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The National Election Is Still In Doubt May Not Know For Several Days Yet

WILSON MAKES SOME GAINS

Overnight Developments and the Progress of the Day Make Some Changes.

WEST VIRGINIA TO HUGHES THREE STATE TO WILSON

There are Yet Uncertainties That Will Further Delay the Official Results.

New York, Nov. 9.—The sudden switch of New Hampshire from a small Hughes plurality to Wilson was the dramatic change in the situation this afternoon. This came in the announcement from the Secretary of State that a partial official count of all districts discloses errors in tabulation by towns and wards. The official count is still in progress. In Minnesota and New Mexico the incomplete returns show Hughes in the lead, while in California and North Dakota Wilson is leading. The returns from doubtful states are belated and not expected to be available before tomorrow. The result of the returns, though incomplete, are accepted as final, all but five states being known. This would give Wilson, with the New Hampshire vote changed, 255, and Hughes 243.

HOW ELECTORAL VOTES STAND

States	Wilson	Electoral College
Alabama	12	12
Arizona	3	3
Arkansas	9	9
Colorado	6	6
Florida	6	6
Georgia	14	14
Iaho	4	4
Kansas	10	10
Kentucky	13	13
Louisiana	10	10
Maryland	8	8
Mississippi	10	10
Missouri	18	18
Montana	4	4
Nebraska	8	8
Nevada	3	3
North Carolina	12	12
New Hampshire	4	4
Ohio	24	24
Oklahoma	10	10
South Carolina	9	9
Tennessee	12	12
Texas	20	20
Utah	4	4
Virginia	12	12
Washington	7	7
Wyoming	3	3
Total	255	
Connecticut	7	7
Delaware	3	3
Illinois	29	29
Indiana	15	15
Iowa	13	13
Maine	6	6
Massachusetts	18	18
Michigan	15	15
New Jersey	14	14
New York	45	45
Oregon	5	5
Pennsylvania	38	38
Rhode Island	5	5
South Dakota	5	5
Vermont	4	4
West Virginia	8	8
Wisconsin	13	13
Total	243	
California	13	13
Minnesota	12	12
New Mexico	3	3
North Dakota	5	5
Total	33	
Total electoral vote	531	
Necessary to elect	266	

The above seems about as near right as can be estimated this afternoon. The late returns seem to indicate Wilson leading in California and Hughes in Minnesota, the two small states of New Mexico and North Dakota are close. On the strength of the late returns we have taken New

Hampshire out of the Hughes column and put it in the Wilson vote. The shifting today brings the doubtful vote down to 41.

Watchful and impatient waiting has characterized the American people during the past two days. Every stray bit of news has been grasped with eagerness and wild rumors have too gone the way of the real thing in news. The anxiety of the mass of humanity could not be appeased and nothing satisfied with the one great yearning left out of the account. People went to bed last night again in doubt and this morning woke with the same doubt confronting them. The candidates went to bed with the same uncertainty and arose to the same conditions. Delayed returns from doubtful states still kept the result in doubt. The campaign managers and workers are still in the dark and still claiming the election of their candidate. There has been many shifting opinions and many varying figures published and given out, but the result fails to bring about the one great desire—who is elected, is not answered.

The day opened with the election still in doubt. To all appearances the outcome depended on the vote in a few doubtful states. The most important of these were California, Minnesota, New Mexico and North Dakota. Overnight dispatches put West Virginia in the Hughes column and gave Idaho and Washington to the president. With this done the vote stood: Wilson—255, Hughes—243. Wilson Continues Ahead in Cal. San Francisco, Nov. 9.—5661 precincts out of 5917 in California give Hughes 446,684, Wilson 450,524. Wilson's plurality thus far is 3840. California Claimed by 500. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—A member of the Democratic State Committee issued the following statement in behalf of the chairman of the State committee: "We have California; we are absolutely positive. The chairman is taking up my figures made throughout the night and so far found them correct. These show we have the state. Conceding Los Angeles county gives Hughes 22000 lead we still carry California for Wilson by at least 500 votes."

Guard About Court House. Oakland, Cal., Nov. 9.—Members of the local Democratic State Central Committee today established a guard at the local court house where Alameda county ballots are being tabulated. Wilson Takes New Hampshire. Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—New Hampshire complete but only partially certified to the secretary of state gives Hughes 43,732, Wilson 43,849. Wilson's plurality is 117. Hughes Leads in West Virginia. Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Returns from 1334 precincts out of 1713 in West Virginia give Hughes 115,550, Wilson 111,380. Republican Lead Slight in Minn. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—2660 precincts out of 3024 in Minnesota give Wilson 169,126, Hughes 169,433. Wilson Ahead in California. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—5364 out of 5917 precincts in California give Hughes 436,839, Wilson 441,362, a majority of 4533 for Wilson. Corrected Returns From N. H. Wilson Lead Cut Down. Fargo, N. D., Nov. 9.—Errors in tabulation of returns from a number of western precincts in North Dakota disclosed in recapitulation shortly before noon cut down Wilson's lead by more than 200. With 1687 of the state's 1859 precincts reported the count was Wilson 51,474, Hughes 50,772. Of the vote has already gone forward. Of the remaining precincts to be heard from 78 lie in the extreme northwest corner from which the returns so far have been approximately two to one for Wilson. The unreported districts so far are for the most part remote from communication centers. Hughes Leading in Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Nov. 8.—Complete city and county precincts out of 1,215 give Hughes 122,062; Wilson 104,838.

CANVASSING ROWAN VOTE.

The members of the election canvassing board of the county are here today and are engaged in canvassing the vote as cast in the election Tuesday. This is quite a task and will not be completed until late this afternoon or in the night.

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—Returns from 2576 precincts in Minnesota out of 3024 give Wilson 155,635, Hughes 166,727, a plurality of 11,092.

St. Paul, Nov. 9.—2636 precincts out of 3024 in the state give Wilson 168,199 and Hughes 169,709.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Complete returns from the 604 precincts in San Francisco give Wilson 87,451, Hughes 63,357, a lead for the President of 14,094.

NEW MEXICO.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 9.—Unofficial returns from 336 of the 638 precincts in the state give Hughes a slight lead. The vote from these precincts are: Hughes—14,794, Wilson—14,536.

Missing Counties include seven normally Democratic and six normally Republican and also two in which majorities are small and variable. Several of these are remote and the outer portions of all of them are without telephone and telegraph facilities. Among the missing are Eddy and Roosevelt counties, normally heavy Democratic. Great difficulty is being experienced in securing returns. In remote sections of the State the ballot boxes closed at midnight and no early returns were available today.

VOTE RECEIVED.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—The official returns from the 77 of the missing precincts have been received but have not been tabulated.

McCORMICK SAYS WILSON HAS WON.

New York, Nov. 9.—Chairman McCormick early this morning issued the following statement in reply to the one made by Mr. Wilcox: "President Wilson is re-elected and Mr. Wilcox shows he is aware of that fact. His will in reply to the charge of some imaginary person that some one expects Mr. Hughes or his managers will try to secure the election through fraud is worthy of the best traditions of the Republican party. "The public has had a chance to judge the conduct of the campaigns of the two candidates and I am perfectly willing to let the people decide which side will be likely to resort to desperate methods."

THREE DOUBTFUL STATES HOLD ELECTION'S RESULT

New York, Nov. 9.—The Tribune and Sun which supported Mr. Hughes give him 252 votes in the electoral college and give President Wilson 251. They regard California, Minnesota and New Mexico as the only doubtful states.

The World, which supported President Wilson gives him 251; Hughes 228 and regards California, Connecticut, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota and West Virginia as doubtful.

The Times gives Wilson 251 votes and Hughes 247, classing California, Minnesota, New Mexico and North Dakota as doubtful.

DEATH OF ELECTOR MAY COMPLICATE SITUATION.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 8.—There appears to be a possibility that, altho President Wilson carried Washington, Hughes may get one of the seven electoral votes of the state. The death of A. Stream, a Democratic elector, shortly before election and the substitution of E. M. Connor as elector came so late that in many counties the name of Stream rather than Connor appeared on the ballot. It is said that many voted for Stream and that these votes will be invalid. The difference, according to local Republicans, will be sufficient to give one Republican elector a plurality.

Norwegian Steamer Reims Sunk. London, Nov. 8.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Reims has been sunk. She was 1,913 tons gross register, and was built at Sutherland in 1912.

A New Kentucky Industry. A Kentuckian who was bitten by a moccasin and cured himself by drinking a quart of corn whiskey is now doing a thriving business pointing out the place where the snake was last seen.—Macon Telegraph.

WILSON GAINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Reversing of the Figures in One Concord Precinct Gives Him a Majority of 93 Votes—Recount is Being Asked For.

(By Associated Press.) Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With the returns complete only in part President Wilson is leading in New Hampshire by 93 votes according to an announcement made by Secretary Bean. This discovery of an error was in the precinct where a clerk reversed the figures of the vote, giving Wilson votes to Hughes and the Hughes votes to Wilson. One hundred and twenty of the 274 towns and wards are still unverified and may still further change the result.

In announcing the figures above no total estimate or figures were given by Secretary Bean. The totals, he explained, upon which he based the preliminary statement he made, were reached after he had added to the verified figures the figures of newspapers.

"We found several errors," he said. "One clerk in the 8th ward of Concord reported the vote of that place giving Hughes 225 and Wilson 88, when it should have been Hughes 88 and Wilson 225. Our knowledge of the local conditions led to suspect something wrong and an investigation led to the discovery of the trouble. We are scanning the returns very closely in order that the slightest error may be caught for we realize that an error might not only effect that result in this state but in the nation."

The returns are being delivered by special delivery and on the official blanks. Democratic state committee regardless of the report that Wilson's leading, will ask for a complete recount it is said.

Democrats Demand a Recount of New Hampshire.

New York, Nov. 9.—Henry Morgenthau, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, in the absence of Chairman McCormick said this morning that a recount in New Hampshire would be demanded, in spite of the figures which show the President in the lead by 93 votes.

The Democratic figures show that the President has a lead of 500 votes in the state and in view of these differences a recount is necessary. It is said that the demand for a recount Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With two precincts missing the count in New Hampshire at noon gave Wilson a lead of 121. This was based on 35 returns to the secretary of state from 238 precincts and press returns from 54. The vote was, Wilson 43,842, Hughes 43,731. Secretary of State Bear corrected the early statement in which he said the State was complete. The two towns unreported cast small vote.

WEAVER IS ELECTED BY 135 MAJORITY.

Wins in Tenth After Allowing Practically All That Republicans Claim. Asheville, Nov. 8.—Allowing practically everything that the Republicans can hope to claim in the tenth district, Senator Zebulon Weaver is elected over Congressman J. J. Britt by a majority of at least 135 votes, this giving North Carolina a solid Democratic delegation in Congress. Chairman Don E. Elias, speaking in Republicans' claims and practically official returns give these counties to Mr. Britt by the following majority: Cherokee 300; Clay 43; Swain 310; Jackson 45; Henderson 673; Polk 126; McDowell 15. Mr. Britt total majorities, 1,512.

Mr. Weaver gets these counties by the following majorities: Macon 3; Transylvania 20; Haywood 875; Buncombe 297; Rutherford 452. Mr. Weaver's total majority, 1,647.

Neither side can claim a majority in Graham county and this leaves Mr. Weaver's majority over Mr. Britt 135, with every indication that any change in the result will be in favor of the Democratic congressman-elect.

Small Has Large Majority.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Congressman John H. Small's victory in the First Congressional District is about 7,000. In Beaufort county his majority will be 700. Only a few votes were cast against him in Washington, his home town.

Stedman's Majority 3,000.

Greensboro, Nov. 8.—Congressman Stedman's majority in the Fifth District over Gilliam Griesom is about 3,000, he says tonight.

GERMAN ARTILLERY DEFEAT FRENCH-BRITISH

Prevent Advances on the Somme Front—Russians Drive Germans Back—German Attack Repulsed on Semme Front.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, via Saville, Nov. 9.—German artillery yesterday defeated several attempts of the French and British to make advances on the Somme front, the war office announced today.

Russian Troops Drive Germans.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—Continuing their offensive in Dobrudja Russian troops have driven back advance detachments of Von Mackensen's forces and made progress southward, the war office announces.

German Attack Repulsed.

Paris, Nov. 9.—A German attack on the Somme front last night was repulsed after a brief encounter the war office announced today. There was great activity of the artillery during the night.

EXTEND WEATHER BUREAU SERVICE.

Arrangements Being Made to Extend Same to Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Extension of the United States Weather Bureau Service in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, where the present station have been found in valuable in gathering information of hurricanes and storms approaching the American coast, is being arranged. New stations will be established at Belize, British Honduras; Bluefield, Nicaragua; Swan Island in the Caribbean, north of Honduras; Santa Marta, Colombia; St. Lucia Island; Puerto Plata, San Dominican Republic; Island of Navassa, between Cuba and Haiti; Guantanamo, Cuba, and on one of the Danish West Indies. Stations now are maintained at Barbados, Trinidad, Curacao, Bermuda and the Bahamas where the work of the observers will be extended and improved. Daily reports will be made to the Weather Bureau here and from points two reports a day may be sent. In this way officials here will be kept in close touch with all weather conditions and be able to detect approaching storms.

TO OPEN SUFFRAGE SCHOOLS.

Will Be Conducted Over Entire Country Preliminary to Nation Wide Drive for Women Suffrage.

New York, Nov. 9.—Preliminary to the nation-wide drive for woman suffrage which the National American Woman Suffrage Association will launch for 1917, it is announced that suffrage schools will be opened in every non-suffrage state in the Union to the expert training of suffrage speakers and campaigners. The first of these schools will be opened in Baltimore next Monday for a one week session of lectures and demonstration in public speaking, suffrage history and argument, organization, legislative work, and publicity. Suffragists from all over the country are already enrolled for this "short course" which will equip them with the most effective weapons known to suffrage campaigners.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, political leader of the suffrage ranks, will head the list of instructors and will address the classes on political organization, Federal, and legislative work. Mrs. H. W. Wilson of New York will conduct tre-courses in suffrage history and argument, Mrs. Arthur Livermore of New York will give instructions in public speaking, and Mrs. Rose Geyer of Iowa will lecture on press and publicity work. The suffrage "teachers" will demonstrate model meetings, which will how all the accompanying features of such gatherings, heckling included.

In January similar schools will open in all the other non-suffrage states.

Forming Trust Charged.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 8.—Names of sixteen Pacific coast cement manufacturers accused of forming a trust in violation of the Sherman act were made public today by federal officials, indictments having been returned October 27 by a federal grand jury.

"Queen Lip" is III.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Lilioukalani, former queen of Hawaii, is very ill at Honolulu and her death is expected momentarily, according to information received here today.

SOUTHERN TRAIN HITS CAR AT GRADE CROSSING.

Charlotte, Nov. 9.—Southern train No. 36 crashed into an automobile driven by L. E. Lipe of Concord at the Newell grade crossing Wednesday at noon, smashing the car into junk and giving Mr. Lipe the scare of his life. But for the favor of fortune and his own extra agility he would not have escaped as he did, for he missed the call by an eyelash. His car, a Maxwell, was broken into a mass of twisted wreckage.

This is the same crossing that brought about the late J. M. Janison's death several years ago. Recently it has been worked over and Mr. Lipe had doubtless stopped in order to take it easy. His car probably choked down or stalled for some other reason. No. 36 struck it almost fair and knocked it flying for several hundred feet.

FIRE TESTS FOR WALLS.

Will Be Carried Out With a Newly Installed Panel Furnace—To Be Made by U. S. Bureau of Standards.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Fire tests of all kinds of building walls and partitions, which are expected to have an important bearing on all fire-resisting building construction, have been arranged by the United States Bureau of Standards. They will be carried out with newly installed panel furnace recently constructed at the Bureau's laboratories here which is the most complete and largest plant for such work ever built. Details of the tests, such as types and dimensions of partitions, temperature to which they are to be exposed, time of exposure to fire, the water test to which the heated partitions should be subjected and other regulations, have been worked out by a committee representing the American Institute of Architects, The American Society for Testing Materials, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the Associated Metal Lath Manufacturers, the Gypsum Industries Association, the National Brick Manufacturers Association, The Association of American Portland Cement Manufacturers, the Fire Underwriters' Laboratories, the American Concrete Institute, the National Fire Protection Association, and the National Lime Manufacturers Association.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET GIVEN CAPTAIN KOENIG

New London, Conn., Nov. 8.—New London's citizens tonight gave a reception and banquet to Captain Paul Koenig and the crew of the German merchant submarine Deutschland. A gold watch, bearing the seal of the city, was presented to the captain and his men received silver match cases and fountain pens.

Officers of the Eastern Forwarding company and the crew of the German steamship Willehad, "mother ship" of the submarine, were also present. The submarine will be loaded tomorrow and it understood she may make her dash home: Friday afternoon. It was reported tonight that the German war submarine, U-57 was expected off Pleasure Beach—fifteen miles to the westward—on Friday, but there was no confirmation.

10,000 MEXICANS FIGHT FOR TORREON.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 8.—Five thousand Villistas an equal number of Carranzas soldiers are engaged in a battle near Escalon, 50 miles south of Jimenez, according to reports received here today.

The Carranzistas are made up of General Herrera's former garrison at Parral and the commands of Generals Arrieta, Mayotte and Murjia, who have joined him.

The battle may decide the fate of Torreon. A message from that city says that the city still is held by the de facto troops.

Conspiracy Charged.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Oliver W. Bourke, Albert C. Frost and Burt D. Wing, were placed on trial today before Judge Geiger, in the United States District court charged with conspiracy to bribe a federal juror three years ago. The charges grew out of the so-called \$10,000,000 Alaska land fraud case tried by Judge K. M. Landis in March 1915. Bourke was the juror alleged to have been bribed.

Frost, one of a half dozen defendants at that time was on trial on a charge of having attempted to defraud the government of land in Alaska. Wing was said to have been one of those in the conspiracy.

MEETINGS FOR MEN GROW IN INTEREST

The Mercer-Farmer Meetings are Being Largely Attended By the People of Salisbury—Others Yet to Follow Will Be Attended By Many.

In spite of the uncertainty election returns the Community Evangelistic Campaign is forging ahead, gaining in power and interest. Four hundred men listened to Tom Farmer at East the Spencer shops and every one of them will be out to hear him again at their first opportunity. Mr. Mercer gave a talk to older boys at 5:00 in the Maxwell Chambers School. Practically every boy in school eligible to attend was there and for an hour Mr. Mercer spoke to these boys truths that will leave every one of them better prepared to face the terrific temptations that assail every growing boy. His appeal was to boys for a new chivalry for a standard of manhood that had no duplicity therein and for a clean vigorous athletic life as opposed to a soft, "cheap sport" whose main interest seemed to be a frivolous social life. Such talks as this will save many a boy from terrible mistakes and will enable many a boy to make a better and a winning fight for clean, Christian manhood.

At night Mr. Farmer spoke at the North Main M. E. Church and Mr. Mercer at the Tabernacle. Both meetings were only fairly attended on account of the election returns but at both of them there was not a person who did not know that he had heard something worth while.

Tonight Mr. Mercer will speak on "Efficiency" at the Tabernacle, the meeting beginning at 7:45. No man should miss this talk as it is based on facts and out of an experience of a man who knows from an unusually wide experience whereof he talks. Many a man will regret missing these talks when he hears the last talk—wishing he had heard every one. Do not miss this. Bring your boy with you. Make it a great occasion. Mr. Farmer will speak to the general public at Chestnut Hill Methodist church at 7:30. This will be a great meeting and he will have a packed house. Tomorrow Mr. Farmer speaks to the younger boys at the City Schools. Mr. Mercer to the Salisbury Normal and Industrial Institute and to the boys at Livingstone College. At night will be one of the biggest meetings of the week in the Tabernacle. Mercer speaks to men and older boys on "Sexual Purity—The Fight of Every Red Blooded Man." Every man no matter who or what he is, good or bad, wise or ignorant should come and hear Mercer handle this subject that is of such tremendous importance this day. This is not to be any sensational scarehead talk but an intelligent discussion of what is regarded by the leading men in this country as one of our greatest national problems. When Mr. Dr. Ex-President Elliot of Harvard raised the question in this way "that if the civilization of the white race is to survive, it must be saved through the diffusion and adoption of sound policies in regard to social hygiene." This is what Mr. Mercer's address is to help do. Talk it up, be there, bring some man or older boy with you.

Wheat Prices Lifted.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Reports that British purchases this week have amounted to several million bushels did a good deal to lift wheat prices here. The opening which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 1.87 to 1.87 3/4 and May at 1.89 1/2 to 1.89 3/4 were followed by decided gains all round.

New York, Nov. 9.—The cotton market opened steady and somewhat nervous. The prices at opening were:

December	19.45
January	19.36
March	19.49
May	19.69
July	19.99

BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Rowan County Bar will meet in the commissioners' room at the court house Friday afternoon, November 10th, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of making up the calendar for the November term of Rowan County Superior Court.