

WILSON'S ELECTION CERTAIN INDICATED IN LATE RETURNS

NEAR ONE HUNDRED AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED VESSEL

No Information Available as to Loss of Life or Damage Done the Liner.

SHIP FLEW THE U. S. FLAG

And was Sailing Under Character to an American Shipping Firm—Officials Have no Definite Information as Yet.

(By International News Service.)

London, Nov. 8.—It was reported here today that the American Hawaiian liner Columbia with a crew of about one hundred Americans aboard was attacked and shelled by a submarine today somewhere off the Portuguese coast.

Wireless calls for aid were reported along the Portuguese and French coasts. It was said the submarine was the same that had been waylaying neutral vessels in the vicinity for the past three weeks.

The Columbia sailed from New York on October 28 under charter for Genes by French ports. No information was available as to the possible loss of life or the extent of the damage done the liner.

Flew United States Flag New York, Nov. 8.—The Columbia although owned by the American Hawaiian Company was under charter to the France and Canada Company an American shipping concern.

It was positively stated that the vessel carried no explosives. There were about 80 seamen and horse tenders on board all Americans. The ship flew the United States flag.

No Official Information. Washington, Nov. 8.—Reports of the shelling of the Hawaiian American liner Columbia by a submarine caused alarm in official circles.

Details as yet have not been received from an American diplomatic or consular agent.

In the absence of definite information state department officials declined to discuss the case.

California Reported 6,000 Favor Wilson

(By International News Service.) San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Chairman Chausman of the Democratic state central committee issued the following: "We have checked up accurately in every section of California and can state definitely that Wilson has carried California by at least 6,000 majority and we have so informed McCormick.

OREGON GOES TO HUGHES

(By International News Service.) Portland, Oregon, Nov. 8.—Complete returns from 340 out of 278 precincts in Multnomah county gives Hughes 22,354. Wilson 18,921.

DEMOCRATS CARRY STATE BY LARGE PLURALITY

The Good Old State of North Carolina is Safe in the Fold Again.

Returns received up to a late hour this morning indicated the following result by counties:

- Alamance—Democratic by 300. Alexander—Republican. Alleghany—Democratic by 150. Anson—Democratic by 1,850. Ashe—Democratic. Beaufort—Democratic by 200. Bertie—Democratic by 1,250. Bladen—Democratic by 600. Buncombe—Democratic by 600. Burke—Democratic by 150. Caldwell—Democratic by 250. Camden—Democratic by 305. Carter—Democratic by 40. Caswell—Democratic by 700. Catawba—Republican. Chatham—Democratic by 350. Chowan—Democratic by 575. Clay—Republican. Cleveland—Democratic by 1,500. Craven—Democratic by 1,300. Cumberland—Democratic by 700. Currituck—Democratic by 1,000. Dare—Democratic by 400. Duplin—Democratic by 400. Durham—Democratic by 1,200. Edgecombe—Democratic by 300. Forsyth—Democratic by 800. Franklin—Democratic by 1,550. Gaston—Democratic by 700. Granville—Democratic by 1,000.

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ALL CONGRESSMEN IN N. C. DEMOCRATIC

From Indications North Carolina Elected Ten Democratic Congressmen.

A solid Democratic delegation in Congress was returned in North Carolina yesterday, as follows:

- First District—John H. Small, Beaufort county. Second District—Claud Kitchin, Halifax county. Third District—George E. Hood, Wayne county. Fourth District—Edward W. Pou, Johnston county. Fifth District—Charles M. Stedman, Guilford county. Sixth District—Hannibal L. Godwin, Harnett county. Seventh District—Lee D. Robinson, Anson county. Eighth District—R. L. Doughton, Alleghany. Ninth District—E. Y. Webb, Cleveland county. Tenth District—Zebulon Weaver, Buncombe county.

OREGON TO HUGHES

(By International News Service.) Portland, Nov. 9.—Returns from every county in Oregon except one gives Hughes a lead of 7,272.

ELECTION DEPENDS ON RESULTS IN FOUR DOUBTFUL STATES

It is Now Practically Wilson has 256 Votes in the Electoral College.

DEMOCRATS CONFIDENT

Wilson Will Receive a Majority in Minnesota and Last Reports From California Claim That state by 6,000.

Washington, Nov. 9.—(Special Mr. Hughes appears to have carried the following fifteen states:

- Connecticut with 7 electoral votes; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 13; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 15; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; Pennsylvania, 38; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 6; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 12. Total for Hughes 230.

- Wilson Alabama, 12; Arizona, 3; Arkansas, 9; Colorado, 6; Florida, 6; Georgia, 14; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 13; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 3; North Dakota, 5; North Carolina, 12; Ohio, 24; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Utah, 4; Virginia, 12; Washington, 7; Wyoming, 3; Total, 256 votes in the electoral college for Wilson.

States yet classed doubtful are California, 13; Minnesota, 12; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 3; Oregon, 5; and West Virginia, 8. Total 45.

Reports From California. Chairman Cushman of the Democratic central committee informed Mr. McCormick, chairman of the National Democratic Committee that California had gone safely Democratic by 6,000 majority.

Minnesota Turns to Wilson. The last word from Minnesota gave Wilson 1,315 majority with 693 precincts yet to be heard from. All latest reports showed a steady gain for Wilson, in that state.

West Virginia. Senator Chilton, of West Virginia wired Chairman McCormick early this morning that West Virginia was undoubtedly Democratic, although it is claimed by both sides.

New Mexico. No figures were available early this morning from New Mexico. Late yesterday afternoon returns were favoring Wilson.

Taking into consideration the latest reports and estimates from doubtful states it is thought Wilson is elected although the final outcome is still shrouded with uncertainty.

Hughes Leads in Oregon. Hughes still appears to have lead over Wilson in Oregon.

1,466 precincts in North Dakota out of 1,805 give Wilson 42,143. Hughes 43,068. This lead it is thought will give North Dakota over to the Republican candidate.

AERONAUTS KILLED EXPERIMENTING WITH A BOMB

Explodes in Mid Air and Occupants are Hurlled Into the River Below.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, Nov. 8.—During a spectacular experiment with a new type of aeroplane bomb at Indian Head this afternoon Naval Lieutenant Clarence K. Branson and Luther Welch were instantly killed. While flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet the bomb exploded immediately beneath the aeroplane completely destroying it.

Branson, pilot of the machine, and Welch, who had just hurled the bomb fell together with parts of the machine into the Potomac River.

INSTITUTION OF THE NEW SUBAN TEMPLE

Several Fayetteville People to Attend Ceremonial Session at New Bern.

Mr. E. M. Sheets and daughter, Miss Emma, Messrs. E. L. Remsburg and U. F. Wallace, will leave here on the evening of the 21st for Maxton where they will take the Shriners special via Wilmington for New Bern to attend the Institution and Ceremonial session of Sudan Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. on November 22nd.

The purpose of this great gathering of the state Shriners is to institute another Temple which will have jurisdiction over North Carolina with the exception of two counties, which are under jurisdiction of the Oasis Temple at Charlotte.

The following program has been announced:

- Morning Session 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 a. m. Recorders Reception and Registration. Meeting old friends and making new ones. 12:00 m. to 1:30 p. m. Luncheon. 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. Automobile ride for the ladies. 3:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Parade. 6:00 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. Banquet. 8:00 p. m. Ceremonial Session. Reception and Musical Concert for the Ladies.

BETTING IN NEW YORK IS TWO TO ONE FAVOR WILSON

(By International News Service.) New York, Nov. 8.—Betting tonight was two to one that Wilson has been elected.

SWING IN CALIFORNIA TOWARD HUGHES, EPORT

(By International News Service.) San Francisco, Nov. 9.—In 4,862 precincts in California Wilson has 419,927. Hughes 418,416. The recent reports have shown a tendency to swing toward Hughes.

APPARENTLY WILSON'S LEAD IN CALIFORNIA AND MINNESOTA ELECTS HIM

California, New Mexico, Minnesota, New Hampshire and West Virginia Remained in Doubtful Column at Three O'Clock this Morning.—Last Reports Gave Wilson Strong Lead in Minnesota and Indicates he Had Apparently Carried California by 6,000.

REPUBLICAN PAPE IN NORTH DAKOTA HAS NOW CONCEDED THE STATE

(By International News Service.) Fargo, N. D., Nov. 9.—1,649 precincts gives President Wilson 48,279. Hughes 46,844. The Grand Fort Herald, a Republican paper concedes Wilson carried the state by 1,500.

Kentucky's Vote Louisville, Nov. 9.—With all counties reported Kentucky gives Wilson 27,015 plurality over Hughes.

New Mexico For Wilson. New Mexico, Nov. 9.—With several counties yet to hear from returns at midnight give Wilson a lead of 1,450 over Hughes in New Mexico.

REPORTS SINKING STEAMSHIP ARABIA

Ambassador Page Notifies State Department of Submarine Activities.

Washington, Nov. 8.—A cable dispatch from American Ambassador Page at London to the state department today indicated that lives were lost in the destruction of a submarine of the steamship Arabia, a British vessel.

The cablegram stated that 483 passengers including women and children were aboard the vessel and that "most were saved."

He added that details are lacking Press dispatches from London had said all persons on the ship had been rescued but that it had been sunk without warning. It is not known whether any Americans were on the Arabia but the department states it is expecting a complete report from Mr. Page.

TREND IN CAL. TO WILSON.

(By International News Service.) San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Returns from 4,445 precincts out of 5,917 in California give Wilson 352,623. Hughes 347,928.

WEST VIRGINIA GIVES HUGHES HUGHES 3,505 MAJORITY

(By International News Service.) Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Hughes lead over Wilson in West Virginia was suddenly increased by 1,538 votes just before midnight by the returns from McDowell. This made his total plurality over Wilson 5,505.

(By International News Service.)

New York, Nov. 8.—At midnight tonight the closest presidential election in 32 years appeared to hang upon the results in the states of California, and New Mexico.

Wilson leading in both states had enough sure electoral votes to win in the event if his carrying them, with their combined vote of 16. He had been gaining steadily in California from four o'clock in the afternoon, when he took the lead over Hughes, in the returns. On the face of scattering returns received from New Mexico Mr. Wilson appeared to have far the better chance in that state.

In addition to California and New Mexico, Minnesota with 12 votes, New Hampshire with 4, and West Virginia with 8, still remained in the doubtful column.

Contest Connecticut.

Furthermore it was announced by Homer Cummings, Democratic candidate for United States Senate in Connecticut that he intended to file a contest against the casting of the electoral vote for Hughes on the ground of irregularities.

In New Hampshire the unofficial count gave Hughes a plurality of 161. This will be contested, but official count will be required to decide who has won the state.

The big outstanding feature at midnight was that although Wilson had the better of it on the face of the returns there was still absolutely no justification of victory for either candidate.

Claims of the election by narrow pluralities were put forth by both parties at midnight.

Wilson's Statement.

President Wilson through his Secretary claimed his election on the strength of his apparent lead in California and Minnesota. Secretary Tumulty said: "We are now certain of the President's election by a safe majority in the electoral college. We are certain of California and Minnesota. Besides this North Dakota, Kansas, New Mexico, New Hampshire and West Virginia are ours.

The Republicans are not sure of a single state west of the Mississippi River except Iowa which they have carried by a greatly reduced plurality."

The President and his official family has spent twenty-four sleepless hours in seeking some conclusive proof that Mr. Wilson has safely won. This proof while it appeared to satisfy the tenants of Shadow Lawn was admit-

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