

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair tonight and Thursday. Moderate temperature. Moderate east winds.

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RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

OUTCOME HINGES VOTE WEST

WILSON GAINING AS RETURNS COME IN

New York, Nov. 8.—Democratic Chairman McCormick said early this afternoon: "When the count is finished Wilson will have more than 300 electoral votes." He announced that West Virginia has gone Democratic by 10,000.

Wilson Claims Election.
New York, Nov. 8.—Republican Chairman Willcox at 12:40 issued the following statement: "California and Minnesota are surely for Hughes. This means Hughes is elected."

This statement he said was based on advices from the respective state headquarters. California is claimed by 10,000 votes and Minnesota by 20,000.

Election Frauds Loom-Up.
New York, Nov. 8.—Attorney General Gregory went into conference with Chairman McCormick at Democratic Headquarters this afternoon. Reports are current that the question of investigating the count in New Hampshire and other doubtful states was under consideration.

In claiming the re-election of President Wilson the statement was made at Democratic Headquarters that the President could lose both California and Minnesota and still be elected.

(International News Service.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Wilson appears certain of 264 and leads in New Mexico and California; either enough to determine for him. Hughes sure of 251. Minnesota probably for Wilson, and Republicans lose ground in Indiana.

Decided Drift to Wilson.
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Result still officially in doubt today with decided drift toward re-election of President Wilson. Actual returns thus far considering definite and indicative figures give Wilson 232 votes; Hughes 212.

Willcox Still Hopeful.
(International News Service.)
New York, Nov. 8.—At 9:45 McAdoo positively claims California and Wilson's re-election, probably with 277 electoral votes. Willcox says he is still hopeful.

Big Wilson Majority in Frisco.
(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 8.—At 7 o'clock, with one-third the ballots counted Wilson's majority in San Francisco will be 12,000. Later returns from Sacramento county indicated that Wilson's majority would be 9,000 and Wilson continues to gain on Southern California county returns.

McCormick Gives Figures.
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Chairman McCormick gave out the following dispatch with the electoral vote of 312 which he claims for President Wilson:

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

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR WILSON.

Following Chairman McCormick's claim at 11:15 of 238 electoral for Wilson, indications were: "Woodrow Wilson probably has been re-elected." Combination of "Solid South" and "Far West" upset reports and calculations. Although Chairman Willcox, Hitchcock, Perkins and Bliss declined to concede the defeat of Hughes they frankly said the outlook was "uncomfortably close."

Hughes Ahead in South Dakota!
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Nov. 8.—Latest returns from 714 out of 1728 in South Dakota gives Hughes 34,452 and Wilson 29,301.

Dry's Claim Ohio.
Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 8.—Headquarters of the anti-saloon league today reported that they had information that the dries had won in five states in yesterday's election. The states were Michigan, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Nebraska.

Wilson Has Big Lead in Missouri.
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 8.—President Wilson at noon today had a lead of 16,000 in Missouri from approximately 23 of the state.

Ohio By Eighty Thousand.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 8.—President Wilson will carry Ohio by 80,000 if the present ratio continues. Four thousand four hundred and thirty six of 5,570 precincts give Wilson 454,323; Hughes, 386,032.

Wilson Leads in North Dakota.
Fargo, N. D., Nov. 8.—President Wilson slightly leads Hughes in the North Dakota returns. Eight hundred and forty three of the 1,859 precincts in the state have been heard from.

Concedes Wilson Wyoming.
Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—T.B. Kennedy, secretary of the state Republican committee issued a statement today conceding that Wilson has carried Wyoming.

Hughes Ahead in California.
San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Three thousand four hundred and fourteen precincts out of 5917 in California give Hughes 262,946; Wilson 252,993.

New Hampshire Doubtful.
Manchester, N. H., Nov. 8.—The result of the Presidential election in New Hampshire was in doubt today. With 21 precincts yet unheard from unofficial returns gave Hughes a plurality of 1,869 votes, the total being, Hughes 42,325; Wilson 40,458.

While the Republican State Committee, with 21 precincts still to be heard from Hughes had plurality of 1,867, received newspapers figures after this reduced the Hughes lead to 275 with eleven small precincts still out. Republican leaders say that the unreported vote is in Republican territory.

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

HUGHES DECLINES TO MAKE COMMENT

But Chairman Willcox Declares Late Returns Are Encouraging.

New York, Nov. 8.—Charles Evans Hughes awoke at 8 o'clock this morning after sleeping almost seven hours and a minute later was reading dispatches and newspapers concerning election results in the doubtful states. The private telephone wires that connected Mr. Hughes' rooms with the Republican headquarters were kept busy and the reports were tabulated for Mr. Hughes' perusal. Chairman Willcox declared that delayed returns were reassuring. Mr. Hughes adhered to his determination of last night to make no comment until the election was decided beyond a doubt.

AMERICAN STEAMER BEING SHELLED.
London, Nov. 8.—The American-Hawaiian steamship, Columbian, of 8,579 tons, is sending out wireless telegraph calls for help, stating that she is being shelled by a submarine.

Wilson Leads in Minnesota.
St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 8.—One thousand three hundred and forty nine of 3,024 precincts in Minnesota Wilson polled 111,173 votes and Hughes 103,323. (By Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 7.—President Wilson appeared early today to have carried Washington by 10,000. Portland column was still in doubt before daybreak, but Wilson maintained 400 lead on incoming returns from 30 out of 34 counties.

Republican leaders claim that sections yet unheard from were strong for Hughes and would swing state Republican.

Wilson Leads in New Mexico.
Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nov. 8.—Returns from one-fourth precincts in New Mexico gave Wilson slight lead early today. All indications point to a close vote.

Wyoming for Wilson.
Cheyenne, Wyoming, Nov. 8.—232 precincts out of 588 in Wyoming gave Wilson 9,229; Hughes, 7,225.

Also Leads in Montana.
Helena, Mont. Nov. 8.—Returns early today indicated that vote for Wilson in Montana by 10,000 majority.

Idaho Lining Up For Wilson.
Boise, Idaho, Nov. 8.—Returns from nearly one-half voting precincts gave Wilson 28,104; Hughes, 22,507.

Western Republican Manager Claims California.
Chicago, Nov. 8.—After receiving (Continued on Page Eight)

WEAVER APPEARS CERTAIN.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 8.—Straggling returns from the Tenth district reduce Zeb Weaver's majority over Congressman Britt to the uncomfortable margin of two hundred notwithstanding which the Democrats are satisfied. The State news at headquarters has come in with considerable slowness. There is no reason to doubt the election of Weaver. No other district is close.

CHIEF OF POLICE DROPPED DEAD

Beaufort Officer Died of Heart Failure at a Musical Concert.

New Bern, N. C., Nov. 8.—While taking part in a concert being given by the Beaufort Concert Band, Chief of Police John Skarren, of that place, last night dropped dead, heart disease being ascribed as the cause of his sudden demise.

Mr. Skarren had, apparently, been in the best of health up to the time of his demise and his death came as a shock to the entire community. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Owing to the fact that the majority of the mat fans were taking more interest in the election than in any other matters, the wrestling match which was to have been staged between Max Smith and John Nicholas out at Ghent Park casino last evening was postponed.

The next match will take place tomorrow night when Tommy Draak, the local champion, will meet Ivan Zeleznoff, the human spring, and will wrestle to a finish for a side bet of one hundred dollars.

Zeleznoff came to New Bern a few weeks ago and wrestled with Draak and was defeated. The toe hold was used in the match and Zeleznoff claims that this caused him to lose the match and stated that he was anxious to try it again with the toe hold barred, and this will be done.

Indications are that a record breaking crowd will be on hand to see the bout.

In order that all of their employees may have an opportunity of attending the Eastern Carolina fair, the John L. Roper Lumber Company closed their plant today.

This action on the part of the management of the largest lumber mill in the state is being highly commended by local citizens and there is not the slightest doubt but that it will prove of real benefit to the fair.

Washington, Nov. 8.—An unsolved mystery which is puzzling Government biologists is the hiding place of the chimney swift during the five months they are absent from the United States during their winter migration. The flocks of these birds drift slowly south until on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico they become an innumerable host. Then they disappear and for five months their haunt is a mystery.

NOW CLAIM THE STATE BY FIFTY THOUSAND

ARE FIGHTING CITRUS CANCKER

Disease Which Threatened Florida's Fruits Fought by State and Nation.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 8.—The fight against the citrus canker, for which nearly \$750,000 already has been appropriated, is making rapid headway, according to Frank Sterling, general inspector of the Florida Plant Board. The disease had threatened the destruction of Florida's great orange and grape fruit groves.

After a series of experiments federal and state officials determined that the disease could be stamped out only by the destruction of the infested tree. It is to this drastic method that experts attribute the success which attended their efforts.

Crude oil is poured over the disease tree and it is set afire and burned out root and branch. In some cases where an entire grove is infected not only are the trees burned but the ground is saturated with oil and fired, for it has been found that the canker germs will thrive for a long period, even in the diest of soils.

In an address at a recent citrus meeting at Gainesville, Fla., Mr. Sterling declared that the disease had been eradicated in twelve of the twenty one counties affected when the work began in 1914. He added that it probably will only be a matter of time until the disease is wiped out.

The canker made its appearance in Florida and along the gulf coast as far west as Texas where citrus fruits are grown. It is believed to have been introduced into the United States in stock imported from Japan and Mexico. Investigations proved that birds carried the germ on their feet and wings.

Florida raised a fund of \$50,000 to fight it and the Florida legislature appropriated \$125,000 for the same purpose. At the instance of the Florida, Alabama Louisiana and Texas delegations Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the canker campaign with the proviso that the various states affected must assist with a like amount. The Florida legislature is expected to make an additional appropriation at the 1917 session. Although California has not been entered by the disease California joined with Florida in urging congressional action.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Kagley and child, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Kagley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Koch, on North Fifth street. Mr. Kagley was formerly pastor of St. Matthews Lutheran church.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 8.—Sixty-six counties had reported to State Headquarters up to 1 o'clock and Democratic majorities undiminished, but slowness of returns leaves size of Democratic majority uncertain. Democrats lost Carteret, Carl Duncan's home, but regained Tyrrell and generally speaking, have won some Republican counties where losses had been sustained.

Local troubles caused loss of Carteret Bickett carried the county 400. Likewise, Alexander went Republican on State issues, but Democratic in the General Assembly. So far as is known there will be a difference of about three in the completion of the General Assembly, the Republicans making the gains locally, but losing fearfully throughout the State.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 8.—Sixty odd counties have so generally raised the Democratic estimates that Chairman Warren at 1:30 a. m. revised his estimates and claimed the state by fifty thousand.

Surprises in Randolph and Davidson counties which went Republican were offset by Alexander, Burke, Harnett and Catawba thought that county (Catawba) hasn't definitely reported.

Certainly the losses were smaller than the gains. Alexander's flop started the State off well. Alamance preceded her with 300; Alexander gave 150; Alleghany, 150; Anson, 1,817; Beaufort, 700; Bertie, 1,250; Bladen, 600; Burke, 150; Caldwell, 125; Camden, 305; Carteret, 40; Caswell, 500; Chatham, 300; howan, 500; Cleveland, 1,350; Craven, 1,200; Cumberland, 475; Currituck, 1,000; Duplin 350; Durham, 100; Edgecombe, 1,700; Forsyth, 800; Franklin, 1,550; Gaston, 700; Granville, 1,000; Harnett, 300; Haywood, 800; Hertford, 700; Iredell, 1,300; Johnston, 400; Jones, 500; Lee, 450; Martin, 1,200; McDowell, 50; Mecklenburg, 2,000; Montgomery, 150; Moore, 400; Nash, 1,400; New Hanover, 1,900; Onslow, 400; Pamlico, 200; Pasquotank, 900; Pender, 55; Perquimans, 375; Richmond, 950; Robeson, 2,000; Scotland, 775; Stanley, 200; Union, 2,000; Vance, 1,100; Wake, 2,100; Warren, 1,100; Wayne, 1,300; Wilson, 1,500; all Democratic.

Republican counties and majorities reported are Davidson, 200; Henderson, 600; Polk, 160; Randolph, 250; Sampson, 1,350; Stokes, 250; Surry, 650; Swain, 300; Wilkes, 1,500; Yadkin, 650.

These returns defeat the Senators from Sampson, Harnett, Johnston and Lee, and endanger the Randolph district. It is also about conceded that Democrats in the Rockingham district are lost. The Democratic majority in the 52 counties over the 10 Republican counties is 35,650.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 8.—Catawba county goes Republican 125; Rockingham, Republican, 150; and Rutherford, Democratic, 400. Wake carries the amendments, but Franklin defeats them, only two counties reporting.

PEOPLE HAVE TIME IN THE EVENINGS TO READ THE AFTERNOON PAPER --- THATS WHY ADVERTISING PAYS