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SITUATION IN ALL THE STATES ELECTION-EVE

Wide Divergence of Opinion Expressed by the Managers.

MANY STATES ARE DOUBTFUL

Murphy Claims New York for Parker by the Greatest Vote Ever Cast for a Democratic Candidate—Governor Odell Says the City Will Have to Do Better than 140,000 Plurality if Parker is to Carry the State—Both Sides Make Confident Claims of Indiana, West Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut and the Other Doubtful States—In Nearly all the States it is Thought that a Full Vote Will be Polled.

New York, November 7.—Election eve finds both parties claiming the Empire state. Today the leaders took the last estimates of their committees, and then each side put forth its declarations, the Democrats pinning faith to a statement by Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, that the vote for Parker in Greater New York would be the greatest ever cast for a Democratic candidate, while the Republican view was expressed by Governor Odell, who said Parker's plurality in the city would have to be better than 140,000, if he was to carry the state.

Two years ago Coler, the Democratic candidate for governor had 122,600 plurality over Odell in the city, but was defeated, Odell having 120,800 plurality in the rest of the state.

D. Cady Herrick, the Democratic nominee for governor made a statement today in which he said: "Making very liberal discount upon the rosy views that are always presented to a candidate, I firmly believe that the Republican majority north of the Bronx will be much less than it was two years ago."

Frank W. Higgins, Republican candidate for governor, said today: "I believe Roosevelt will carry this state by over 100,000 and that the Republican state ticket will be elected."

The feature of the election in this city promises to be remarkably close watching of the polls, the plans to prevent illegal voting having been made on a scale that eclipses all former efforts. In addition to the party watchers and the city's 8,000 policemen, every one of whom will be on election duty tomorrow, Superintendent Morgan, of the state election bureau for the Metropolitan district, will have more than 1,000 deputies at work to prevent the casting of ballots by those not entitled to vote, and a force of 100 secret service men will watch for foreign born men who may present fraudulent naturalization papers.

Warrants will not be obtained for all the alleged illegal voters. That has been found to be physically impossible because the courts have no time to issue the warrants before tomorrow, and because the state elections bureau has run out of complaint blanks.

Where no warrants are issued in advance, the deputies will bear lists of orders of arrests, and will take into custody every man named on their lists.

Judge Foster in charging the grand jury today advised its members to be very careful in handling political cases, saying:

"Let us have no indictments whatever for the purpose of giving political advantage to any party. You are not here for that purpose."

With good weather promised tonight's indications are that the vote cast tomorrow will be the heaviest ever known in New York city and perhaps throughout the state.

Interest is at the highest pitch known in recent years, and evidence of this is shown in arrangements made by the New York Central railroad company to have returns furnished tomorrow evening to all its through trains at such points as New York, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland and Chicago.

NORTH CAROLINA.
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 7.—The only matter of uncertainty in the election in North Carolina is as to the size of the state and national Democratic majority. Estimates of from forty thousand to seventy-five thousand have been made

with fifty-seven thousand as an average. Latest returns from the ten congressional districts indicate Democratic majorities in each with the least majority in the tenth.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 7.—The night before the election shows no material change from the political conditions heretofore existing in Georgia. Democratic leaders believe the total vote of the state may go to 125,000. The negro and populist registration has been large. It is believed that the populist vote will be cast largely for the Republican congressional candidates. It is not believed however, that the result will be other than the usual Democratic majority.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 7.—Except for the interest in national politics, the election tomorrow in South Carolina would be featureless. Democratic electors, congressmen, and state officers will be elected as usual, by an overwhelming majority. In several congressional districts the Democratic nominees will be opposed, but the public voice in the state is not large enough to cause any apprehension.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, Nov. 7.—Louisiana will give Parker electors an overwhelming majority and elect seven Democratic congressmen, tomorrow. Republican opposition in the congressional districts is merely formal. The weather promises to be fair and the vote light except in the city of New Orleans, where a fierce municipal contest is in progress. The state will vote on a constitutional amendment to issue \$1,000,000 bonds to build school houses.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Nov. 7.—Chairman Vandiver, of the Democratic committee today repeated his claim that the Democrats will certainly elect four and probably five of the six congressmen. At Republican headquarters Chairman Hanna said that final reports received today from a number of counties were highly encouraging and indicated that there is a strong chance of a majority for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. The managers of both parties are confident that an unusually full vote will be polled.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 7.—Wisconsin Republicans claim that the Roosevelt and Fairbanks electors will carry the state by a plurality running between 50,000 and 75,000.

Chairman W. D. Connor of the Republican state central committee claims that Governor La Follette will have 75,000 plurality and the Democratic state chairman, A. E. Warden, claims George W. Peck will be elected governor by 20,000 plurality and that the Democrats will control the legislature.

TEXAS.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 7.—The Democrats announce tonight that they expect to have a representative vote tomorrow. There is no formidable opposition to the state ticket. Parker's plurality probably will be near that given Bryan four years ago.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 7.—The campaign closed tonight with both sides confident as to West Virginia. Republicans claim all five congressmen and the state legislature, while Democrats say they will elect three of the five congressmen and control the legislature on joint ballot, insuring a Democratic senator to succeed Senator Scott. The Republicans claim a plurality of 5,000 for Roosevelt, but the Democrats say they are just as confident that the state will go for Parker and Davis.

NEVADA.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 7.—The political campaign which closed tonight has been conducted with much vigor by both of the leading parties, and joint discussions have added interest to the contest. It is generally conceded that the result so far as Presidential electors are concerned is in doubt.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 4.—The New Jersey political campaign which closed today was the most aggressive since 1822. Republicans are confident of carrying the state for Roosevelt by from 35,000 to 40,000. The Democrats are claiming that Parker will have a small plurality, but surface indications do not seem to warrant this claim.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 7.—Indications tonight are for a large vote tomorrow. The Democratic managers claim not less than 50,000 majority. The Republican county committees are making efforts to get out their full party vote.

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—Chairman Walsh of the Democratic state central committee said tonight: "We have won Connecticut by a great campaign and both Parker and Robertson will carry the state by significant majorities."

At the Republican headquarters Chairman Kenney said: "I am more certain tonight than at any time during the campaign that Roosevelt will carry Connecticut by not less than 15,000 majority, and I would not be surprised to see 20,000 posted as the figures."

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—Republicans and Democrats agree that in the third and ninth districts the contest will be close. In these districts the

fight has been waged desperately, but the Democrats tonight said that they would be victorious.

The Democratic state committee expects a heavy Democratic vote from the first, second, fifth, sixth, and seventh districts. On the other hand the Republicans look to the eleventh to give an overwhelming plurality for Roosevelt.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7.—On the eve of election the Republican state committee estimates a plurality of not less than 20,000 in the state.

The Democratic state headquarters issued a statement giving a plurality of not less than 48,000.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 7.—The official public lists have been prepared and turned over to the inspectors and all is now ready for the vote tomorrow. In some of the counties the names have not been put on the ballot in alphabetical order.

The state looks as if the populists will poll a larger vote than has been heretofore expected, but there is no doubt that the Democrats in all counties will elect all their candidates, except that Fusion (Peoples) party and Republican candidates may be elected to the legislature from three counties and it is possible that the Republicans will elect a state superintendent of public instruction.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Ind., November 7.—Unusual quiet prevails throughout Indiana on the eve of election. At Republican and Democratic headquarters organizers survey the results of their work with satisfaction. The Republican leaders refuse to change their prediction that Roosevelt and Fairbanks will carry Indiana by pluralities variously estimated from 20,000 to 35,000.

Democratic leaders confidently assert their belief that Parker and Davis will be successful in Indiana, but refuse to make known the figures on which they found their belief.

Democratic National Chairman Taggart said today: "I can only reiterate what I have already said. Indiana will go Democratic tomorrow. I shall remain in Indianapolis tomorrow to vote."

"We have been able to take care of every county very nicely was the

MANAGERS OF BOTH PARTIES SEEM CERTAIN OF SUCCESS

New York, November 7.—From the politicians to the people; from the campaign managers to the voters; from the spell-binders to the ballot boxes, the presidential election of 1904 is now committed. For months the leaders have planned, for days and nights they have waited, and for weeks the people have waited for tomorrow when they will make their choice.

Right up to the hour when all effort had ceased, the campaign managers of both parties confidently claimed success with a serenity which seemed remarkable, in view of the wide divergence of expressed opinion.

Aside from the prepositions for the receipt of the election returns there was little evidence of the close of the political campaign today, unless it might be found in the absence of familiar faces about the national and state headquarters and hotels. There was nothing that indicated any excitement or undue interest, and in fact, the political headquarters, both national and state, showed little of the activity that has been noticeable up to the end of last week.

Election returns will be received at all the headquarters. Chairman Cortelyou will go to Hempstead, L. I., to vote and upon his return will remain at the committee rooms all the evening.

Vice Chairman Nicoll, Chairman Sheehan of the executive committee and Secretary Woodson will receive the returns at Democratic national committee rooms. Cord Meyer, chairman

has been during the past two or three days "whirlwind in their favor" that justifies the anticipation of a landslide that may make state close and

and other Democratic state committees will be at the Hoffman House. William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the executive committee will be in charge at the Republican rooms in the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

The betting on the presidential result was livelier today than at any other time during the campaign. It is estimated that nearly \$200,000 was wagered on the Broad street curb and in the various hotels. The ruling odds were 6 to 1 on Roosevelt on the general result, 2 to 1 that Roosevelt would carry New York and 2 to 1 that Herrick will defeat Higgins for the governorship. One bet on the president was of \$5,000 to \$500. One man offered \$50,000, or any part of it, at odds of 5 to 1 on Roosevelt, without takers. The heaviest state bet was \$10,000 to \$8,500 on Herrick. Another Herrick bet was \$10,000 to \$8,000.

A Wall street house offered to bet \$5,000 even that Roosevelt will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana and West Virginia, but there were no takers.

Several private wagers are said to have been made against Parker at odds of 7 to 1, but no such bets were openly announced. One bettor placed \$3,000 against \$6,000 that Parker will carry New York state. A Wall street firm put up \$2,000 at odds of 2 to 1 that the president will carry New York and announced that it had \$10,000 to place at the same odds. There was practically no betting today on the Congressional result, or the vote in the electoral college. On national and state issues it is estimated at \$2,000,000 has been wagered in New York city.

gers hope for a plurality of from three hundred thousand to 325,000. The Democrats give no figures but assert the Republican estimates are too high.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., November 7.—The night before the battle finds the managers of Mississippi calm. It is generally conceded that the state will go overwhelmingly for the Democratic ticket. The party managers claim that there will be an increased vote cast this year over that of eight and four years ago. There will be no change in the congressional delegation from this state. There are four electoral tickets in the field, Democrats, Republicans, Populists and Socialists. The majority for Parker and Davis will be between forty and fifty thousand.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., November 7.—Parker's plurality in Alabama will depend upon the total vote, as there is no serious opposition to the Democratic electoral ticket. The Republicans hope to increase their total vote to 30,000. Watson will get comparatively few votes. Parker's majority will probably exceed 75,000 and all the nine congressmen will be Democrats.

IOWA.

Des Moines, Iowa, November 7.—Republicans are increasing their estimate of Roosevelt's plurality in Iowa instead of cutting it down on the eve of election day. Chairman R. H. Spence of the Republican state committee declared that the Republican ticket would have a plurality of at least 125,000 instead of 115,000 as had been estimated. The Democrats still insist that the plurality will not be more than 60,000.

In the second district the Democrats are making a desperate fight to save the only Democratic congressman in Iowa. While the result will be close chances favor the re-election of Judge M. J. Wade, Democrat.

KANSAS.

Topeka, Kans., November 7.—It is generally conceded that Kansas will be carried by Roosevelt, the Democrats making no claim regarding the national ticket. The Republican campaign managers say they will carry the state for Roosevelt by 100,000 plurality and for the state ticket by 70,000. The Democrats say they will elect state treasurer by a plurality of 50,000, and governor by 10,000.

MONTANA.

Butte, Mont., November 7.—Republican and Democrats both profess victory. In Silver Bow county, Republicans and Democrats are charging wholesale registration frauds, the Republicans having issued more than 2,600 challenges for tomorrow.

IDAHO.

Boise, Idaho, November 7.—Idaho Republicans claim a plurality of 15,000 for Roosevelt. The Democrats while conceding the claim of a Roosevelt victory, put the plurality at a much smaller figure. The Mormon vote is the problematical feature of the situation.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, November 7.—The Republican central committee says the election will result in a plurality of from 55,000 to 60,000 in California for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

The Democratic central committee says that California will go for Parker and Davis by five thousand and that five Democratic congressmen will be elected.

OREGON.

Portland, Ore., November 7.—Democrats insist that the Republican plurality in Oregon will not exceed 24,000 but at the headquarters of the Republican party tonight it was asserted

ed that Roosevelt would carry the state by a plurality of 30,000.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Forks, N. D., November 7.—North Dakota will be strongly Republican on national and state issues.

UTAH.

Salt Lake, Utah, November 7.—That Roosevelt Utah is conceded. Democratic State Chairman Bamberger claims the election of the state ticket, congressmen and a majority in the state legislature, which will elect a United States senator. American party leaders claim 12,000 to 14,000 votes in Salt Lake county and the election of their county ticket. Republican state leaders reiterate their claim of a clean sweep.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Upon the vote of governor and upon the choice of Congressmen in the various districts, the claims of Massachusetts Republicans and Democrats are confident of success of the Roosevelt electors being conceded by the Democrats. The Democrats claim the election of William L. Douglas, candidate for governor, and they will be disappointed if this is not being achieved. Governor Bates' plurality is not reduced to a small margin. Republican leaders predict Governor Bates' re-election by the customary large plurality.

The usual Republican pluralities are anticipated in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 7.—The campaign in Nebraska closed tonight with meetings all over the state. The vote tomorrow promises to be heavy, and Roosevelt's plurality Republicans say will not be far from 40,000.

Speaking for the state and legislative tickets, Chairman Weber, of the Fusion committee said: "The Fusions will carry the state for Bates for governor beyond a doubt. Indications are that the legislature will be Fusion."

MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 7.—The day before the election finds the state central committee of both the Democratic and Republican parties in Michigan expressing confidence that tomorrow's contest will result in the election of their state ticket. Roosevelt and Fairbanks will carry the state beyond a doubt, it is everywhere conceded.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

SiouxFalls, S. D., Nov. 7.—Chairman Frank Crane of the Republican state committee, today gave out a statement that if a full vote is cast tomorrow Roosevelt will secure a plurality of 50,000. Chairman McLean of the Democratic state committee insisted that 25,000 plurality for Roosevelt was too high.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7.—The vote tomorrow is expected to be large. According to indications the total vote will not exceed that of four years ago, which was 271,000; that being 50,000 short of the vote of 1896.

Conservative estimates place the majority for Parker's electors at 25,000. James Frazier, Democratic candidate for governor, it is estimated will have a majority of 20,000. In a statement tonight the chairman of the state Populist committee claims that Watson will receive 30,000 votes in Tennessee. The Populists have no state ticket.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 7.—The campaign just closed in Delaware was one of the most complicated in the political history of the state. Both the Democrats and Republicans claim they will carry the whole state for their respective national and state tickets, but indications tonight point to Republican success by majorities under those of four years ago.

The Addicks and anti-Addicks Republicans, who had separate state tickets in the field, but who agreed upon a compromise list of candidates fully expected to elect their ticket, which is headed by Preston Lea, for governor, Dr. J. H. Chandler, the gubernatorial nominee of the anti-Addicks faction, who refused to withdraw in favor of the compromise, is running independently. Because of this defection Democrats feel they have a chance of winning the governorship.

ARMIES CLOSE TOGETHER.

Russians and Japs Face Each Other at a Distance of Not More than 400 Yards Apart.

Mukden, November 7.—The Russian and Japanese armies, extending from Bentsiaputz, east, to the Liao river west, at places are almost within a stone's throw of each other.

At Bentsiaputz not more than 400 yards separate the advance posts, and at Sincinput, on the Shakhe river, just west of the railroad and 15 miles south of Mukden, the Japanese and Russians occupy the extreme ends of the same village. At Huangshantse, the Russian centre has advanced posts across the Shakhe river. Both armies are still strengthening their positions all along the line. The slight movement on either side is the signal for firing which occasionally lasts all night. The Russians are using 6-inch guns on the railway, which must greatly harass the Japanese. Undoubtedly the most decisive, if not the greatest battle of the year will be fought in the vicinity of the Shakhe river. The Russians are confident of their ability to hold their positions. The soldiers are building mud huts for winter quarters.

Perhaps when our good people get through with their fight against the devil, we might send them after the railroads.—Atlanta Journal.

The Russian warships are trying to escape from Port Arthur. It is just about time they were getting away from there.—Atlanta Journal.

THE ELECTION RETURNS WILL BE DISPLAYED TONIGHT AT THE MESSENGER OFFICE.

THE SERVICE WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE Long Distance Telephone Co., Postal Telegraph Co., Western Union Telegraph Co., The Associated Press

way one of Mr. Taggart's chiefs of staff put it when asked as to the financial condition of the party.

We will get at least half the floaters of the state, and as there are more than 70,000 of them I do not see on what the Republicans base their high degree of confidence," is the way one of the state organizers put it.

"In all but a very few counties our organization is as near perfect as it is possible to make it."

Republican Chairman Goodrich said, Indiana would go 30,000 Republican and the legislature would be Republican.

When asked tonight for a last word concerning the outlook Democratic National Chairman Taggart replied: "Indiana is reliably Democratic, and the vote will so show."

It is conceded that the Prohibition vote in Indiana will be increased this year, but this increase is not expected to give either the Republicans or the Democrats an advantage. The Populist vote is expected to exert less influence than previously.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, November 7.—Republicans say that they will carry Illinois by anywhere from 125,000 to 140,000, while Democrats say that they will reduce the Republican plurality of four years ago. That is the substance of all the claims put forth by both sides on the night before election. In Chicago and Cook county, the claims of both parties are diametrically opposed. Each party asserts that it will carry the city of Chicago and the county of Cook, outside of the city by 30,000 to 50,000. It is said by the Republicans that Charles S. Deneen, Republican candidate for governor will make a remarkable run in Chicago. The Democrats make no specific claim for their gubernatorial candidate, Lawrence B. Stricker, but say that he will make a strong run.

OHIO.

Cincinnati, November 7.—On the eve of election Republicans are confident that their organization in Ohio will secure unusual results, even exceeding pluralities in what were previously called "McKinley years," and while the Democrats have no such organizations as their opponents there

enabling the Democrats to gain three or four Ohio congressmen. They say that the vote has not been out as fully for years as they expect it to be tomorrow.

WYOMING.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 7.—Although the Democratic leaders "confidently expect to make gains over the vote of four years and two years ago, it is admitted by well informed political observers that Roosevelt and Fairbanks electors will run ahead of the other Republican candidates and will be elected.

WASHINGTON.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 7.—The campaign closes in Washington with the state virtually conceded to Roosevelt by from 25,000 to 30,000. The Democrats, however, are confident that Turner will be elected governor.

COLORADO.

Denver, Col., Nov. 7.—Despite the tense feeling resulting from the sharp contest over the governorship, indications point to a peaceful election throughout the state with the possible exception of Teller county, where Republicans and Democrats accuse each other of provoking trouble. Neither side has modified its claims of victory, but Republicans and Democrats alike agree that Roosevelt and Fairbanks will get many more votes than other Republican candidates.

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 7.—There seems to be little doubt anywhere but that the national Republican ticket will be victorious with the usual Minnesota plurality.

The Democrats however claim a plurality of 25,000 for their gubernatorial candidate.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 7.—A plurality of 10,000, a decrease of 3,000 from McKinley plurality, is confidently expected by Rhode Island Republicans for Roosevelt, though the Democrats figure on a small plurality for Parker.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Pennsylvania tomorrow will return the usual plurality for the Republican national and state tickets. The Republican mana-