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Wilson Registers Sweeping Gains

Interest Now Centers On California As Count Slowly Progresses, And Suspense Continues Through Two Nights and Days

(By United Press)
New York, Nov. 9.—Wilson registered sweeping gains in California as the count progressed there this morning.

Inasmuch as Hughes apparently must win California to obtain the electoral majority, the situation there is being watched with intense interest.

California's jump came within a single hour. Early in the morning Wilson's margin was announced as only 641, when a mistake was discovered in Mendocino County, and 8 new precincts reported, swelling the majority to 4,396, with 400 southern precincts still missing.

IN MINNESOTA
Up to eleven o'clock this morning Hughes was maintaining a lead in Minnesota of more than 800, with 490 precincts missing.

IN NEW MEXICO
Hughes maintains a scant lead in New Mexico with slightly more than half the returns received. The missing precincts are outlying districts from which the returns must come in late.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
New Hampshire is still exceedingly doubtful. A few votes either way will swing the state. A contest is inevitable.

REPORTS OF FRAUD
Following rumors of fraud the Department of Justice sent agents to Minnesota posthaste. The Democratic National Committee has ordered the District Chairman personally to see that all ballot boxes are guarded. The Republican headquarters announce that they are taking all measures possible to guard against fraud.

BOTH SIDES PROBABLY CONTEST

Both sides are apparently preparing to contest the counts in a number of states. In this case, the result may be decided for a number of weeks.

New York, Nov. 9. — At eleven o'clock Democratic Chairman McCormick made the following statement:
"It's all over. We have won the election and will clean up with 288 electoral votes Wilson carries New Hampshire by 93 votes."

New York, November, 8.— After a night of suspense and uncertainty and conflicting reports, in the early part of which Republican headquarters confidently claimed a victory which the Democratic chiefs refused to concede, and in the course of which big newspapers all over the land flashed to waiting thousands the news that Hughes was elected, the swing this morning at nine o'clock was strongly toward Wilson.

The President at this time lacked 29 votes of attaining the 266 needed to make his election a fact.

An hour later the returns coming in had reduced the necessary number to 18, and the country was a wake to the fact that Wilson's election was not only possible but probable. It was realized too that the country was in the grip of the closest election since 1876.

All through the morning and in

Electoral Vote By States

The electoral votes by states will be cast as follows:

States	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	12	
Arizona	3	
Arkansas	9	
Colorado	6	
Florida	6	
Georgia	14	
Idaho	4	
Kansas	10	
Louisiana	10	
Maryland	8	
Mississippi	10	
Missouri	18	
Montana	4	
Nebraska	8	
Nevada	3	
North Carolina	12	
North Dakota	5	
Ohio	24	
Oklahoma	10	
South Carolina	9	
Tennessee	12	
Texas	20	
Utah	4	
Virginia	12	
Wyoming	3	
California	13	
Connecticut	7	
Delaware	3	
Illinois	29	
Indiana	15	
Iowa	13	
Maine	6	
Massachusetts	18	
Michigan	15	
New Jersey	14	
New York	45	
Pennsylvania	38	
Rhode Island	5	
South Dakota	5	
Vermont	4	

Bickett Got Big Majority

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—A solid Democratic Congressional delegation is assured North Carolina in the next Congress. Bickett was given 40,000 majority.

to the afternoon the states of California, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Oregon hung in the doubtful column.

At half past two in the afternoon Wilson lacked but ten votes of election. Either Minnesota, California, or the other doubtful states would give him these. And still in every one of them the issue hung in the balance.

In all the doubtful states Wilson continued to gain ground throughout the afternoon.

In California a Hughes lead changed to a lead for Wilson, and then the President's plurality slowly grew to 7,500 and then to 9,000.

In Minnesota at 3 o'clock Wednesday, with over one third of the precincts heard from, Minnesota gave Wilson 92,000 against 83,000 for Hughes.

DEMOCRACY WINS IN PASQUOTANK

WILSON AND BICKETT CARRY COUNTY BY RECORD MAJORITY OF 1,100.

Pasquotank Democrats proceeded on Tuesday, November 7th to pile up a record Democratic vote and carried the county by an apparent margin of over a thousand votes.

At least that seems to be the indication of the partial returns reaching the city last night.

The following vote, though not official, is approximately correct. A number of rural precincts are yet to be heard from.

FOR PRESIDENT		
	Wilson	Hughes
First Ward	198	29
Second Ward	210	48
Third Ward	156	22
Fourth Ward	152	24
Mt Hermon	54	7
Providence	94	6
Nixonton	35	30
Salem	118	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwright	35	5

FOR GOVERNOR		
	Bickett	Linney
First Ward	201	20
Second Ward	210	31
Third Ward	160	18
Fourth Ward	153	17
* Mt Hermon	54	7
* Providence	94	6
* Nixonton	35	30
* Salem	118	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwright's	35	5

FOR CONGRESS		
	Small	Jones
First Ward	180	20
Second Ward	160	30
Third Ward	130	30
Fourth Ward	113	32
* Mt Hermon	50	7
* Providence	90	6
* Nixonton	30	30
* Salem	118	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwrights	35	5

FOR STATE SUPR. EDUCATION		
	Joyner	Pugh
First Ward	197	26
Second Ward	205	42
* Third Ward	158	20
Fourth Ward	147	25
* Mt Hermon	54	7
* Providence	94	6
* Nixonton	35	30
* Salem	178	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwright's	35	5

FOR STATE SENATE			
	Johnson	McNider	Elliott
First Ward	199	200	18
Second Wd	207	206	33
Third Wd.	155	155	15
Fourth Wd.	133	135	14

FOR REPRESENTATIVE		
	Scott	Pool
First Ward	194	18
Second Ward	197	33

FOR TWO WEEKS VACATION

The Board of Deacons of Blackwell Memorial church last night voted to give the pastor, Rev. L. N. Loftin, a vacation of two weeks, and Mr. Loftin left the city today for a much-needed rest.

Mr. Loftin had no summer vacation at all and has recently been very much fatigued by his strenuous work as preacher and pastor. His physicians advised a short rest, but wish to state that a recent report circulated in the city to the effect that Mr. Loftin is suffering with tubercular trouble is without any foundation, his trouble being a nervous one instead.

The Baptist State Convention which meets the first week in December with Blackwell Memorial church will require all of Mr. Loftin's nerve, force and energy, and it is for this reason especially that his deacons and physicians urge a rest just at this time.

Dr. C. S. Blackwell of Norfolk will fill Mr. Loftin's pulpit during his absence from the city.

RETURNS FROM NEW YORK

Mr. S. R. Siff returns today from New York where he has been buying goods this week for the various departments of the S. R. Siff Company's store.

Mr. Siff will have some interesting announcements in The Advance in regard to new goods purchased on this trip at an early date.

It makes no difference who is President, Manhattan shirts will still be the best shirts made. A big shipment of new things in Manhattan shirts received at Weeks & Sawyer.

FOR AUDITOR		
	Garmine	Chesson
First Ward	198	19
Second Ward	197	33
Third Ward	153	15
Fourth Ward	150	16
* Mt Hermon	54	7
* Providence	94	6
* Nixonton	35	30
* Salem	118	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwrights	35	5

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS		
	Munden	Meads
First Ward	201	19
Second Ward	197	33
Third Ward	158	16
Fourth Ward	155	14
* Mt Hermon	54	7
* Providence	94	6
* Nixonton	35	30
* Salem	120	50
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwrights	35	5

FOR CORONER		
	Fearing	Price
First Ward	199	18
Second Ward	197	33
Third Ward	157	15
Fourth Ward	153	15
* Mt Hermon	54	7
* Providence	94	6
* Nixonton	35	30
* Salem	118	55
* Pools	85	8
* Cartwrights	35	5

FOR SHERIFF		
	Held	Overman
First Ward	200	18
Second Ward	197	33
Third Ward	155	15
Fourth Ward	150	18
Mt Hermon	54	7
Providence	94	6
Nixonton	35	30
Salem	118	55
Pools	85	8
Cartwright's	35	5

HERE WAS AGONY AND THEN SOME

PROTRACTED WAIT FOR ELECTION RETURNS FRUSTRATES THIS PAPERS CAREFULLY LAID PLANS

A big crowd gathered Tuesday night November 7th to watch the election returns at the Alkrama theatre.

They watched eagerly and waited long, but so far as satisfying themselves as to the result of the election was concerned, they watched and waited in vain.

When the faithful few who had remained at the theatre until the end of the show dispersed, they knew that Wilson had lost in New York and Illinois and that Republican headquarters were claiming victory by a narrow margin but they knew little more.

A great mass of telegraphic matter had drifted in giving the result in states which stood admittedly in the Hughes or Democratic column, but the news from the pivotal and doubtful states was meagre and incomplete—and not altogether convincing. A report would come in giving one candidate the advantage in certain states only to be denied later. Then from a state where the issue had already been decided would come new figures slightly changing the voting but bearing no influence upon the final result of the election. Wearying of endless iteration and reiteration the crowd dwindled and shrank until there was left a bare handful.

Still one thing may as well be admitted. The complexion of the news that came in was not altogether such as to make the Democrats happy; while to the Republicans it was ever and anon a cause of jubilation, especially as many of them had already surrendered themselves to the idea of defeat.

When the Western Union operator, weary with six hours and more of continuous work finally quit the key and the Alkrama had closed its doors for the night The Advance at 2:45 queried the News and Observer at Raleigh to know if any definite news had materialized.

"The result is still in doubt came the answer over the wire. "Hughes is in the lead, but Wilson still has a chance to win. As to the State election the News and Observer confirmed the word of Britt's defeat in the tenth, which item had been among the things hinted at in the mass of testimony which had been heard at the Alkrama. This gives North Carolina a solid Democratic delegation in Congress.

It was at ten minutes past four that The Advance called the office of the Virginian Pilot at Norfolk for its report and was informed that the issue was still undecided with Hughes leading and Wilson gaining. "Whether Wilson can gain enough votes to win," said the Pilot, "it is impossible to say. It now appears that the contest will be decided in Ohio and at last reports Wilson had a majority in that state."

At five o'clock the Virginian Pilot again reported "Wilson still has a good show, but we don't know yet exactly what the outcome will be."

At 7:30 Wednesday morning this paper again got The Virginian Pilot on the wire and was informed that indications showed Wilson leading with 261 electoral votes and two states yet to hear from California and New Mexico. It was good to hear that Wilson was leading at last but California and New Mexico—these states seemed to offer little hope of Democratic success.

The 7:30 estimate of the Virginian Pilot, however, was based upon the forecast of a New York newspaper.

COUNTIES MAKE GRAND SHOWING

CURRITUCK, CAMDEN AND PERQUIMMANS GIVE BIG DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES

That there is no sign of anything except a continuance of overwhelming Democratic ascendancy in northeastern Carolina was abundantly indicated by the results of yesterday's voting in Pasquotank and neighboring Democratic counties.

Phone messages received by this paper from Camden, Currituck and Perquimans told the same story of Democratic success by overwhelming majorities.

A record vote is indicated by early reports from Currituck where leaders claim that the Democratic majority is in the neighborhood of 1,000.

Camden gave Wilson 368 votes as against 85 for Hughes, and on the State ticket the Republicans were able to muster only 66 votes in the entire county.

Four hundred and eighteen votes were cast for the Democratic nominees for county offices, there being no Republican ticket.

Hertford, the county seat of Perquimans out of 238 votes cast gave Wilson 215. McNider was given 212 and Johnson 210 as against 17 for Morgan, the Republican nominee to the State senate. Bethel, a rural precinct, went Democratic by a majority of 84 with 118 votes cast.

FACTIONAL FIGHT IN CURRITUCK

Considerable interest has been felt here in the outcome of the factional Democratic fight in Currituck county where a split in the party led to the putting of two tickets into the field.

All efforts to get accurate reports by telephone of the standing of the contestants have proved futile.

However, with five precincts, separated by water from the court house, yet to hear from, it seems that the Johnson-Flora wing of the party is in the lead.

A report from Currituck court house reaching here Tuesday night stated that Flora, Baxter, Cox and Sandelin seemed to be leading but that the result was still in doubt.

A telephone call to Point Harbor failed to get any answer as to the outcome of the fight except that the candidates were running close. A similar report came in Wednesday morning by telephone from Powell's Point.

A report reaching here from Shawboro, however, claims that in the race for sheriff Flora leads Griggs in the precincts so far heard from by a margin of a little over a hundred votes. From the same source comes the information that in the contest for the treasurer's office Sandelin is two hundred votes ahead of Gard and is expecting a majority in the precincts yet to be heard from. Baxter is said to have over a hundred votes lead on Bray in the contest for the office of register of deeds. In the race for representative Cox is reported as leading Barnard by a narrow margin.

Three of the precincts not heard from are on Knott's Island. The other two are at Kitty Hawk and Old Inlet.

The rest of the story may be found in the United Press report of developments in the later morning and afternoon.