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LITTLE DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT HAS BEEN **CHOSEN IN MOST HAIR-RAISING, SUSP'NSE PRODUCING FINISH HISTORY OF NATION**

Early Returns Tuesday Night Favorable to Hughes, and Nip and Tuck Race Everywhere Kept Bulletin Board Gazers On Tip Toes-Wednesday Morning Returns Brought Cheer to Wilson Followers and Gains Steadily Throughout Day-President Conceded 256 Electoral Votes With Minnesota and California Hanging Balance; Either Will Elect Him, and He Appears Safe

Washington, Nov. 8 .- Following the flood of premature regrets last night, thousands of telegrams were received at the White House this morning congratulating President Wilson on his re-election.

WILSON STILL GAINING IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.-Returns from 3,313 precincts in California give Wilson 9,000 plurality.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR WILSON.

New York, Nov. 8-Senator Hollis claims New Hampshire for Wilson by 350.

WILSON WELL IN LEAD IN MINNESOTA. St. Paul, Nov. 8.-In 1,029 out of 3,024 precincts, Wilson has 92,000 to Hughes' 83,000.

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC BY 40,000. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 8.- A solid Democratic congressional delegation is assured and Bickett, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, will have at least 40,000 majority.



BICKETT'S LOVE TO LENOIR COUNTY GIVES MUCH - INCREASED ALL THE DEMOCR'TIC MAJORITY TO DEMOCRACY IN ELECTIONS HOSTS OF CAROLINA ON TUESDAY; KINSTON CITY DOES GREAT

Warren Claims State Democratic By a Full 50,000 Majority

TIDEWATER IS STUBBORN

Carteret Goes Over to Enemy, While Tyrrell's Majority Is Small-'Great Victory,' Declares Senator Overman

(By W. J. MARTIN.)

Nov. 8 .- Democratic Raleigh, State Chairman Warren, with addiional returns in hand, advances his ina to 50,000, with a victory in the Kitchin's Majority 9,000. Tenth district through the election of milid Democratic delegation in Cons on ceagain. He claims the

Local Precincts Almost Double Plurality of 1914-Taylor, Sheriff, Leads Ticket-City On Anxious Wagon All Tuesday Night and Most of Thursday-Crowds at Courthouse Following Voting to Hear Returns-'Woodrow Wilson, God Bless His Darlin' Old Heart'-Republican Hopes Go A-Glimmering as Returns Indicate Expression of Americans for Peace and Prosperity

Incomplete returns give the Democratic party a majority of 1,000 or more in Tuesday's elections. Several remote precincts had not reported at all by 10 a. m. Wednesday; two or three others had not reported in full. Democratic leaders claimed an increase of 25 per cent. or better in the county majority. Sheriff A. W. Taylor led the ticket in the precincts heard from: Register of Deeds Carl Pridgen was a close second. Returns on the vote on the constitutional amendments are very meagre. They drew little interest from Lenoir voters. The City of Kin-Democratic majority in North Caro- ston almost doubled its majority of two years ago.

ins, though, Democrats and radical Indications are that Claude Kitch- chaffed each other, hundreds of me Weaver to Congress, giving the State in's majority over W. O. Dixon in the predicted and ciphered, "Uncle Wat" Second Congressional district will be Tuten should "Hurrah for Wilson" between 8,000 and 10,000. His pri- a few little bets were made. Cheezvate secretary, E. B. Lewis, Tues- ing was unstinted at the a

WILSON AND HUGHES FIGHTING TO FINISH IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.-Wilson and Hughes are running neck and neck. Returns from 3,003 precincts give Hughes 218,814, Wilson 217,885. This includes 560 precincts in Los Angeles, where Hughes apparently swept the section, and 342 San Francisco precincts, where Wilson is leading.

WILSON AHEAD IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—(Later)—Returns from 100 additional San Francisco precincts sweep Wilson into the lead by 75.

REPUBLICANS CLAIM OREGON; SO DO DEMOCRATS.

Portland, Nov. 8.-The Republicans claim Oregon by 10,000; the Democrats claim it by 15,000.

REPUBLICANS CLAIM BOTH MINNESOTA AND CALIFORNIA.

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New York, Nov. 8.- The Republican national headquarters formally claim California and Minnesota for Hughes. California managers wired that the Republicans could safely concede all counties claimed by Democrats and then win.

PRESIDENT PLAYING GOLF, AS USUAL.

Shadow Lawn, Nov. 8.-With the result still doubtful President Wilson departed for his accustomed play at golf. ALL WEBER

WILSON NEEDED 18 VOTES AT 10 A. M.

New York, Nov. 8 .- At 10 o'clock latest returns showed an increase of eleven electoral votes for Wilson since 7,200. 8 o'clock, making his total 248. Hughes was given 243, leaving 40 doubtful. There was a strong Wilson drift in Minnesota, North Dakota and Oregon. Wilson needed 18 votes. The following changes were noted: Wyoming transferred from Wilson to the doubtful column, Kansas conceded to Wilson, Idaho transferred from Hughes to Wilson, Indiana conceded to Hughes. Minnesota Will Make Wilson Safe.

(By Perry Arnold)

Wilson carries either California or Minnesota he is elect- 264 electoral votes, and "things were constantly looking ed. He is conceded 256 votes in the electoral college better." Included in Tumulty's calculation were Minagainst Hughes 238, requiring ten votes for the neces-

sarv majority. President Gains.

Late returns indicate that North Dakota, with five aged over the national outlook, claimvotes and Wyoming with 3 are for Wilson. Wilson is ahead in Minnesota. In California the race is neck and neck, with Republican Chairman Wilcox claiming the campaign: "You have won a great state by fifteen thousand.

California May Yet Be Democratic.

Returns from San Francisco indicate a strong Wilson sentiment. The question is as to whether it is enough to "Give my love to all the Democratic offset the Republican majority in Southern California. hosts of the State." Thirty-seven votes are still doubtful, including Californa. Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Oregon. Either California, Minnesota or all three small states would secure Wilson the election. Nearly complete returns from New Hampshire favor Hughes. A four re- DANIELS SAYS WILSON count is demanded and the boxes are being guarded. An IS ELECTED. official ballot may be necessary in New Mexico. The Republicans captured every "pivotal state" with the excepton of Ohio, sweeping Illinois by a hundred thousand. With 680 precincts out of 3,074 counted, Hughes leads by

Minnesota 20,000 to Good for Wilson.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.- The Daily News (Independent) predicted this afternoon that Wilson would carry the state. Democratic headquarters claimed Minnesota by twenty thousand.

Tumulty Gives Wilson Good News.

By R. J. BENDER

Asbury Park, Nov. 8 .- Secretary Tumulty this morn-New York, Nov. 8.-It is conceded that if President ing told President Wilson that he could feel assured of (Continued on Page Four)

Tench by 500, with the next lowest and the majorities in other districts ranging from 4,000 to 8,000.

Delated Democratic majority returns today to Democratic headquarters include: Richmond 950, McDowell 75, New Hanover 187, Dare, Democratic county officers; Tyrrell, Democratic by a small majority. Returns show Republican majorities in Wilkes, 1,990; Davidson, by a small majority; Cabarrus, 250; Catawba, 195; Carteret, by a small majority.

Party leaders are greatly encouring Wilson's election confidently. Senator Overman today wired State. Chairman Warren as to the State victory. I heartily congratulate you." Mr. Bickett, the next Governor, called at Democratic headquarters from Louisburg this morning and said: | State Democratic candidate.

Bulletins

Raleigh, Nov. 8 .- Josephus Daniels telegraphed his newspaper here at 2 p. m. that Wilson has 256 sure electoral votes, with 37 in doubt. It looks like he has Minnesota, which would elect him.

SECRETARY BAKER WILL RESIGN.

Cleveland, Nov. 8 .- Secretary War Baker will resign after the election, whatever may be the result. This is definitely known. PROHIBITION GOVERNOR N FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 8. ery J. Catts, running on an shitly by ten

day night claimed a 9,000 majority district majority 2,000 in the Eighth for the Democratic Floor Leader. Onslow, Duplin, Greene, Jones Returns. Onslow county, regarded as othe

principal battleground of this part of goin' ag'in' us." But every other the State, and Duplin, earlier in the minute he remembered to "God bless week openly claimed by the Republicans, both gave handsome majorlties for the party in power. Morning newspaper reports placed the majority in Onslow at 400, Duplin 450, Tuesday, would not give up home Good old Greene increased its majority from around 500 to between hopeless, hinted at corruption in oth-750 and 1.000, reports early Wednesday indicated. Jones went Demo-

cratic by 500. A big vote was polled in each county. The Raleigh News and Observer auditors grumbled sometimes when Wednesday estimated Bickett's .majority over Linney for Governor at 50,000. The plurality was recordbreaking, the paper says. A handsome majority was polled by every The South had done its share-giv-

bulletined in the Courthouse early cy-including Missouri, Kentucky and Tuesday night. The crowd remained, Oklahoma had done far more the practically undiminished, until well past midnight to hear telegraphic re- | Interest Intense and Feverish. ports of how the Nation was going. For two or three hours nearly every bulletin favored Hughes. Long be- still in doubt. Many reports victory, Roosevelt issued a statement o'clock-some gave Wilson a g declaring he was doubly thankful to safe lead. The Free Press bul the American people, and various ed a statement from the Un Northern papers flashed the news to Press-whose word is beyond the country that the G. O. P. cause pute-between 9 and 10 to the e had triumphed. But the tide 'gan that Wilson, leading with five e

thusiasm arose steadily until, at 1:10, 62 doubtful votes, with California it was shown that the President had around 235 electoral votes dead sure and a good chance of getting the essential remainder out of the doubtful votes. The scenes in the Courtroom were interesting. At times there was ss that showed as no else could just how deeply inter ence was; at m heard a pin dr

"tween the readings of the bulle

ment of every gain for either candidate. "Uncle Wat" grew red about the eyes and a tear or two crept forth occasionally when he had to tell th "boys" that it looked like things "is Woodrow-bless his darling heart." Col. W. D. Pollock, goes to the State Senate from this district as the result of the election when it seemed that the case was er regions of the country and declared that he would gladly give up his newly won honor if it could help Wilson back into the White House. The bulletins from Southern points were read. They were not interested in those tense moments in what the South had done nor the local results en nearly half enough electoral votes A big crowd saw the local returns to put Wilson back into the Presider its share.

Wednesday morning Kinston

excited, with the National election fore 12 o'clock Hughes claimed the heard on the streets from 6 until 10 changing later on. Democratic en- oral votes, still had to get 29 out . balance and little New Hampshire as well, included.

