

WOODROW WILSON IS ELECTED!

LITTLE DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT HAS BEEN CHOSEN IN MOST HAIR-RAISING, SUSPENSE 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.

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.

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.

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 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)

New York, Nov. 8.—It is conceded that if President Wilson carries either California or Minnesota he is elected. He is conceded 256 votes in the electoral college against Hughes 238, requiring ten votes for the neces-



PRESIDENT WILSON

Presidential Gains.

Late returns indicate that North Dakota, with five votes 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 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 offset the Republican majority in Southern California. Thirty-seven votes are still doubtful, including California, 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 recount is demanded and the boxes are being guarded. An official ballot may be necessary in New Mexico. The Republicans captured every "pivotal state" with the exception of Ohio, sweeping Illinois by a hundred thousand. With 680 precincts out of 3,074 counted, Hughes leads by 7,200.

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 morning told President Wilson that he could feel assured of 264 electoral votes, and "things were constantly looking better." Included in Tumulty's calculation were Min-

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BICKETT'S LOVE TO ALL THE DEMOCRATIC HOSTS OF CAROLINA

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)

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—Democratic State Chairman Warren, with additional returns in hand, advances his Democratic majority in North Carolina to 50,000, with a victory in the Tenth district through the election of Weaver to Congress, giving the State a solid Democratic delegation in Congress on ceagain. He claims the Tenth by 500, with the next lowest district majority 2,000 in the Eighth and the majorities in other districts ranging from 4,000 to 8,000.

United Democratic majority returns today to Democratic headquarters include: Richmond 950, McDowell 70, New Hanover 187, Dare, Democratic county officers; Tyrrell, Democratic by a small majority. Returns show Republican majorities in Wilkes, 1,900; Davidson, by a small majority; Cabarrus, 250; Catawba, 195; Carteret, by a small majority.

Party leaders are greatly encouraged over the national outlook, claiming Wilson's election confidently. Senator Overman today wired State Chairman Warren as to the State campaign: "You have won a great victory. I heartily congratulate you." Mr. Bickett, the next Governor, called at Democratic headquarters from Lenoir this morning and said: "Give my love to all the Democratic hosts of the State."

Bulletins

DANIELS SAYS WILSON IS ELECTED.

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 IN FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 8.—Sydney J. Catts, running on an independent ticket and prohibition platform was elected Governor apparently by ten thousand.

LENOIR COUNTY GIVES MUCH-INCREASED MAJORITY TO DEMOCRACY IN ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY; KINSTON CITY DOES GREAT

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 Kinston almost doubled its majority of two years ago.

Indications are that Claude Kitchin's majority over W. O. Dixon in the Second Congressional district will be between 8,000 and 10,000. His private secretary, E. B. Lewis, Tuesday night claimed a 9,000 majority for the Democratic Floor Leader. Onslow, Duplin, Greene, Jones Returns.

Onslow county, regarded as the principal battleground of this part of the State, and Duplin, earlier in the week openly claimed by the Republicans, both gave handsome majorities for the party in power. Morning newspaper reports placed the majority in Onslow at 400, Duplin 450. Good old Greene increased its majority from around 500 to between 750 and 1,000, reports early Wednesday indicated. Jones went Democratic by 500.

A big vote was polled in each county. The Raleigh News and Observer Wednesday estimated Bickett's majority over Linney for Governor at 50,000. The plurality was record-breaking, the paper says. A handsome majority was polled by every State Democratic candidate.

A big crowd saw the local returns bulletined in the Courthouse early Tuesday night. The crowd remained, practically undiminished, until well past midnight to hear telegraphic reports of how the Nation was going.

For two or three hours nearly every bulletin favored Hughes. Long before 12 o'clock Hughes claimed the victory, Roosevelt issued a statement declaring he was doubly thankful to the American people, and various Northern papers flashed the news to the country that the G. O. P. cause had triumphed. But the tide 'gan changing later on. Democratic enthusiasm arose steadily until, at 1:10, 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 a tenseness that showed as nothing else could just how deeply interested the audience was; sometimes one could have heard a pin drop, nearly. 'Tween the readings of the bullet-

ins, though, Democrats and radicals chaffed each other, hundreds of men predicted and ciphered, "Uncle Wat" taken shouted "Hurrah for Wilson" a few little bets were made. Cheering was unstinted at the announcement 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 the "boys" that it looked like things "is goin' ag'in' us." But every other minute he remembered to "God bless Woodrow—bless his darlin' old heart!" Col. W. D. Pollock, who goes to the State Senate from this district as the result of the election Tuesday, would not give up hope when it seemed that the case was hopeless, hinted at corruption in other regions of the county and declared that he would gladly give up his newly won honor if it could help Wilson back into the White House. The auditors grumbled sometimes when bulletins from Southern points were read. They were not interested in these tense moments in what the South had done nor the local results. The South had done its share—given nearly half enough electoral votes to put Wilson back into the Presidency—including Missouri, Kentucky and Oklahoma had done far more than its share.

COTTON

Cotton was up at 3 p. m., Wednesday sold here at