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## TAFT AND SHERMAN VICTORS

### Republicans Sweep the Entire Nation Like An Avalanche

#### MR. BRYAN MEETS DEFEAT

More Complete Returns Show That the Democratic Candidate Did Not Make as Good a Run as He Did Twelve Years Ago.

New York, Special.—Practically complete returns received up to a late hour Wednesday night indicate that William H. Taft, of Ohio, as President-elect, will have a vote of 309 in the electoral college. This is within 10 votes of the forecast made by National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock and 67 more than a majority out of the total electoral vote of 483.

The most important news of the late returns indicates that Maryland, after vacillating during the day and apparently being safe for the Democracy, has been swung into the Taft column. The unofficial figures give Mr. Taft the State by 136 votes.

Maryland was the last of the doubtful States to be heard from. Indiana and West Virginia as well as Montana, Colorado went for Bryan.

Mr. Bryan has a total of 174 votes, two less than he received in 1896. In 1904 Mr. Parker received only 140 votes, in 1900 Mr. Bryan received 155 votes and in 1896 the Nebraskan received 176 votes.

Mr. Taft's 309 electoral votes compared with 336 received by Roosevelt in 1904, 292 received by McKinley in 1900 and 271 received by McKinley in 1896.

#### Republicans Retain Control.

No changes of material interest have been reported in the congressional returns. The Republicans will have about the same working majority in the Sixty-first Congress as at present, and Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, undoubtedly will succeed himself as Speaker. Representatives Jesse Overstreet, of Indiana, and Hepburn, of Iowa, are the most conspicuous among those who have failed of re-election.

The Senate retains its Republican complexion, although there will be a material change in the personnel of the upper body of the national legislature.

National Chairman Norman F. Maek, of the Democratic party issued a statement in which he declared that he did not believe Mr. Bryan would again be a candidate for the presidency. He said he believed that the Nebraskan might be a candidate for the United States Senate in 1911, provided the Legislature of his State is Democratic in that year, when the first vacancy will occur.

The latest returns indicate that in the national House of Representatives the Republicans will have 209 members and the Democrats 172, with eleven districts missing.

#### The Result in New York.

Judge Taft's plurality in the State of New York, according to corrected returns is 203,495, more than 28,000 in excess of President Roosevelt's plurality of four years ago. Gov. Charles E. Hughes was re-elected in New York State by 71,159. The returns as between President and Governor indicate a heavy splitting of tickets.

The heavy vote in Ohio made figures extraordinarily late owing to the immense size of the ballot. Mr. Taft carried his own State, however, by 59,000 plurality, a reduction of more than 200,000 from the Roosevelt vote of four years ago. The Democratic State ticket in Ohio, headed by Judson Harmon for Governor, appears to be safely elected. The State Legislature, which is to choose a successor to Senator Joseph B. Foraker, appears to be in doubt as between the Republicans and Democrats.

In Indiana Mr. Taft was successful in carrying the State by about 8,000, but the entire Democratic State ticket headed by Mr. Marshall for Governor, was elected. The congressional delegation from the State shows a gain of seven Democrats.

The returns from West Virginia, owing to the mountainous character of the country, are slow in coming in. A sufficient number of counties and districts have been heard from, however, to show that Mr. Taft has a safe plurality.

Colorado early in the day shifted from the doubtful column to the Bryan list. The Legislature, which is to choose a successor to Senator Teller, also is apparently Democratic.

Mr. Bryan's victory in his home State of Nebraska was a sweeping

one. Five of Nebraska's six congressmen will be Democratic, while in the Legislature only 18 Republicans seem to be elected out of a total of 133 Senators and Representatives.

#### Mr. Taft Talks.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Early Wednesday William H. Taft gave hearty expression to the gratification he felt on his election as President of the United States. Business, labor and agriculture, he declared, had supported him. His success, he said, should be also the success of the country if his ability and endeavor could make it so.

"Please say that I am perfectly healthy but tired," was the message Judge Taft wished uttered for him. With Mrs. Taft he has enjoyed the pleasant household of the C. P. Taft family mansion, going forth only once, and then to receive the plaudits of thousands of his fellow townsmen as they lined the streets and filled

1892—United States circuit judge of the sixth circuit.  
1896—Became dean of the law department of the University of Cincinnati.

1900—President of the United States Philippine commission.  
1901—First civil Governor of the Philippines islands.

1904—Became Secretary of War of the United States.

1905—Visited the Philippines with congressional party.

1906—Restored order in Cuba as Provisional Governor.

1907—Candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

1908—Elected President of the United States.

James S. Sherman.  
1855—Born in Utica, N. Y., October 24th.

1873—Graduated from Hamilton College.

1880—Admitted to the bar and began the practice of law.

1882—Appointed secretary of the Republican committee of his county.

1884—Elected mayor of Utica by a record-breaking majority.

1886—Elected to Congress from the twenty-fifth New York district.

1888—Defeated for re-election to Congress.

1890—Again an unsuccessful candidate for Congress.

1892—Elected to Congress from the twenty-fifth New York district.

Kentucky has gone safely for Mr. Bryan by about 15,000.

Governor John A. Johnson of Missouri, has probably been elected Governor of that State for a third term, although the State has gone safely for Mr. Taft.

The voting throughout the country has been exceptionally heavy, ideal weather conditions bringing out the country voters in full force.

Mr. Taft carried practically every so-called doubtful State except Nebraska, where the indications point to a Democratic victory. Mr. Bryan has carried Nevada and Montana, in addition to the solid South, which includes Missouri.

Returns from Colorado and from Maryland are too meagre to form a definite conclusion as to their ultimate alignment.

#### How the States Voted.

The pluralities for Taft and Bryan in Tuesday's election, as indicated by the latest returns available Wednesday night, follow:

States	Bryan	Taft
Alabama	40,000	40,000
Arkansas	40,000	40,000
California	75,000	75,000
Colorado	5,000	5,000
Connecticut	20,000	20,000
Delaware	2,500	2,500
Florida	20,000	20,000
Georgia	20,000	20,000
Idaho	1,000	1,000
Illinois	175,000	175,000
Indiana	800	800
Iowa	57,000	57,000
Kansas	25,000	25,000
Kentucky	11,000	11,000
Louisiana	40,000	40,000
Maine	25,000	25,000
Maryland	149	149
Massachusetts	149	149
Michigan	120,000	120,000
Minnesota	80,000	80,000
Mississippi	50,000	50,000
Missouri	30,000	30,000
Montana	3,000	3,000
Nebraska	10,000	10,000
Nevada	1,500	1,500
North Carolina	40,000	40,000
North Dakota	15,000	15,000
New Hampshire	19,000	19,000
New Jersey	65,000	65,000
New York	202,000	202,000
Ohio	50,000	50,000
Oklahoma	25,000	25,000
Oregon	10,000	10,000
Pennsylvania	300,000	300,000
Rhode Island	10,000	10,000
South Carolina	55,000	55,000
South Dakota	23,000	23,000
Tennessee	20,000	20,000
Texas	165,000	165,000
Vermont	15,000	15,000
Virginia	27,573	27,573
West Virginia	30,000	30,000
Washington	40,000	40,000
West Virginia	53,000	53,000
Wisconsin	75,000	75,000
Wyoming	5,000	5,000
Totals	590,500	1,438,822
Taft's plurality		848,322

#### Roosevelt Very Happy.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt was greatly elated when he saw by the election bulletins which reached him at the White House that the man who will succeed him to the presidency is William Howard Taft, for whose election he had striven so hard, and that the Republican party had achieved a sweeping victory.

#### North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—At 3 o'clock Wednesday morning The Observer had received reports from seventy-four of the ninety-eight counties of the State, and the Democratic State ticket, headed by Hon. W. W. Kitchin, is elected by an approximate majority of 30,000. Democratic Chairman Eller at 1 o'clock claimed that the majority would be from 40,000 to 45,000, basing his estimates on returns from fifty-two counties. Fifty-three counties are safely Democratic, twelve are Republican and six are in doubt. No reports were received on the remaining number, mostly mountain and extreme eastern counties.

Two congressional districts, the 8th and 10th are conceded to the Republicans.

#### Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—While Taft has carried Michigan by a majority estimated at about 100,000 at 11 o'clock the election for Governor is in doubt, with Hemans, Democrat, leading Warner, Republican, by 7,000.

#### Illinois.

Chicago, Special.—The Republican national and State tickets gained a complete victory in Illinois, although the pluralities will probably fall short of those obtained by the party in the campaign of 1904. Taft has carried the State by approximately 170,000 votes.

#### Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Bryan's plurality in Kentucky is 13,000, eight and possibly nine Democratic Congressmen elected and a Republican loss of two seats. This is the probable story of the election in Kentucky at the close of a day which was marked by the polling of the largest vote in the history of the State.

#### New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., Special.—Revised returns up to midnight indicate that Mr. Taft's plurality in New Jersey will be between 65,000 and 75,000. The Republicans elect seven of the ten Congressmen and the Democrat two, the sixth district, which is now represented by a Democrat, William Hughes, being very close and in doubt.

#### Washington.

Seattle, Wash., Special.—Scattered returns throughout Washington indicate a plurality of at least 40,000 for Taft and the State Republican ticket. The Legislature will be almost wholly Republican.

#### Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., Special.—Oklahoma has continued loyal to the Democratic party, but the majority has been reduced materially and Bryan's lead is estimated at 25,000.

#### Electoral Vote 1894-1908.

STATES	1908		1904		1896	
	Bryan	Taft	Roosevelt	McKinley	Roosevelt	McKinley
Alabama	11	11	11	11	11	11
Arkansas	11	11	11	11	11	11
California	10	10	10	10	10	10
Colorado	5	5	5	5	5	5
Connecticut	11	11	11	11	11	11
Delaware	3	3	3	3	3	3
Florida	13	13	13	13	13	13
Georgia	13	13	13	13	13	13
Illinois	15	15	15	15	15	15
Indiana	15	15	15	15	15	15
Iowa	15	15	15	15	15	15
Kansas	15	15	15	15	15	15
Kentucky	13	13	13	13	13	13
Louisiana	13	13	13	13	13	13
Maine	11	11	11	11	11	11
Maryland	11	11	11	11	11	11
Massachusetts	11	11	11	11	11	11
Michigan	14	14	14	14	14	14
Minnesota	14	14	14	14	14	14
Mississippi	10	10	10	10	10	10
Missouri	18	18	18	18	18	18
Montana	3	3	3	3	3	3
Nebraska	8	8	8	8	8	8
Nevada	3	3	3	3	3	3
New Hampshire	8	8	8	8	8	8
New Jersey	12	12	12	12	12	12
New York	16	16	16	16	16	16
North Carolina	12	12	12	12	12	12
North Dakota	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ohio	23	23	23	23	23	23
Oklahoma	7	7	7	7	7	7
Oregon	5	5	5	5	5	5
Rhode Island	4	4	4	4	4	4
South Carolina	9	9	9	9	9	9
South Dakota	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tennessee	12	12	12	12	12	12
Texas	18	18	18	18	18	18
Utah	3	3	3	3	3	3
Vermont	12	12	12	12	12	12
Virginia	12	12	12	12	12	12
Washington	5	5	5	5	5	5
West Virginia	5	5	5	5	5	5
Wisconsin	13	13	13	13	13	13
Wyoming	3	3	3	3	3	3
Totals	174	300	140	336	140	336

Total Vote in Electoral College 483 Necessary to Elect a President 272 Taft's Plurality 125

#### The Vote in Former Elections.

In 1896. Popular Vote—William McKinley, 7,104,779; Bryan, 6,502,925. The electoral vote—McKinley, 271; Bryan, as Democrat, 149; as Populist 27.

In 1900. McKinley—Popular vote, 7,207,923; Bryan, 6,353,133. Electoral vote—McKinley, 292; Bryan, 155.

In 1904. Roosevelt, 7,623,486; Parker, 5,077,971. Electoral vote—Roosevelt, 336; Parker, 140.

In 1884. Grover Cleveland—Popular vote, 4,911,017; Blaine, 4,848,334. Electoral vote, 219 and 182.

In 1888. Cleveland—Popular vote, 5,538,233; Harrison, 5,440,216. Electoral vote—Cleveland, 168; Harrison, 233.

In 1892. Cleveland—Popular vote, 5,556,918; Harrison, 5,176,108. Weaver—Popular vote, 1,041,028. Electoral vote—Cleveland, 277; Harrison, 145; Weaver, 122.

The Next Congress. Chicago, Special.—Three hundred and seventy-six Congressional districts have been heard from, and the political complexion of the Sixty-first Congress, according to present indication with 14 districts yet to hear from, will be Republican 208; Democratic 71. One hundred and ninety-six votes will control the House. The House of Representatives in the Sixty-first Congress consists of 166 Democrats, 223 Republicans and three are two-thirds Republicans and there are two vacancies. The table follows:

Congressional Table. State. Dem. Rep.

Alabama	9	9
Arkansas	7	7
California	8	8
Colorado	5	5
Connecticut	6	6
Delaware	1	1
Florida	3	3
Georgia	11	11
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	6	6
Indiana	11	11
Iowa	1	1
Kansas	8	8
Kentucky	8	8
Louisiana	7	7
Maine	4	4
Maryland	3	3
Massachusetts	11	11
Michigan	12	12
Minnesota	1	1
Mississippi	8	8
Missouri	8	8
Montana	5	5
Nebraska	8	8
Nevada	1	1
New Hampshire	2	2
New Jersey	11	11
New York	11	11
North Carolina	9	9
North Dakota	2	2
Oklahoma	7	7
Oregon	5	5
Pennsylvania	11	11
Rhode Island	4	4
South Carolina	7	7
South Dakota	4	4
Tennessee	8	8
Texas	16	16
Utah	3	3
Vermont	1	1
Virginia	9	9
Washington	5	5
West Virginia	5	5
Wisconsin	1	1
Wyoming	3	3
Totals	169	211

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—At 11 o'clock with 19 still to hear from the indications are that Taft has carried Pennsylvania by a plurality that will be nearer 400,000 than 300,000. The returns required show a considerable falling off in every county with the exception of two.

Telegraphic Briefs. Two thousand men from the American ships were allowed shore.

## DEMOCRATS CARRY STATE

### Heavy Voting and a Remarkably Quiet Election Day

#### KITCHIN WINS OVER COX

Republicans Elect Two Congressmen—Legislature Will Be Democratic in Both Branches.

Raleigh, Special.—Returns up to Wednesday morning indicate that the State has gone Democratic by an average of 40,000 to 50,000. The Legislature will be Democratic in both houses by substantial majorities—about as the last session.

Nine Congressmen Democratic. Raleigh, Special.—With all the returns available at hand at 2 o'clock Thursday morning it is apparent that North Carolina will return nine Democratic Congressmen and one Republican. While the fifth and tenth districts are close, and are claimed by chairmen of both parties, Mr. A. L. Brooks, Democratic candidate in the fifth district, stated over the long distance telephone that his majority would be 250, and a late bulletin from Asheville places Mr. W. T. Crawford's majority in the tenth district at 131.

The eighth district is Republican by a considerable majority.

Counties. Kitchin Cox

Alamance 1,897 1,852  
Alexander 825 975  
Alleghany 250 259  
Ashe 1,472 259

Beaufort. Election returns from this county to 9 o'clock follow: State Senator—Frank P. Latham and Van B. Martin 1,900; Timothy E. Cutler and Robert Kobles 1,000. State Representative—F. B. Hooker and J. F. Lathan, 1,906; H. Allgood and M. D. Leggett, 1,100. The county goes Democratic by an approximate majority of 750.

Washington, Election returns from this county to 9 o'clock follow: State Senator—Lockhart, 1,475; Hainkins, 1,523; Wall, 360; Lova, 260. State Representative—T. C. Cox, 1,305; E. W. Flake (Ind.), 119. The county goes Democratic by an approximate majority of 1,200.

Wayne 2,450 2,200  
Randolph 675 275  
Robeson 2,500 700  
Rockingham 2,100 750  
Rowan 750 48  
Sampson 510 360  
Scotland 510 360  
Stanly 510 360  
Stokes 510 360  
Surry 510 360  
Swain 510 360  
Transylvania 510 360  
Tyrrell 510 360  
Union 2,100 750  
Yancey 510 360

Wade 1,000 1,000  
Warren 2,240 1,340  
Washington 2,240 1,340  
Wayne 2,450 2,200  
Watauga 1,884 361  
McDowell 4,184 1,332  
Macon 250 1,400  
Madison 775 1,375  
Martin 1,382 361  
Mecklenburg 4,184 1,332  
Mitchell 250 1,400  
Montgomery 1,489 1,200  
Moore 1,489 1,200  
Nash 1,530 1,100  
New Hanover 250 1,400  
Northampton 75 1,300

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