



ELECTION STILL IN DOUBT SEEMS TO FAVOR WILSON

Late Returns from Western States Changes Situation Making the Final Result Yet Undetermined

Wilson Gets 234 Electoral Votes, Sure. Hughes 218, Sure. 81 Doubtful, But Looks Like Wilson Will Get Majority

With practically a landslide in the larger voting States in the north like Massachusetts and Illinois for the Republican party it appears that the Pacific slope has gone squarely the other way and into the Democratic column and the final reports indicate that Wilson is leading with 234 votes while Hughes has 218, while the results will be in doubt until later in the day—probably the afternoon.

Giving Mr. Hughes the benefit of all the doubt in such States as Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, which States have not yet been conceded by the Democratic leaders in those States, it appears that President Wilson is leading with a fair chance of making the win by a vote of something like 270 while if Mr. Hughes lives to earlier prediction he will hardly claim a better figure than that.

Metropolitan papers which earlier in the night predicted the election of Mr. Hughes have been silent since 11 o'clock last night and though Associated Press reports at 2 o'clock indicated that Mr. Hughes was elected the majority was more doubtful and when California swung into the Wilson column along with Iowa and practically all of the western States, predictions were upset. The Raleigh News and Observer declares in a 6 o'clock edition that "Wilson is probably elected" while the Greensboro News in an edition at 5:30 nullified her previous statement of Hughes' election and declares that the election was in doubt. The Virginian Pilot announces an extra at 7 o'clock and it is known that later returns have distorted earlier claims.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Out of 390 precincts of 550, Wilson gets 38,790 and Mr. Hughes 39,406.

BRITISH HAVE NO RECORD TRANSFER

London, Nov. 7.—No transfer of the steamship Lanza sunk by a submarine on October 28, has been registered at the American consulate here, they announced today in respect to interference to the contrary from Washington of a report of the transfer from American to foreign ownership.

JAPANESE MINISTER ORDERED TO ROME

Tokio, Nov. 7.—Yagoro Miura, Japanese Minister to Switzerland, has been instructed to proceed to the Vatican at Rome to return the visit made to the Japanese court early this year by Archbishop Ruffini, special apostolic delegate who conveyed to Emperor Yoshihito the coronation congratulations of Pope Benedict. Minister Miura will present to the Pope an autograph letter from Emperor Yoshihito.

MANY BELIEVED KOO WAS DEAD

Peking, Nov. 7.—Immediately following announcement that Wellington Koo had offered his resignation as Chinese minister in Washington, many Chinese newspapers printed an announcement that Mr. Koo was dead. This was immediately denied by the foreign press, but the report is still going the rounds of the Chinese press and promises to have nearly as wide circulation as the rumor that President Yuan Shi-kai was not dead.

PRES. WILSON GIVEN GREAT OVATION AT POLLS BY STUDENTS

Princeton Students by Thousand and Crowd Stations as He Arrives

CHEERS CONTINUOUS AS PRESIDENT VOTES

The President Motored to Princeton Early Today, Leaving Shadow Lawn at Seven O'clock—Plays Golf Today.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 7.—President Wilson voted here today, casting his ballot shortly before 9 o'clock, having left Shadow Lawn at 7 o'clock. The President cast the fiftieth ballot in his voting precinct. Old fire engine house where from the time he became connected with the Princeton University as president here has voted. Because of the length of the ballot several minutes

were required by the President to mark it. In addition to voting in the Presidential election he marked his ballot for state officers.

The President was accompanied on the trip from Shadow Lawn by Mrs. Wilson. At the polls he was given a rousing demonstration by Princeton students and professors.

At the entrance of the Princeton campus there awaited the President a drum major who beat a tattoo as he arrived and almost in an instant students poured out of the dormitories and rushed to wards the voting place. The Princeton yell went up with a resounding "Wilson! Wilson!" at the end. While the President was inside voting, the students continued to arrive and milled in the streets outside. They cheered the President almost continuously while he was inside, while many gained a glimpse of the President through a small opening in a window in the tiny fire station, while many in the crowd pushed and jostled for a glimpse through the window.

Mrs. Wilson outside watched the President and smiled. When the President emerged there were loud calls of "Speech! Speech!" but the President only shook his head and smiled. He greeted several in the crowd by name. The President started back for Long Branch immediately, leaving at 9:30. He planned to spend the remainder of the day at home and playing golf. He will receive the returns by phone from Secretary Tumulty tonight.

TOWN TWENTY-THREE VOTES MAKES RETURN

Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 7.—New Ashford, the smallest town in the State has the distinction of making its election returns first today. The polls closed at 10 a. m., and the count showed Hughes 16 and Wilson 7. In 1912, New Ashford gave Wilson 4, Taft 7, and Roosevelt 6.

TOBACCO MEN SEE SHORT CROP

Rocky Mount's Market Will Hardly Surpass 17,000,000 Pound Mark

OCTOBER'S SALE SHORT

The Many Attractions Coupled With Unusually High Price of Cotton Causes Slight Falling Off in Market Sales.

The weather has been cold and dry for the most part, throughout the past week and offerings not as heavy as expected. The double sales have lasted until the afternoon each day.

Sales for the week amounted to 9,072,000 pounds at an average of \$23.18 making the total slightly in excess of 11,000,000 pounds for the season at an average of \$19.38.

The offerings have been about in line with recent weeks, except that fewer of the mid-summer grades, and more of the latter grades are appearing in the breaks. A feature of the week's offerings has been the large proportion of good to fine wrappers showing up, the offerings in that line being greater than any week this season, and being a surprise to many.

Prices have advanced from day to day throughout the week and the market closed strong and active on Friday afternoon.

It is noticeable that wrappers are very much in demand, some piles bringing as high as \$80 to \$90, while from \$40 to \$50 is considered an ordinary price. Many farmers average \$35 to \$40 for the entire load.

Fully two-thirds of the crop has been sold up to date.

It will be noted in connection with the figures of the tobacco market as published last week that the sales for October were a million pounds less than last October, although the total sales for the season are considerably more than the same period last year. The light sales of October can be accounted for by the fact that the weather was extremely dry during that month and no tobacco season for grading occurred, the farmers taking advantage of the fine weather to pick cotton. Two circus days and the fair also tended to decrease the probable deliveries of tobacco.

The crop of tobacco is undoubtedly short this year by perhaps 20 per cent, though Rocky Mount's sales will not show that amount of decrease, since owing to the high prices and the exceptional advantages offered by this market a larger territory is being drawn from than ever before in the history of the market, and the total sales will amount to 16,000,000 to 17,000,000.

DIES ON WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN LAST TRIP

New York, Nov. 7.—The American liner St. Louis arrived here last night from Liverpool with 564 passengers after one of the roughest voyages she has experienced.

Among the passengers was the countess of Kingston, who is making her first trip to this country. She is here for the purpose of collecting funds to aid disabled Irish soldiers and sailors. Chief Steward W. Harris, of the St. Louis, died at sea Monday. By a strange coincidence his death occurred at what was to have been his last voyage. He has been in the service on the line over fifty years and for the past fourteen years was chief steward of the St. Louis.

GERMANS LOSE SMALL AREAS

In Both East and West the Allies Continue to Press With Great Force

ROUMANIA IS ACTIVE

The British Claim a Small Advance in the Region About the Somme Front. Navies Are Active in the North Sea.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—On the Somme front the British made an attack on the court L'Abbaye but were immediately beaten back, the War Office announced today in its statement.

Paris reports considerable activity to the westward of the Vosges region toward the western end of the Macedonian front, which is reported by the War Office. A Bulgarian counter attack in the vicinity of Germans were repulsed. Elsewhere there was sanguinary fighting.

ROUMANIANS ARE GETTING IN BLOWS

Berlin, Nov. 7.—On the Transylvania front the Russian forced back the Austrian and German forces, the official statement declared today. Though the Teutonic troops gained ground west of Boda Pass, the capture of a Russian bridge head on the Stockhol, is reported by the war office.

BRITISH GAIN ON THE SOMME

London, Nov. 7.—Gains by the British troops on the Somme front during operations last night were reported by the war office statement today.

TWO DREADNAUGHTS ARE ATTACKED

London, Nov. 7.—A claim that two dreadnaughts were hit by a British submarine which was contained in last night's statement was confirmed today when a British submarine reported launching a torpedo at, and striking a German dreadnaught in the North Sea. The two dreadnaughts said to have been struck were dreadnaughts of the Kaiser class.

ROUMANIANS CONTINUE THEIR BIG DRIVE

Bucharest, Nov. 7.—The Rumanian forces in Dobruja, which recently assumed the offensive against Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army are continuing their advance. Progress from the Rumanians along the entire Dobruja line is reported.

COTTON CROP IS MOST ALL OUT

Washington, Nov. 7.—Reviewing conditions for the month of October the national crop bulleting says today much of October was favorable for picking and that this work is going forward rapidly. In North Carolina and South Carolina the weather was favorable for the development of late cotton which was opening freely.

PISGAH IS A GAME PRESERVE

Washington, Nov. 7.—The Pisgah National forest in Western North Carolina is made a Federal game preserve under a proclamation just issued by the President. This is the first Federal game preserve east of the Mississippi.

BELATED REPORT OF SMALL BATTLE

Austrian Submarine and An Italian Destroyer Sunk by Each Other in Duel

Rome, Nov. 6.—(By way of Paris)—An Austrian submarine and an Italian destroyer were sunk in a duel October 6, according to a statement issued by the admiralty today. The submarine had attacked the Italian destroyer and made good its escape. The destroyer took up the fight.

GERMAN ATTACHE SENT TO HAGUE

The Hague, Netherlands, Nov. 7.—Doctor Richard von Kuhlmann, who is in his 44th year, is said to enjoy high favor with the emperor, and his promotion to this important post testifies equally to satisfaction with his record in the Netherlands—where he is credited with considerable influence on the economic policy followed—and to the high esteem in which his abilities are held in Berlin.

Curiously he was born in the Turkish capital, his father having been general director of the Anatolian railways, and he has an intimate knowledge of eastern affairs. The "absence" of Count Wolff Metternich is likely to be permanent; the Count has now reached his 62nd year and served 34 years in the German diplomatic corps.

Doctor von Kuhlmann's successor at the Dutch Court is Doctor Friedrich Rosen, who has represented Germany successively in Abyssinia, at the court of King Mowellik, Tangiers, Teheran, Bucharest, and lastly, Lishon. He it was who, with the ex-French Governor General of Algiers, M. Revonil, helped to lay the foundations for the Algerias conference.

NEGRO YOUTH DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Will Pritchard, a colored youth about 18 years of age, died at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium yesterday as the result of a wound which he received last Saturday at Windsor. It seems that Deputy Sheriff Askew, of Windsor, attempted to arrest Pritchard who was charged with breaking into a house. Pritchard attempted to flee from the officer, who commanded him to stop. He did not stop but continued to run. The officer claims that he did not intend to hit the negro but that he shot with the purpose of frightening him into halting and giving himself up. However, the shot found its mark, penetrating the intestines of Pritchard. He was rushed to Rocky Mount in an effort to save him but his injuries proved to be fatal. It was an unfortunate circumstance for the officer, especially in view of the fact that he had killed another man the same week while in the act of defending himself from attack.

CAPTAIN FLEW THE AMERICAN FLAG

Cardiff, Nov. 7.—The captain of the steamship Lanza, sunk by a German submarine, said today that he knew nothing of the reported sale to a Norwegian firm. He declared that he believed his ship of Philippine register and entitled to fly the American flag.

HOW ELECTORIAL VOTES NOW STAND

States:	Electoral Votes	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	12	12	0
Arizona	3	3	0
Arkansas	9	9	0
California	13	13	0
Colorado	6	6	0
Connecticut	7	7	0
Delaware	3	3	0
Florida	9	9	0
Georgia	14	14	0
Idaho	4	4	0
Illinois	29	29	0
Indiana	15	15	0
Iowa	13	13	0
Kansas	10	10	0
Kentucky	13	13	0
Louisiana	10	10	0
Maine	6	6	0
Maryland	8	8	0
Massachusetts	18	18	0
Michigan	15	15	0
Minnesota	12	12	0
Mississippi	10	10	0
Missouri	18	18	0
Montana	4	4	0
Nebraska	8	8	0
Nevada	3	3	0
New Hampshire	4	4	0
New Jersey	14	14	0
New Mexico	3	3	0
New York	45	45	0
North Carolina	12	12	0
North Dakota	5	5	0
Ohio	24	24	0
Oklahoma	10	10	0
Oregon	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	38	38	0
Rhode Island	5	5	0
South Carolina	9	9	0
South Dakota	5	5	0
Tennessee	12	12	0
Texas	20	20	0
Utah	4	4	0
Vermont	4	4	0
Virginia	12	12	0
Washington	7	7	0
West Virginia	8	8	0
Wisconsin	13	13	0
Wyoming	3	3	0
Total	281	223	81

COAST LINE RAILWAY MEETING NOVEMBER 21

According to an announcement made by President J. R. Kenly, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company will be held in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, November 21.

Owing to the fact that the recent statements of the company show that it is making steady progress in earnings and unofficial rumors have been carried by financial papers that the company might increase its dividend, President Kenly was asked what basis there was to warrant the rumor, and replied, "I don't know what is going to be done about the dividend."

The net operating income of the Coast Line for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, showed an increase over that of the fiscal year 1915 of \$2,811,110, according to recent statements made by the company.

In the language of railway economics "operating income" is a term which designates the net profit arising from railway operation after payment of all expenses of every kind including taxes. In other words, although President Kenly is not the authority for the statement, "operating income" is the fund available for surplus and the payment of dividends.

The increase in the surplus earnings is due to reduction of the operating expenses of the road, the volume of business was not as great as that of 1914 and 1915, yet despite the fact that the charges for taxes were about 12 per cent greater than in the preceding fiscal year, improved methods and important economies effected at the management of the railroad resulted in the foregoing gratifying increase in earnings.