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GOV. HARMON'S MAJORITY MAY REACH THE 100,000 MARK

HARMON'S VOTE GROWS LARGER

Governor's Plurality Threatens To Reach 100,000 Mark

State Ticket Is Democratic—Will Have Majority Of 31 On Joint Ballot, Insuring Election Of Democrat As Successor To Charles F. Dick—Friends Of Executive Urge Him To Enter Race For Senatorship To Avoid Bitter Struggle In Own Party

Columbus, O., Nov. 10.—Figures compiled after nearly every precinct in the state had reported, indicate that Governor Harmon's plurality may be 99,000. Attorney General Denman, who it is conceded leads the Republican ticket, admits that if Harmon's plurality reaches 93,000 there is no hope for him. Democratic State Chairman Nichols continues to maintain that Harmon will have 100,000 and that the entire state ticket is elected.

In Hamilton county Harmon's plurality of two years ago was reduced by nearly 10,000. This loss was more than made up by gains in Lucas and Cuyahoga. In Franklin county, which it was predicted Harmon would lose, he obtained a plurality of approximately 2,000. Montgomery county gave Harmon an increased plurality over that received two years ago.

Harmon's plea on the stump for a Democratic legislature to support him was heeded by the voters. The senate will stand 19 Democrats to 15 Republicans; the house 68 to 47. On joint ballot the Democrats will have 31 majority.

Explains His Success. Governor Harmon attributed his victory to the graft charges, saying in a newspaper telegram: "It will not soon be forgotten that offices are not created for the benefit of the officials."

Reports indicate the adoption of the resolution calling for a constitutional convention. Delegates to the convention will be elected next November unless a special election is called.

Judge Cyrus B. Winters of Erie, Democratic house leader; Representative A. P. Black of Ashland, Representative Price Russell of Wayne and Representative Vining of Mercer are expected to be candidates for speaker of the house. Representative Lawrence K. Langdon of Warren probably will be leader of the Republican minority.

Representative Isaac E. Huffman, who had a narrow escape from defeat for re-election, probably will be an aspirant for president pro tem of the senate. Senator David Tod of Youngstown probably will become the leader of the Republican minority in the senate.

URGED TO MAKE RACE

Friends of Governor Harmon Want to See Him Made Senator.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 10.—Re-elected by so great a plurality that he carried with him the whole state ticket and Democratic majorities in both houses of the assembly, friends of Governor Harmon are urging him to accept the senatorial election to Charles Dick's seat. They have pointed out to him that his acceptance not only would prevent a bitter struggle among half a dozen aspirants, but would permit him to disclaim responsibility for the actions of the Democratic legislature in the event it put on the books objectionable laws and took off the books the county option law—the last deemed a certainty. They argue that the governor would jeopardize his popularity by remaining in the statehouse

Statue of Liberty at Last Bows to the Air Men

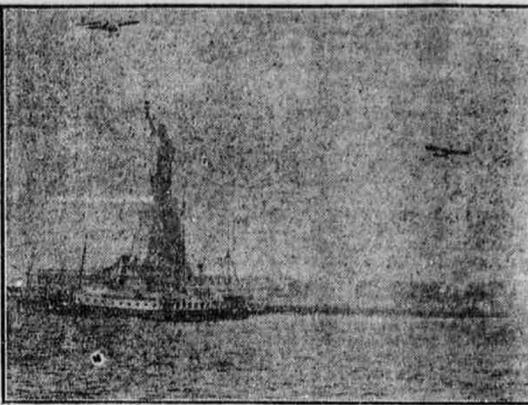


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When John B. Moisan circled the statue of Liberty in his air machine the famous beacon light in New York harbor was called upon to perform new duties. Heretofore the statue of Liberty has been content with bidding welcome to homecoming voyagers or new residents of the United States. The light of the giant figure has long twinkled a welcome at night, but now Miss Liberty is to guide aeroplanes as they go circling through the air. "I don't object to new duties," Miss Liberty is wont to explain, "but I have stood faithfully on my rock foundation for many years. I hope I can be of some assistance to the air men, but I confess I am a bit nervous when I think that some of these machines may grow a bit careless and run afoul of my light."

Democrats have captured 15 Ohio congressional districts, leaving the Republicans six, a Democratic gain of seven seats.

Harding Announces Retirement. Columbus, O., Nov. 10.—Warren G. Harding, defeated Republican candidate for governor, who for 12 years has been active in state politics, has announced to friends his complete retirement from politics. With his wife he will leave soon for a trip to the orient.

Socialists Did Well. Columbus, O., Nov. 10.—Tom Clifford, Socialist candidate for governor, received 10,714 votes in Franklin county, and J. L. Bachman, Socialist candidate for congress, received 11,162.

Burkett Is Defeated. Lincoln, Nov. 10.—Latest returns indicate that the Republicans have elected Aldrich governor by a majority approximating 25,000. Burkett (R.) for senator is defeated by Hitchcock, who has 20,000 votes to spare. Will Hayward, secretary of the Republican national committee, was defeated for congress by Congressman McGuire by a few hundred votes. Congressman Norris (R.) is re-elected by 3,500 plurality.

California Goes Republican. San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Late returns do not alter materially the indicated plurality for the entire Republican state ticket of from 20,000 to 30,000.

Goes Into Retirement. Oyster Bay, L. I., Nov. 10.—Theodore Roosevelt went into seclusion for a 10-days' rest. He would make no comment upon the defeat of the Republicans in New York or elsewhere. A diplomatic negro butler conveyed the information to a small army of newspaper men that the colonel "didn't want to see anybody," reporters least of all.

Have Party Leaders Guessing. Providence, R. I., Nov. 10.—Rhode Island as the result of the election remains Republican, but by so narrow a margin that the party leaders are busy trying to figure out how they escaped complete annihilation. Governor Aram J. Pothier was re-elected, but his Democratic opponent made such inroads in the 11,769 plurality that Pothier got last year that his margin was only 903.

Prohibition Snowed Under. St. Louis, Nov. 10.—Prohibition is defeated by a majority of at least 100,000 in Missouri. James A. Reed has defeated D. R. Francis for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, and St. Louis has been swept by the Republicans, while Missouri is claimed by both Democrats and Republicans.

Bowerman Defeated. Portland, Ore., Nov. 10.—Early returns which indicated the election of Jay Bowerman (R.) as governor were reversed by the count, and Oswald West (D.) has carried the state by approximately 1,100 plurality. State-wide prohibition has been defeated by a 2 to 1 vote, and woman suffrage was also defeated.

IOWA HOLDS FAST

Elects Republican Governor by Diminished Plurality.

Des Moines, Nov. 10.—In the election in Iowa two Democratic congressmen were grown where only one grew before. Otherwise the political complexion of the state remains unchanged, save that the big Republican majorities of other years was all but wiped out.

Early returns indicated the election of Claude R. Porter, the Democratic candidate for governor, but when the country vote began to arrive Governor Carroll showed steady gains. The governor's plurality is estimated at from 10,000 to 15,000.

FRAUDS ALLEGED

Tener May Have to Fight to Secure Governorship.

Pittsburg, Nov. 10.—Revised figures have cut down the plurality of John K. Tener (R.) for governor to 18,000 instead of 80,000, which had been confidently claimed by the state leaders. The Keystone party leaders claim that Tener was not elected at all, that they will have little trouble in proving fraud at the polls in both Pittsburg and Philadelphia. The open assertion is made by the Keystone people that Berry was elected by at least 70,000 plurality, but that the organization machines counted him out in favor of Tener.

Senatorial Fight Opens.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 10.—Complete returns from this state show that the Democrats will have 51 votes in the house of delegates and 15 in the senate. The Republicans will have 15 in the house and the same number in the senate. Already Democratic leaders have begun to align themselves for the United States senatorial fight which unexpectedly has been thrust upon them. John J. Cornwell is the choice of the Democratic delegation from this end of the state.

Local Optionist Wins.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 10.—Later returns show that Emmet O'Neal, Democrat-local optionist, was elected governor over J. O. Thompson, Republican-prohibitionist, by over 60,000 majority. A solid Democratic delegation to congress from this state has been re-elected.

Governor Carroll Defeated.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 10.—Iowa awoke under the Democratic landslide and, for the first time since 1890, in all probability has a Democratic governor-elect, Claude R. Porter of Centerville, elected over Governor Carroll by an estimated majority of 15,000.

Beveridge's Hopes Vanish.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 10.—Senator Beveridge's hopes for another term at Washington went glimmering when returns showed conclusively that the Democrats had elected the majority of the members of the Indiana assembly. It is conceded that the Democratic state ticket was elected with a plurality of 15,000.

CONGRESS MAY BALK PRESIDENT

Taft Program In Danger Of Landing On Rocks

House Strongly Democratic—Senate So Close That Democratic-Insurgent Combine Can Control Legislation—Opposition To Champ Clark For Speaker Already In Sight—Republicans, Seeking New Floor Leader May Pick On Speaker Cannon To Succeed Payne

Washington, Nov. 10.—Throughout the life of the Sixty-second congress President Taft will be threatened by the opposition of both branches of the national legislature. This is clearly indicated in the returns from the elections, and is a matter of grave concern to administration leaders. In the new congress the house will be Democratic by a majority of approximately 56. A gain of nine Democratic votes will in all probability be registered in the senate. The present Republican majority in the senate is 26. The election of nine Democratic senators to take the place of Republicans reduces the Republican majority to eight.

The indications are that the Democrats will elect one senator in each of the following states: New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri, Nevada, West Virginia and Maine. The senate, therefore, in the new congress will stand 50 Republicans and 42 Democrats. There is in the senate now, and will be in the Sixty-second congress, a group of militant insurgents. Six of these insurgents, joining with the Democrats, would reduce the regular Republican strength to 44 and increase the Democratic-insurgent vote to 48, thus wresting control of the senate from the Republican leadership.

Expect Outside Help. The Republicans who may be expected to join with the Democrats on occasions are LaFollette of Wisconsin, Cummins of Iowa, Bristow of Kansas, Clapp of Minnesota and possibly Borah of Idaho. These senators have strayed from the party fold before, and Republican leaders here expect to see them do so again. There are other Republican senators who it is expected may, in connection with certain classes of legislation, join with the Democrats and take away control from the responsible Republican leadership. They are Brown of Nebraska, Crawford of South Dakota and Nelson of Minnesota. The last named senator voted against the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Years ago as a member of the house he left his party and voted for the Mills Democratic tariff bill.

In addition to this, it is pointed out here that Miles Poindexter of Washington and Asie J. Gronna of North Dakota, who now represent their states in the house, are insurgents of the most radical type. Judging from their past records they are likely to join with the Democrats on the slightest provocation.

While administration leaders are making no comment for publication on the result, they admit privately that the Democratic house and a senate that may at times be in control of a majority composed of Democrats and progressive Republicans, will doubtless make it impossible for the president to put through his legislative program.

Speakership Fight Is Lively. Politicians here look forward to a bitter fight over the speakership when the Democrats assemble in Washington in December, 1911, to organize the house. Insurgency has played havoc with the regular Republican organization in the house during the past few years. Many Re-

CHAMP CLARK

Avowed Candidate For Speaker of Next House.



publicans and some Democrats are of the opinion that the Democratic organization in the new congress will be confronted with a like movement. Champ Clark of Missouri, who will be the favorite at the beginning of the race for the Democratic speakership, is a radical of the Bryan school. New blood is to be injected into the house Democracy. It comes from the east and the west. The New York contingent in congress is expected to launch a speakership boom as an offset to that of Mr. Clark. In addition there is bound to be a determined contest if Mr. Clark and his followers attempt to make radical changes in the so-called Cannon rules.

When the time comes to organize the new house the Republicans will have to select a minority leader. There is a good deal of speculation here as to who will fall heir to this position. Representative Sereno E. Payne of New York has held the post of Republican floor leader since the death of Mr. Dingly. Mr. Dingly was chairman of the ways and means committee. He was succeeded by Mr. Payne, who became floor leader in accordance with custom. Joseph Cannon as speaker was the actual floor leader, and if he retains his health he will appear in the new house with bells on.

Judge Ferneding Wins. Columbus, O., Nov. 10.—Unofficial figures from the 11 counties in the Second circuit judicial district indicate that Judge E. B. Dillon of Columbus has been defeated by Judge H. L. Ferneding, Dem., of Dayton, by between 2,500 and 4,000.

Socialist Goes to Legislature. Reading, Pa., Nov. 10.—"I don't expect I will be able to accomplish very much, but I mean to raise the devil," declared James P. Maurer of this city, who was elected to the legislature by the Socialist party. This was the surprise of the election.

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