announced today.

ITALIANS MAKE RAID.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The towns of Rovigno, Parenzo, Cittanova and Umaga in Istria below Trieste were attacked on Tuesday by entente airplanes, the Austro-Hungarian admiralty announces. One of the airplanes was shot down. The statement says:

"Not the slightest damage was done and no one was hurt."

"During the evening our seaplanes dropped bombs successfully on military objects at Vermeigliano and Malfalco and returned undamaged."

PRINCE HENRY OF BAVARIA KILLED

Berlin, Nov. 9.—Prince Henry of Bavaria, nephew of King Louis, is reported from Munich to have died from wounds received on a reconnoitering trip on November 7.

Prince Henry was 32 years old and a major in the Bavarian guards. He was reported to have been wounded on the battlefield last June. The prince was unmarried.

CONTEST STILL UNDECIDED FOR FEW OF OFFICES

Knox and Cremer Seesawing Back and Forth for Sheriff's Office

STUBER AND BIGGS RUNNING CLOSE RACE

With returns from three city precincts missing entirely and partially lacking from one country precinct it is impossible this afternoon to total the vote cast for any of the candidates in Wapello county on Tuesday.

From those which have been reported to the auditor, though, it is possible to tell definitely who is elected except in one or two instances where there are close contests.

This condition applies only to that of supervisor for the 1918 term and for sheriff. This afternoon in twenty-four out of twenty-seven precincts Stuber (R) is leading Biggs (D) for supervisor by 53. Wednesday afternoon Biggs lead Stuber by 20. Wednesday Cremer (R) was leading Knox by 67 but today the Cremer plurality has been cut down to 14. They are seesawing back and forth as the different precincts come in but Cremer's constituents claim his election.

On the national, state and district tickets Hughes, Harding and Ramsey are easily the winners in this county. Epps and Slaughter seem to safely have their election as state representatives.

County Auditor Fred Bissell (R), running for the second term, will probably poll the heaviest vote of his party in the county. This afternoon with three precincts to hear from, he is 1,526 ahead of Garrett (D).

The next heavy man is Charles O. Warren (R), who has been elected treasurer by nearly 1,000 over Herrington (D), according to the returns from twenty-four precincts. Sam Stoltz (R), the present recorder, will defeat Mrs. Minnie Lowenberg (D) for the office by 700 or 800 and Deputy Clerk Hawes (D) seems to be defeated for clerk of the court by Edwin Dungan (R) with a plurality of between 500 and 600.

Twenty-four precincts give Mitchell (D) a lead of nearly 700 over Ramsell (R) for county attorney. Morrison (D) is running about 300 ahead of Manro (R), candidate for 1917 supervisor, and Dr. L. A. Hammer (R) will lead Dr. J. W. Elerick (D) for coroner by a good plurality.

PAPERS OF PARIS WATCH ELECTION

Paris, Nov. 9.—The American election is being followed with the deepest interest, the news having the place of honor in most morning papers. The commentators, mindful of the dramatic surprise of yesterday when the supposedly certain Hughes' victory was turned into possible defeat, are reluctant to commit themselves.

The majority of the comment is similar to that of Stephen Pichon in the Petit Journal, who expresses the belief that the victory of either candidate will have little effect on American policy as far as the big questions interesting France are concerned. It is also pointed out that the present administration will remain in power in any event until March 4 and that many things may happen between now and then.

The Matin remarks that while a victory for Mr. Hughes might mean a more vigorous international policy it would also mean a protectionist regime. The Matin comments that this change while unimportant in time of war, might be awkward for French business interests on the return of peace.

BELGIAN WORKERS TORN FROM HOME

Havre, France, Nov. 9.—Charges that the German government is rounding up and sending to unknown destinations practically all the able bodied men in occupied Belgium are made by Baron Beyens, Belgian foreign minister, in a statement issued today. Baron Beyens says:

"The German government is rounding up in large numbers in the towns and villages of occupied Belgium men fit to bear arms, rich and poor, irrespective of class, whether employed or unemployed. Hunchbacks, cripples and one-armed men alone are excepted. These men are torn in thousands from their families, (15,000 from Flanders alone) and sent God knows where, where trainloads are seen going east and south."

"The German authorities affirm that the unemployed must not fall a chance upon public charities and that whereupon they will be employed is nothing to do with the war."