

First Forecast of Election of Members of Fifty-Seventh Congress

WHERE THE HOTTEST FIGHTS ARE BEING WAGED FOR THE CONTROL OF CONGRESS

118 DISTRICTS PUT IN DOUBT

Reasonably Certain, 132 Republican, 141 Democratic—Looks Now Like Disastrous Defeat for Republican Party.

A BATTLE ROYAL, ANYWAY, FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS

Signs That Republicans Are Recovering from Their Panic Are Observed Here and There by the Forecaster.

New York Herald Syndicate Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—There are 391 members of the house of representatives.

In the present house 217 of these are republicans and 174 are democrats.

The Herald's first survey of the campaign of 1910 shows that there are 122 districts reasonably certain for the republicans and 141 reasonably certain for the democrats.

This leaves 118 districts, classed as doubtful or debatable in which the battle for the control of the house is now raging.

A classification of these 118 districts shows that 82 are now held by republicans and 36 by democrats.

The plain inference from these figures would be that at the outset of the campaign the republican party is showing a disposition to go to pieces and prepare for the worst whipping it has had in many years.

It must be admitted, however, that even as this article is being prepared there are signs here and there that the republican party is recovering from its panic.

But not only is the house of representatives at stake this election—the political control of the senate may also be involved.

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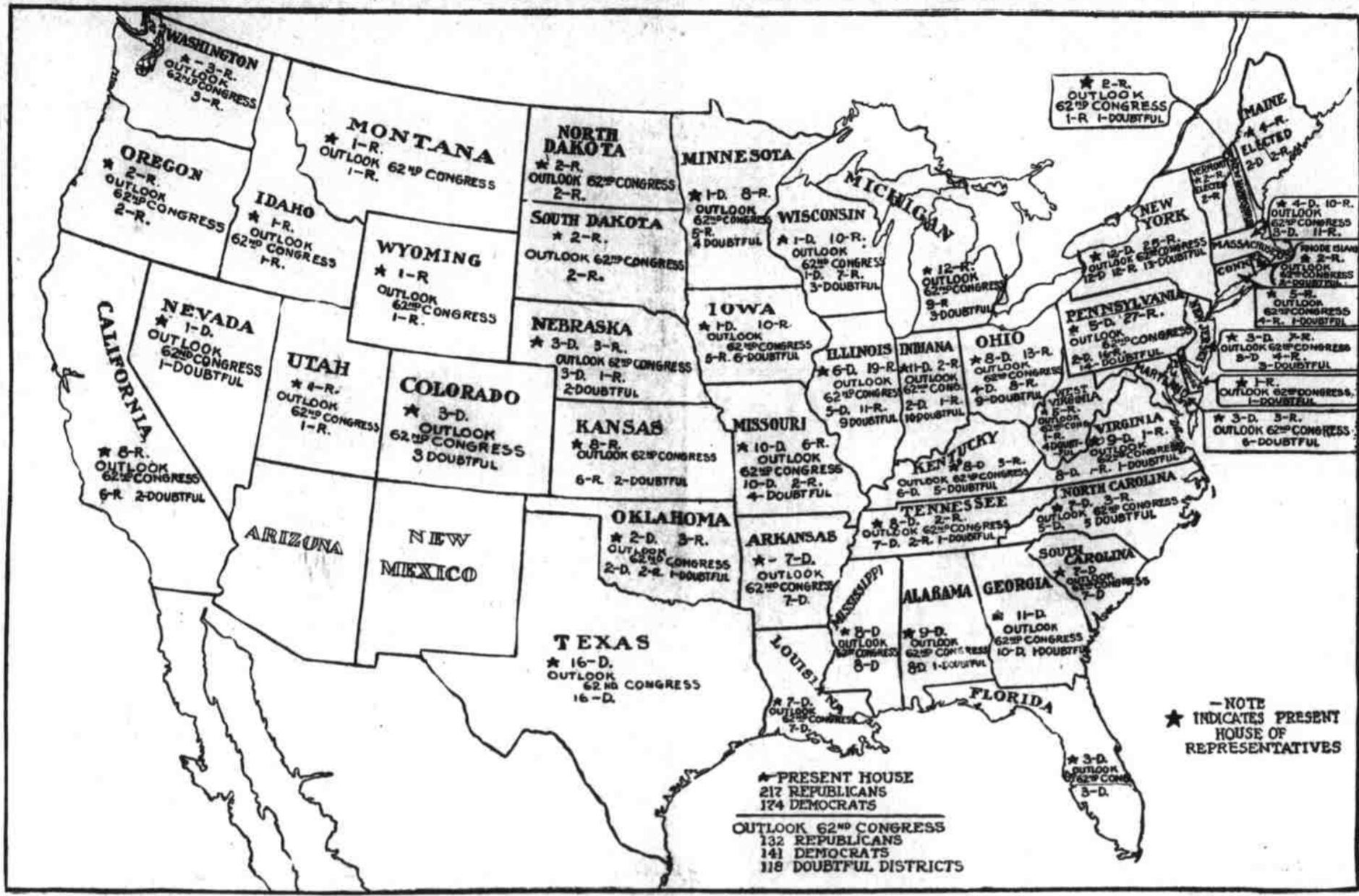
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Roosevelt Welcomed in Hot Springs.



CONSUMMATION OF GREAT STEAL

That Is Butler's Present Purpose in North Carolina Politics, Says Locke Craig in "Keynote" Speech, Black Mountain.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT PLANK BUT A SUBTERFUGE

Cowardly and Transparent—The Payne Tariff Bill Is Discussed as a Gigantic Wrong upon a Free People.

Social to The Gazette-News.

BACK MOUNTAIN, Oct. 10.—This has been a great day for the democracy.

The county candidates and others made speeches, and a large crowd came to hear them, many bringing dinner, and making a day of it.

The candidates and speakers told the crowd they were going to win, and those who came to hear and see evidently believed it, for much enthusiasm was manifested.

Mr. Gudger, democratic candidate for congress, was among the out of town visitors.

The occasion was featured by a keynote speech from Hon. Locke Craig, who began his speech by comparing the present republican situation to the wedding feast spoken of in Scripture.

After the king had prepared his dinner and killed his oxen and fattened and had all things ready he awaited the chosen guests.

Mr. Brown, Richmond Pearson, Tom Rollins and J. J. Britt were the choice of the republican party for the senate, house of representatives and solicitor respectively, but they "with one accord began to make excuses."

Mark Brown said that his health was not good; Pearson said that he would lose his self-respect by sitting down at the political table with the present leaders of the republican party.

Tom Rollins said that he had to attend to his law business, and Britt said that he had to make money.

And then at the very last moment T. F. Roland, the present boss of the republican party, told his servants to go out into the highways and hedges, and they went out into the highways and hedges and brought in Dick Wakefield, a conductor of the Southern railway, running to Toxaway, and had to telegraph to Tennessee for Charlie Boon to run for the legislature, and finally brought in Guy Weaver; and then went to the highways of Madison county and brought C. M. Mashburn to run for the office of solicitor.

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THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Tuesday.

DEAD ESTIMATED FROM 200 TO 500

Mayor of Baudette Says 75 Bodies of Forest Fire Victims Have Already Been Found.

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THE FIRES OF REBELLION FANNED IN BARCELONA

Success of Revolution in Portugal and Approaching Ferrer Anniversary Cause Increasing Excitement in Catalonia—Weyler Admits That Miners' Strike Is Taking on Revolutionary Character—He Has His Orders.

BARCELONA, Spain, Oct. 10.—A state of increasing excitement reigns here. The success of the revolution in Portugal has fanned the fire of rebellion, amouling since the outbreak of a year ago. The people pretend not to notice that the patrols and civil guard are being strengthened in preparation for eventualities of October 13, the anniversary of the execution of Prof. Francisco Ferrer, director of the modern school of Barcelona, convicted of having incited last year's revolutionary movement.

General Weyler, captain general of Catalonia, admits that the miners' strike is taking on a revolutionary character. General Weyler says his orders are to suppress any active disloyalty with a firm hand.

Yester day 10,000 miners marched to the cemetery and placed wreaths upon the tombs of Ferrer and the revolutionist, Garcia, who was also executed in consequence of what is known as "Bloody Week."

Many accidents has Eugene Ely

Is Not Progressing Very Well With His Flight from Chicago to New York.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—A thick fog prevented Eugene Ely making an early start with his aeroplane today from the spot where he landed last night, after starting on the Chicago-New York trip.

Ely had another accident when attempting to start. He rose 75 feet, and noticed that his gasoline feed pipe had leaked. He came down and landed in a ditch concealed by weeds. He was not hurt.

Ely started on the test yesterday afternoon but remained in the air only 12 minutes. At that he travelled eleven miles and landed where a fresh start would be easy this morning.

Senator Root Visits the President.

Beverly, Mass., Oct. 10.—Senator Root visited President Taft today. There is much speculation as to his object. It is thought his advice might have been sought regarding prospective Supreme court appointments.

Price of Sugar is Reduced.

BRUTAL OUTRAGES AGAINST PRIESTS

Task of Putting an End to Excesses Now Confronts Leaders of Portugal Republic—Severe Measures Adopted—Monks and Nuns Objects of Attack.

LISBON, Oct. 10.—Revolutionary leaders, having overthrown the monarchy, are now confronted with the task of putting an end to excesses by the rougher element of their own followers, who having had a taste of mob rule are prone to continue lawlessness for its own sake.

A decree of summary banishment for religious orders gave the excuse for brutal outrages against the clergy.

Today the police adopted severe measures to prevent the populace sacking religious establishments and to check demonstrations against religionists, pending their expulsion.

Clericals Chased from Churches and Convents.

Arrests of disguised and fleeing religionists continued today. Reports that the clericals were carrying on guerrilla warfare from the windows of their establishments inflamed the public against the religionists, and many of them were chased from their churches and convents.

A Mob battered down the doors of a convent in Rua Do Rosalhas, images and statues were wrecked, furniture was broken and sacerdotal vestments were carried off.

The Secular Clergy Exempt.

As was the case at the time of the Barcelona riots, popular feeling seems restricted to the monks and nuns, and not manifested toward the secular clergy.

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MEN HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED IN MINE MORE THAN 40 HOURS

Two Fans Working, in Endeavor to Draw Out the Bad Air—Rescue Expected by Noon.

Starkville, Colo., Oct. 10.—At least 52 men are entombed in the Starkville mine, of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, while in the mine approaches hundreds are striving to unseal the living tomb and draw out the poisonous gases which partly fill it.

The men have been imprisoned since 11 o'clock Saturday night, when an explosion destroyed the main entrance, and sealed the workers in.

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