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## THE DEMOCRATS WIN

### The North Carolina Delegation in the Next House.

### EVERY DISTRICT IS DEMOCRATIC

### The Legislature Will Have Large Majority of Democratic Members and Senator Pritchard Will Be Retired.

As a result of Tuesday's election in North Carolina a solid delegation has apparently been elected to Congress, and the Democratic judicial ticket elected by a large majority. Hill, for Chief Justice, received a considerable Democratic vote in some sections, and carried two counties—Cabarrus and Lincoln. As a rule Clark came near polling the full Democratic strength in the east than in any other section.

The election was without interest as a rule save in the eighth and tenth congressional districts, where the Republicans made special efforts to re-elect Blackburn and Moody. The former appears to have been defeated by a small majority, while the returns from the west indicate that Gudgey has been elected over Congressman Moody by about 1,000 votes.

The claim of 5,600 majority for Webb over Hill in the ninth (Charlotte) district is probably not excessive, while the majorities of the other Congressmen besides those named will in some instances run toward 10,000, the opposition to the Democrats amounting to nothing except in the eighth and tenth districts.

The news from eastern North Carolina shows that with the elimination of the negro vote the Republican party practically ceased to exist east of Raleigh.

### ALL CONGRESSMEN ELECTED.

Raleigh, Special.—At 10 o'clock Tuesday night Democratic Chairman Armistead Jones, of this county, said the Democratic majority was between 3,000 and 4,000, but that it would be impossible to give figures accurately before today. He says all Democratic candidates run pretty closely together.

At 11:30 o'clock Democratic State Chairman Simmons was able to give definite news as to the election result. He said the Democrats had positively elected all ten Congressmen, thus proving the accuracy of his prediction, that they had carried the State by at least 60,000, the figures being 67,000, but with some Republican counties not heard from, and that the Legislature was at least four-fifths Democratic.

### GUDGER'S MAJORITY SMALL.

Raleigh, Special.—At 6 o'clock Wednesday it was said at Democratic headquarters that the contest between Gudgey and Moody for Congress in the tenth district was too close to be pleasant. The cause is Gudgey's running behind his ticket. He ought to have won by a good majority, but it is now believed it will be a small one.

A telegram from Locke Craig received a few minutes after 6 o'clock said Gudgey was elected by 250 and that he had carried the following counties: Buncombe, 326; Clay, 30; Jackson, 48; Haywood, 135; Transylvania, 21; Rutherford, 670; Polk, 25, and that Moody had carried Cherokee by 211; Graham, 25; Swain, 251; Henderson, 201; McDowell, 175, and that Macon had not been heard from.

Returns say Sampson goes 400 Republican. The Republicans carry Tyrrell for the House, electing Dr. Abner Alexander, but the Democrats elect the other candidates. The Democratic majority in Cumberland is 525.

### WEBB ELECTED BY 5,000.

Shelby, Special.—E. Y. Webb is elected to Congress by 5,000 majority.

### R. S. PLONK, Chairman Democratic County Executive Committee.

Raleigh, Special.—Returns show the Republicans will have only 22 of the 120 members of the lower house and that the Senate will be composed of 42 Democrats, 5 Republicans and 2 Independents, with one seat yet in doubt.

### POULS MAJORITY.

Smithfield, Special.—Johnston county is Democratic by 2,500 majority. Ed. W. Pott, for Congress, defeats Atwater by 3,000 majority, many Republicans not voting for Atwater. Ed. S. Abell, Democrat, defeats Jones, Republican, for the House of Representatives, by 2,500 majority. The entire county Democratic ticket is elected by 2,500 majority. Jones, for solicitor, defeats Parker, Republican, by 2,500 majority, many Populists refusing to vote for Parker. The State ticket is about the usual majority. About 85 per cent. of the vote of the county was polled. The weather was good and the best of order prevailed. Not over 50 negroes voted.

### CLEVELAND COUNTY.

Shelby, Nov. 4.—Of 3,833 registered voters in Cleveland county about 3,899 voted. Sixteen precincts out of 19 give a Democratic majority of 1,625. The Democratic majority in the entire county is not less than 1,700. About 300 Democrats scratched Clark and 250 of them voted for Hill for Chief Justice. Hill's total vote is estimated at 1,650. Democrats and Populists. Webb's majority in the county is 1,800. He leads the ticket by 50. Hoey, for Senator, has a majority of 1,750.

### MCDOWELL.

Marion.—McDowell county will likely have two Senators in the Legislature, as Maj. W. S. Connelly, Independent, is elected by a large majority. Mr. E. J. Justice's majority in the district will be over 200, he thinks. G. G. Eaves is overwhelmingly defeated. The contest between J. G. Neal, Democrat, and James Morris, Independent, for the House, is close, both sides claiming it, their vote being very close. The Demo-

crats elect all the county officers except sheriff. The Republicans electing the sheriff by about 175 majority. Moody's majority is about 175 in the county. In Mitchell county, the Republicans claim Hill's majority is 600 and the State ticket about the same. Yancey county gives a small Democratic majority.

### HILL CARRIES WILKES.

Wilkesboro, Special.—Wilkes gives a solid Republican vote. There was more excitement over the candidate for clerk of the Superior Court than any other county candidates. C. H. Somers, the Republican nominee, is elected by 305 majority over E. O. Martin, Independent Republican candidate. Holton's majority for the Senate is 609. Bryan and Pegram, Republican candidates for the Legislature, are elected by a majority of from 50 to 100.

McDOWELL, MITCHELL, YANCEY. Marion, Special.—The McDowell county Democratic ticket is successful with the exception of sheriff and possibly the Legislature. The State Democratic ticket is also successful. Moody's majority in this county is 175. Eaves, for solicitor, is badly beaten. One Democratic Senator is sure from this district and probably two.

The Republican majority in Mitchell county is greatly reduced. It is reported here that the entire Democratic ticket is elected in Yancey county.

### IREDELL.

Statesville, Special.—The correct congressional returns in Iredell give Kluttz a majority of 1,161. While the official results as to the county ticket is not yet obtained, the whole Democratic ticket is elected. As had been heretofore stated, the Republicans had endorsed many of the Democratic nominees for county officers. There were contests for the offices of treasurer, clerk of the court, Senate and Legislature, but the nominees of the Democratic party were elected by various majorities, ranging from 400 to 1,100.

### WILKES AND ASHE.

North Wilkesboro, Special.—Blackburn carries Wilkes by 600 to 800 majority. It will take the official count to decide as to J. G. Hackett for the Legislature. All the other Republicans are elected. Ashe gives Blackburn 255. Thomas, Democrat, is reported elected to the Legislature.

### GASTON.

Gastonia, Special.—The election passed off very quietly here. Both boxes gave a good Democratic majority. The county gave Webb a majority of 1,423 for Congress. Complete official returns have not yet been secured, but it is safe to say that the county is Democratic by a handsome majority.

### LINCOLN.

Lincolnton, Special.—Clark, for Supreme Court Justice, was badly scratched at this, Lincolnton, precinct, but the county has voted solidly for him, which will make his majority less than the balance of the ticket, but from present indications he will have a majority of about 350. The full returns have been received for E. Y. Webb and the county ticket which give a majority for Webb of 486; J. F. Reinhardt, for the Senate, 396; A. L. Quickel, for the House, 355; A. Nixon, clerk, 556; H. A. Self, registrar, 513; J. K. Cline, sheriff, 455, and all the other Democratic candidates elected except the township ticket in North Brook township, the total vote polled in this county was 1812, which is considerably less than a full vote. More tickets were scratched by both parties than were ever known.

### ROCKINGHAM AND CASWELL.

Reidsville, Special.—Rockingham's Democratic majority is 1,500. Kitchin's majority in Caswell is 917. Graves is elected solicitor by 3,000. Kitchin's majority in the district is over 6,000.

### CHEROKEE.

Murphy, Special.—Democrats concede Cherokee to the Republicans by a majority ranging from 50 to 150. The back districts are solidly Republican.

### WATAUGA.

Lenoir, Special.—Only five out of 14 precincts in Watauga have been heard from at 4 o'clock this afternoon. There is no phone service beyond Blowing Rock. The indications are that Watauga gives 200 to 300 Republican majority. The Republicans claim 400 majority for Blackburn.

Lenoir, Special.—Blackburn's majority in Watauga is now claimed to be something over 200, running him 200 or more ahead of the ticket.

### DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Lexington, Special.—Incomplete returns indicate the election of the entire Democratic ticket by an average of 100 majority. Returns on the legislative ticket give McCall, Democrat, a small majority over Waiser, Republican. No returns on the State ticket. Clark runs about with the county ticket.

### REPUBLICANS MAY HAVE DAVIE.

Coolidge, Special.—Indications at 10 p. m. point to a small Republican majority in the county. Clark is a little behind the Democratic ticket. The Republicans scratched Connor and voted for Walker. Morris is against Page for Congress, but there is nothing definite yet.

### THE VOTE CLOSE IN ALEXANDER.

Taylorville, Special.—The Democrats elect the clerk of the Superior Court and possibly the sheriff of Alexander and later returns may elect the entire county ticket.

### CATAWBA.

Newton, Special.—The entire Democratic county ticket is elected by 200 or 300 majority over the citizens' candidate, Republicans and Populists. Webb's majority over Hill is between 300 and 400.

Hickory, Special.—Nine precincts out of seventeen in Catawba give W. A. Self, Democrat, for Representative, 218 majority over J. W. Moiser, Republican. The county Democratic ticket will win by about 300, E. Y. Webb, for Congress, leading.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Fayetteville, Special.—Fourteen precincts out of 23 in Cumberland county give the Democratic straight ticket a majority of 571. Clark runs about with

he ticket. Slocumb runs ahead of his ticket, but Patterson leads the ticket by about 200. Prohibition carries the county by an overwhelming majority, the Prohibitionists claiming 1,000. The nine precincts to hear from will probably set each other off.

### GUDGER CARRIES BILTMORE.

Asheville, Special.—Biltmore, with Vanderbilt's manager, McNamee, leading the fight for the Republicans, and Van Winkle, McNamee's nephew, leading the fight for the Democrats, gives Gudgey, Democrat, for Congress, 43 majority and Reed, Democrat, for sheriff, 184 majority. Buncombe county gives probably 1,000 majority for Clark.

### NEWSY CLEANINGS.

Paris is to spend \$8,000,000 on new hospitals.

Mountain laurel has been adopted as the State flower in Massachusetts.

There are about 114,500 telegraph offices now open in the whole world.

The new boxer uprising in Szechuan is causing alarm among the foreigners.

The harbor of St. John, N. B., has not been frozen over within the memory of man.

Fifty thousand persons have visited Robert Burns's cottage at Ayr this year.

Berlin has named one of its new streets after the late Professor Vichow.

Wishes four years' study for the manufacture of sand-time brooms.

Mayor Low's new budget is \$2,119,031, a decrease of \$1,500,000 due to nearly \$1,000,000 reduction in State tax.

A newspaper for nervous people, in which all great catastrophes will be sensibly treated, is to be published in Vienna.

The number of steamships on the Rhine increased from 467 in 1881 to 187 in 1902, although there is a railway on either shore.

It is officially announced at Antwerp, Belgium, that the new coal fields discovered recently, contain more than 200,000,000 tons of coal of good quality.

It is estimated now that the Standard Oil Company has obtained at least 2,000,000 acres throughout the Kentucky oil fields, and has also begun the construction of a pipe line which will cost at least \$1,000,000.

A notable development of the equipment of the University of California College of Medicine, to consist of a great clinical hospital that will cost \$400,000, has been proposed in a report submitted by a committee representing all interested factors in the university administration.

### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Premier Balfour sleeps at least twelve hours a day.

Lord Roberts has accepted an invitation of General Corbin, Young and Wood to visit America next year.

Sir Ernest Cassel, whom Lord Salisbury refused to raise to the peerage, despite King Edward's request, began life as a clerk.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has placed an order with the Heppeshoff's for a racing schooner yacht in which he will compete at Kiel next year.

The conferring of the rank of hereditary nobility on the Asiatic explorer Sven Hedin has evoked a violent controversy in the Swedish press.

James Stokes, banker and philanthropist of New York City, was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor by President Loubet of France.

Herbert Spencer has again declared that he is broken by the burden of years, and has laid his pen down forever as far as any large work is concerned.

Princess Theresa of Bavaria has been elected by the Munich Geographical Society an honorary member for her achievements in the line of exploration and travel.

Professor Hirth, who teaches Chinese at Columbia, says the language is easy to learn, but that pupils need not hope to talk freely with laundymen at the end of a few weeks.

Viscount Kitchener's new peerage is granted with a very unusual remainder. It goes first to his male children, next to his female children, and in default of both to his two brothers in succession.

Of all the Gauls George and his family get the most out of life. He and his boys play polo for keeps, and from yachting to swimming their recreations are really hardening forms of healthful exercise. Of all the Vanderbilts it is George again, who, with his scholarly tastes, reaps most joy in the quiet of his splendid North Carolina palace, Biltmore.

### Toilet of a Lady Ant.

A naturalist has been making observations on the toilets of certain ants, and has discovered each insect goes through—most elaborate ablutions.

They are not only performed by herself, but by another, who acts for the time as lady's maid. The assistant starts by washing the face of her companion, and then goes over the whole body.

The attitude of the ant that is being washed is one of intense satisfaction. She lies down with all her limbs stretched loosely out; she rolls over on her side, even her back, a perfect picture of ease.

The pleasure the little insect evinces being thus combed and sponged is really enjoyable to the observer.

## ECHOES OF THE ELECTION

### The Republicans Will Control the Fifty-eighth Congress.

### ODELL RE-ELECTED IN NEW YORK

The Republican Candidate For Governor is Returned by a Small Plurality—Republicans Make Gains in the West and Democrats in the East—Pennsylvania Chosen in Pennsylvania.

Washington, D. C.—More complete returns from the Congress elections show that the Republicans have elected 210 members of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-eighth Congress and the Democrats 170, giving the Republicans a majority of 24. The official count in some of the close districts may change these figures slightly, as there are about ten districts which are very close. Some of these which now seem to be carried by the Republicans may be given to the Democrats by the official returns, and others which seem to be Democratic may be Republican. In the estimates given above six of these districts have been given to the Democrats and four to the Republicans. If the Democrats should carry all of these, the Republicans would still have 206—a majority of 26.

Republican politicians are already discussing the organization of the new House of Representatives, although, unless the President should call an extra session for some reason, it will be more than a year before the newly elected House is organized. Not only must a new Speaker be elected, but there must be a general rearrangement of committee places as a result of the changes in the membership of the House. For the Speakership the names under discussion are those of Representative Cannon, of Illinois; Dalzell, of



UNCLE SAM: "THANK HEAVENS, THAT'S OVER!"

—From the New York World.

Pennsylvania; Payne and Sherman, of New York; and Littlefield, of Maine. According to all indications, however, Mr. Cannon is likely to be chosen Speaker. The Republicans, when the successors of the thirty United States Senators whose terms expire on the 4th of March next, have been all elected, will retain their strong hold upon the Senate.

Republicans gains in the West and Democratic gains in the East, with a few exceptions in both instances, mark the latest returns from the election throughout the United States.

The Democrats claim gains in States where for years they had no Congressional representation. Democratic victories more pronounced than ever are indicated in the South, the Republicans appearing to have filled only five, or possibly six, of the 125 seats held by the thirteen Southern States.

In New York the latest returns indicate that Governor Odell has been re-elected by a plurality considerably smaller than that by which Roosevelt was chosen Governor. The rest of the candidates on the Republican State ticket have also been elected, with two exceptions, John Cannon, the Democratic candidate for Attorney General, who also had the endorsement of the Prohibition party, is probably elected by a small plurality, and Justice Gray, the Democratic candidate for the Court of Appeals, defeated Judge William E. Werner, the Republican candidate for that office. The Republicans suffered losses of seats in the Legislature, principally in New York City, where the Democrats polled an unusual plurality for Bird S. Cole, their candidate for Governor. The Republican majority on joint ballot will be amply sufficient to elect a Republican as Senator Platt's successor in the United States Senate. In the State twenty-two Republican and fifteen Democratic Congressmen were elected.

In New Jersey the Democrats made gains, adding to the Legislature three Senators and eight Assemblymen. The Republicans will control the Legislature by a majority of thirty-three on joint ballot. The Republicans elected seven Congressmen and the Democrats three.

In the New England States, Massachusetts cast the largest vote ever recorded for Governor, the total reaching

approximately 300,000. Colonel Gaston, although defeated by a Republican plurality of 27,479, made a gain of 40 per cent. in the party vote as compared with that given to Josiah Quincy last year, and cut an average Republican plurality one-half.

Rhode Island has elected a Democratic Governor and Lieutenant-Governor for the first time in twelve years. The returns indicate pluralities for L. C. F. Garvin for Governor and Adelard Archambault for Lieutenant-Governor of 7000 and 5000 respectively. The remainder of the State ticket is Republican. The Senate is overwhelmingly Republican.

Connecticut elected an entire Republican State ticket by 15,938 majority. The Congressional delegation is Republican.

New Hampshire showed remarkable Democratic gains. Bachelor, Republican candidate for Governor, was elected by probably less than 7000 plurality.

Pennsylvania returns indicate a plurality for Pennypacker (Rep.) for Governor of about 135,000. Of the thirty-two Congressmen elected twenty-eight are Republicans, and four Democrats. Senator Penrose claims to have elected more than enough members pledged to him to insure his re-election to the United States Senate in January next.

Ohio, Illinois and Indiana gave substantial Republican returns, those in the first named State reaching next to the highest plurality on record.

The pluralities in all of the four Democratic districts in Ohio were greatly reduced, and in the Republican districts increased. The Congressmen stand seventeen Republicans to four Democrats, as in the last Congress.

In Illinois the Legislature is safely Republican, and A. J. Hopkins will be elected Senator.

Indiana made unexpected gains for the Republicans. The returns indicate that 100 of the 150 members of the Legislature will be Republicans. It is claimed that Senator Fairbanks will be elected by the largest majority Indiana has ever given any Senator since the Civil War.

Michigan elected an entire Republican State ticket. Governor Bliss ran heavily behind his ticket, receiving a

## HEIRESSHUNT THAT FAILED

### Troubles of a German Baron With a "Marriage Syndicate."

### Financed His American Trip Made With the Object of Obtaining a Rich Wife—A Prosecution For Blackmail.

Berlin, Germany.—The relations of Baron Friedrich von Muenchhausen with a so-called "marriage syndicate," which financed his journey to the United States in 1898 to obtain a rich wife, have been made public through a prosecution for blackmail brought by the Baron against Hermann Pinus, Moritz Mendelssohn and Adolf Mendelssohn, three tradesmen, who were members of the syndicate. The trial has just come to a close, with the acquittal of the defendants. Baron von Muenchhausen is a member of a famous German family, which dates from 1587.

The testimony showed that a former convict named Eisler, living in Stuttgart, telegraphed to Frau von Quinzow, a member of a noble family, living in Berlin, who undertakes to obtain wealthy wives for army officers, asking her to let him know if she had a titled officer on active service for an American fortune of \$7,500,000. Frau von Quinzow put Eisler in communication with Baron von Muenchhausen, who is a Lieutenant in the Prussian Artillery. The Baron, according to statements made in court, agreed to give Eisler five per cent. of the money of the heiress he was to wed, in the event of the marriage taking place, and he signed conditional bills for \$375,000. On these bills Eisler raised money in Berlin from a group of persons, which included Pinus and the two Mendelssohns, and Baron von Muenchhausen was provided with the cash with which he paid the expenses of his journey to the United States.

Eisler's partner in this adventure was a lady's maid, who had been formerly in the service of the rich American woman referred to by Eisler. She preceded the Baron to the United States to negotiate the marriage; but her efforts were not successful. The name of the heiress was not disclosed in court.

Baron von Muenchhausen did make the acquaintance while in the United States of Martha Washington Beckel, a widow of moderate wealth, whom, according to the German papers, he married on December 23, 1898. Since his marriage the Baron has been living with his wife on his estate, near Schwobler, Hanover.

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