

Increasing cloudiness tonight. Friday local rains and cooler. Moderate variable winds.

WILSON NOW HAS BIG LEAD IN CALIFORNIA--IS AHEAD SO FAR IN NORTH DAKOTA

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—Louis H. Mooser, a member of the Democratic state committee, issued the following statement today in behalf of O. H. Cushing, chairman of the state committee:

"We have California. We are absolutely positive. Mr. Cushing is now checking my figures made during the night and so far has found them correct. Conceding that Los Angeles county gives Hughes a 22,000 lead we still carry California by at least 500 votes."

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New York, Nov. 9.—The election passed in the second day on uncertainty with Wilson and Hughes both anxiously awaiting the count in the few doubtful states.

Although so close that the results are regarded as sure indicative, returns seemed to dispose of some previously doubtful states by placing West Virginia's votes in the Hughes column and the four votes of Idaho and the 7 votes of Washington to Wilson.

Errors in count returned in New Hampshire give that state to Wilson. The Hughes column therefore becomes 243 and Wilson 251, with 266 electoral votes necessary to elect.

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

The sudden switching of New Hampshire from a small Hughes plurality to a majority for Wilson was the dramatic change in the situation this forenoon. It came in an announcement by Secretary of State Bean that mistakes had been made by those counting in some counties and wards.

The official count is still problematical. In Minnesota and New Mexico, Hughes leads, while in California and North Dakota Wilson leads.

The returns from the west are belated and are not expected to arrive until late today.

Wilson Leads in California. San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Complete returns from 604 precincts in San Francisco on the presidential vote give Wilson 78,451; Hughes 63,357. A majority for Wilson of 15,094.

Hughes Goes Ahead in Minnesota. St. Paul, Nov. 9.—Returns from 2,534 precincts out of 3,024 in this state give Wilson 163,959; Hughes 144,726, a Hughes plurality of 797.

New Hampshire For Wilson. Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With two precincts missing the count in New Hampshire at noon today gave Wilson a lead of 121. This was based on returns to the secretary of state from 238 precincts and press returns from 51. The vote was Wilson, 43,842; Hughes, 43,721.

Secretary of State Bean corrected his earlier statement in which he said the state returns were complete. The two towns unreported cast very small votes.

Wilson Ahead in North Dakota. Fargo, N. D., Nov. 9.—Errors in the tabulation of results in a number of the western precincts in North Dakota were disclosed in a recapitulation, shortly before noon cut down President Wilson's lead by more than 200 votes. With 1,678 of the 1,859 precincts returned the count was Wilson 51,474; Hughes, 50,772.

Three Hundred For Hughes in New Mexico.

Sante Fe, New Mexico, Nov. 9.—Official returns from 336 precincts of the 638 in New Mexico show Charles Evans Hughes still maintaining a slight lead over President Wilson. These precincts gave Hughes 14,794; Wilson 14,596.

Among the missing are Eddy and Roosevelt counties both of which are normally heavy Democrat. Great difficulty in securing the returns is being met with. In some of the remote sections the ballot boxes were closed at midnight and no additional results were announced today.

Missing counties include seven normally Democratic; six normally Republican and one in which the majorities are small and variable. Several of these are in remote out-skirts and are unconnected with telephone or telegraph.

Looks Like Hughes in West Virginia. Charleston, W., Nov. 3.—Returns from 1,324 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia for President give Hughes 114,935; Wilson, 110,856.

Wilson Ahead in California. San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Five thousand, three hundred and sixty four out of 5,917 precincts in California give Hughes, 446,545; Wilson, 450,371; a majority of 4,523 for Wilson. This is the complete returns from San Francisco City and a few up state counties.

Slight Difference in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—Two thousand, six hundred and sixty precincts out of 3,024 in Minnesota give Wilson, 163,926; Hughes, 163,433.

Guarding the Ballots. Oakland, Cal., Nov. 9.—Members of the local Democratic Committee today established a guard at the court house where Alameda county's ballots are being tabulated.

Wilson Increases Plurality. Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—Complete but only partially certified returns through the Secretary of State give Hughes 43,732; Wilson, 43,849. Wilson's plurality is 117.

Close in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—When presidential returns from Minnesota were nine tenths complete at noon Charles Evans Hughes still maintained a slight lead over President Wilson. Returns from 2,736 of 3,024 precincts in the state give Wilson 171,497; Hughes, 172,308.

Still Gaining in New Hampshire. Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—The complete figures of New Hampshire shows a plurality of 117 for Wilson. Presidential electors are based on certain returns from the Secretary of State from 240 precincts out of a total of 294 added to the press returns from 54 precincts. The secretary is checking up press returns with those certified as the latter come in.

The two precincts that were missing until noon gave a total of 11 for Hughes and seven for Wilson.

SOLDIER VOTE WILL DECIDE. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—Fred Lynch Democratic National Committee man from Minnesota today reiterated his statement that Wilson will carry Minnesota by 500 to 1,000, but said that the vote of the National Guardsmen on the Mexican border would be necessary to decide the contest.

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AS ELECTORAL VOTE NOW STANDS.

Table with columns: State, Wilson, Hughes, Doubtful. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding vote counts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NOW GOES IN THE DEM. COLUMN

Error Found in The Count Which Places Wilson in The Lead.

RECOUNT BEING INSISTED ON

Democrats Claim That New Hampshire Will Give Them a Five Hundred Majority.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With returns from counties but partially verified Wilson led in New Hampshire by 93 votes, according to Secretary of State Edwin Bean. Discovery of errors in official reports was a factor in reversing the lead that Hughes had last night.

The official figures show that 77 of these missing districts have not been received.

Secretary Dean in announcing the difference of 93 in favor of Wilson gave no total figures. The totals on which the preliminary statement was based, he said, had been reached by adding to the verified returns newspaper figure from districts not yet heard from.

"We found several errors" said Secretary Bean, "One clerk in ward 8 in Concord reported the vote of that district as 'Hughes 225; Wilson 88'. Our knowledge of local conditions made us doubt the results. Investigations showed Wilson 225; Hughes 88. We are scanning the returns closely realizing that the slightest error may change the result not only in the state but in the nation."

The returns are being delivered to Secretary Bean by special delivery letters on the official blank.

The Democratic state committee when Hughes was reported last night in the lead were said to have decided to take steps to ask for a recount.

Demands Recount. New York, Nov. 9.—Henry Morgenthau, in charge of Democratic headquarters in the absence of Chairman McCormick said that a recount would be demanded for New Hampshire.

This he said would be done in spite of the figures received this morning saying that Wilson had a lead of 93. He added that the Democratic figures showed Wilson's lead was 500 votes and in view of the complex situation a recount in any event will be necessary.

Instigation to demand in a recount in New Hampshire has already gone forward he said.

DEMOCRATS APPEAR TO HAVE THE HOUSE

MANY OFFICIALS LEFT RALEIGH

Voters From the Capital City Left For Their Respective Homes to Cast Ballot.

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—Many Democrats looked for Parker Anderson whom they expected here in the role of final prophet.

They wanted to see him and Collector J. W. Bailey meet and exchange further compliments at closer range. The two appear to have disagreed upon some issues of fact in the past. And just as everybody was expecting the Washington correspondent to correspond to come along to vote it was recalled that Mr. Anderson was on the job in Washington telling just how it happened. And that was quite forgiven. The people wanted to hear.

The state shut up shop Tuesday. Nearly all of the bigger officials live away from Raleigh and vote elsewhere. Chief Justice Clark and Judge W. A. Hoke vote in this place, but the other three justices cast their ballots in their homes. For that reason the supreme court held no session Tuesday and the Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor and Commissioner of Agriculture, were absent. Clerks held the corporation commission's office and the superintendent of public instruction's open, but the chiefs were away. It was a very dead day for state business. Collector Bailey's and Marshal Dorch's were closed.

Chairman Warren stood out always for a big state majority and last night when Claude Bernard bantered him for a bet on the state, the third, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth districts with Republican control of the legislature, the state chairman for a moment forgot that he is vestryman in his church in New Bern.

"I will take it ten to one on any of your propositions, Mr. Warren said. That literally knocked Mr. Bernard off his props. Here was the state chairman willing to take the long end of a 10 to 1 proposition in the tenth. And Mr. Bernard concluded that the chairman had too much faith. The newspapers wouldn't tell it on the boys before the election.

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Returns So Far Show They Will Still Control Lower Branch of Congress.

WILL HAVE AT LEAST THREE MAJORITY

This Based On Figures Received Up to 1 o'clock This Afternoon—Sixteen Districts Not Yet Heard From.

New York, Nov. 9.—Returns on the elections for members of congress received up until 1 o'clock today show 212 Democrats and 203 Republicans, elected with 16 districts not yet accounted for.

Seven of these 16 districts are Democratic in the present congress and nine are Republican. Should each keep to its present political affiliations the count stands:

Democrats 219; Republicans 212, gives the Democrats a majority of three over the 212 Republicans and four representatives of other parties in the house.

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PRESIDENT HAS NOTHING SAY

Receives Favorable News But Declines to Comment on Situation.

Long Branch, Nov. 9.—At 11 o'clock this morning President Wilson was given a complete summary of the returns to date, including word that Senator Hollis claimed New Hampshire. Although the word received was favorable, he suspended judgment.

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Reports Storm Is In The Making.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Low pressure over the Caribbean Sea will be attending within the next 36 hours by a strong shifting wind probably of gale force over the Gulf of Mexico and the Northwest Caribbean Sea, according to reports to the weather bureau today.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL DOCKET CLEARED

Only Four True Bills Found by Grand Jury—Owens Sentenced to Prison.

The criminal docket for the present term of Federal Court was cleared this morning. The three cases in which true bills were found by the Grand Jury were disposed of by Judge Connor. There were only four bills given to the grand jury and one of these was found not true. This afternoon Judge Connor is hearing motions.

Charles G. Owen, colored, of Cumberland county, was convicted of moonshining and was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga. Will Inman, white, of Brunswick county, was found guilty of illicit distilling and was released on the payment of the costs in the case. John L. Smith, of Cumberland county, was declared not guilty of retailing. Yesterday afternoon John R. Powell, white, of Columbus county entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs.

Tomorrow morning the civil docket will be taken up. The first case to be called will be that of E. J. Warren against the Waccamaw Lumber Company. The plaintiff is suing for \$10,000 damages.

SUB-COMMITTEE TO MAKE REPORT

Recent Tidewater Trainmen Strike Will Officially Come To A Close.

With the meeting tonight of the sub-committee of 10, appointed by the Committee of One Hundred, during the recent strike of the motormen and conductors of the Tidewater Power Company, to investigate the past and present policies of that company, and the meeting of the Committee of One Hundred tomorrow afternoon to hear the report of the sub-committee, the matter is expected to officially come to a close.

The sub-committee will meet at the Court House tonight at 8 o'clock and finally decide on the report to be submitted to the Committee of One Hundred which meets in the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to hear the report of the committee of ten.

It will be remembered that the committee of One Hundred was appointed to reach some decision in the matter of the strike and the sub-committee to make the investigation and report back later.

JUDGE ROUNTREE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Bas Relief Tablets of Governors Jarvis and Aycock Exhibited This Morning.

The exhibiting of the marble bas relief tablets of Governor Aycock and Governor Jarvis at the high school auditorium this morning furnished the occasion for a very interesting review of the lives of these gentlemen by Judge Rountree, who was a close personal friend of the former and an acquaintance of the latter.

In his talk Mr. Rountree emphasized the value which Mr. Aycock had been to the state as a promoter of public education throughout North Carolina. He paid a beautiful tribute to him as an orator, statesman, chief executive, lawyer and educator.

Mr. Rountree maintained that Gov. Jarvis, although a much older man, received his inspiration as a promoter of public education from Governor Aycock. He reminded his hearers that Mr. Jarvis became Governor when Governor Vance was elected to the United States senate, and the following year was himself elected governor, which office he held for 4 years. This was at a time when the state needed to be helped industrially before it could be helped morally or mentally, and to this task Mr. Jarvis set himself. He was appointed Minister to Brazil and served out the unexpired term of United States Senator Zebulon B. Vance, after his death in 1894.

Plaster copies of the marble tablet have been presented to the high school by Mr. Bonitz and Mr. Niggel, and they will be placed in position as the framing for the proper mounting of them is received.