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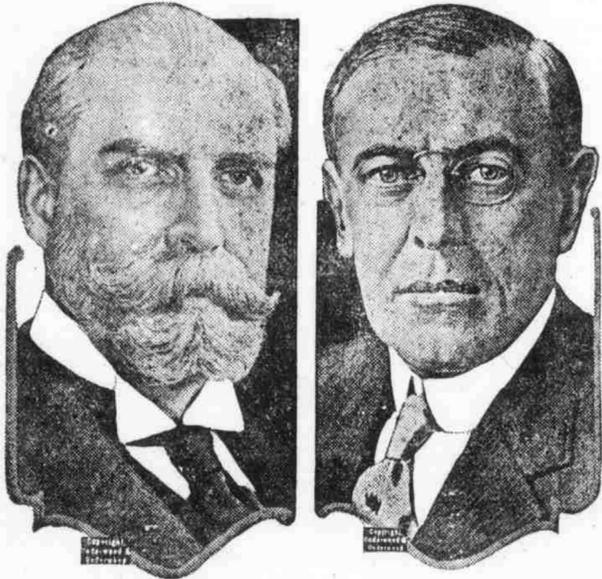
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## CLOSEST ELECTION IN TWENTY YEARS

### EARLY RETURNS INDICATED VICTORY FOR HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS, BUT LATER RETURNS SHOWED REMARKABLE STRENGTH OF WILSON AND MARSHALL.



CHARLES E. HUGHES

WOODROW WILSON

The National election proved to be the closest contest in many years. The early returns indicated a victory for Hughes and Fairbanks and as early as 7:30 p. m., the New York Tribune, a staunch Democratic paper, flashed the election of the Republican National candidate. At 7:45 p. m., The New York Times followed with the same news. These concessions were made when it became apparent that New York and Illinois had gone Republican, but when Ohio developed an uncertain outcome, Indiana showed a neck and neck race, Kentucky showed a larger Democratic majority than was anticipated. Democratic hopes were raised. These gains were followed by further returns favorable to Wilson and Marshall. Colorado came strongly to the Democratic side and California developed a tremendous Wilson vote. Kansas returns showed a see-saw fight with strong Democratic leaning.

The Republican National campaign managers at midnight could lay definite claim to only 254 electoral votes, 12 less than enough to elect and in some instances these figures were open to contest. The Republicans insisted that the dozen additional votes needed would be forthcoming but could not specify just where. The Democrats questioned this claim.

A statement issued by the Democratic National Committee, at 2 o'clock a. m., claiming that with the loss of the following States, which it was not believed that Hughes had carried, President Wilson was still re-elected by a majority of two votes in the electoral college:

California, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The committee claimed that even if these States were lost it would give President Wilson a vote of 268 in the electoral college.

### MIDNIGHT INDICATIONS WERE OF CLOSE RESULT

#### Democrats Would Not Concede Republican Claims of Electoral Vote Majority—Official G. O. P. Statement Indicated Slim Margin.

New York.—At midnight the election returns still incomplete in many states, indicated the election of Hughes and Fairbanks, but the figures were very close and the Democratic managers steadfastly refused to concede a Republican victory. Although the metropolitan newspapers, which have supported President Wilson conceded his defeat, the Democratic managers insisted that complete returns from the West would reverse the trend which steadily seemed to be piling up the Hughes column.

"Remember 1892," was the prediction of the Democratic Publicity Bureau, which pointed out that in that memorable contest the next day's returns revised placed Grover Cleveland in the White House.

Soon after midnight the Republican National Committee, in an official statement, claimed California, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. That made a total of 284 electoral votes, 18 more than the necessary 268 for an election.

This was the first official indication from the Republicans that the result would be so close.

The Republican managers realized that a sudden switch in the states in complete or unheard from might increase the Wilson figures, but were sure the later figures would add to the states they were claiming.

While refusing to make a formal statement embodying electoral votes claimed by the Republicans, Chairman Wilcox, of the Republican National Committee, said he was satisfied Mr. Hughes would be elected.

Mr. Hughes, he said, would probably have in the neighborhood of 310 electoral votes.

Mr. Wilcox said that he would some time toward morning make a statement when there was no doubt of the figures in hand.

When shown the list of States claimed by the Republican National Committee, Robert W. Woolley, director of publicity of the Democratic National Committee, said the Republicans claim was without foundation. Mr. Woolley said that of the States named, Connecticut, Idaho, Delaware, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin were probably for President Wilson. Of these states Mr. Woolley declared Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland and Wisconsin were certainly for Wilson and in all other states reports showed Wilson was leading.

Mr. Woolley claimed the following states, giving a total of 312 electoral votes:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska,

### PRESIDENT CHEERFUL IN FACE OF BAD NEWS.

Long Branch, N. J.—In the face of returns up to 12 o'clock indicating the election of Charles E. Hughes, President Wilson and his official family here insisted that news from Western States would be awaited before any concessions were made. The president, surrounded by members of his immediate family, received the returns in his study at Shadow Lawn.

As continued discouraging news came to the executive offices disappointment was generally expressed but the president himself remained cheerful.

Out in the seclusion of Shadow Lawn, the president was amid quiet, but the executive offices at Ashbury Park were surrounded by an excited crowd.

As late reports came to the executive offices by telephone and telegraph and from local Democratic leaders in various states, the hopes of the president and those about him began to rise. Stronger claims were made that on the final count Mr. Wilson would win.

Apparently the president was the most cheerful person here. Those who talked with him said he showed no impatience. He began receiving returns shortly after 6 o'clock.

Long Branch, N. J.—President Wilson went to bed at 12:30 o'clock with his campaign managers here and in New York claiming his election. He left word, however, that if really definite returns were received during the night he should be awakened.

### WOMEN IN ILLINOIS VOTE SAME AS MEN.

Chicago.—Returns indicated a Republican victory in Illinois by a plurality estimated by Republicans at more than 100,000 for Hughes and slightly smaller for the Republican state ticket.

At that hour the indicated plurality for Hughes in the state outside of Chicago was more than 100,000, while Hughes was leading slightly on incomplete Chicago returns. The race in Chicago, however, was close. Frank O. Lowden was opposed by Governor Edward F. Dunne, Democrat, who was up for re-election.

Women who voted for the first time in Illinois on the Presidential issue, maintained about the same ratio of preference for Hughes or Wilson as the men.

In 1912 Wilson carried Illinois by a vote of 405,048 to 386,478 for Roosevelt and 253,593 for Taft. Roosevelt, in that year, carried Chicago by a plurality of approximately 25,000 over Wilson.

### HUGHES CARRIES N. Y. BY LARGE MAJORITY

New York.—The state of New York has been carried for Hughes by a safe plurality. He also carried Illinois and Indiana by a large plurality.

All of the New England states and New Jersey as well as Wisconsin and Michigan have been removed from the list of doubtful states.

Although President Wilson's secretary at the Summer White House and Chairman McCormick of the Democratic National Committee, made claims that the complete returns would show the re-election of President Wilson, the trend on the face of the returns was toward Hughes and early in the evening some of the New York newspapers, which have supported President Wilson conceded his defeat, although they made no statements in figures.

### RETURNS SHOW WILSON CARRIED VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va.—On the face of early returns, President Wilson carried Virginia by safe majority. Senator Swanson had no opposition for re-election.

Returns from all districts except the Ninth indicate the election of the Democrats for Congress.

### HUGHES REFUSES TO DISCUSS REPORTS.

Republican Nominee Retires at 1:15 Wednesday Morning Leaving Word Not to be Disturbed With Further Returns.

New York.—Charles E. Hughes sat up with his family until 1:15 a. m., but then went to bed. He closed up his personal headquarters, silenced telegraph instruments over which returns had come and left instructions that he was not to be disturbed, no matter what news belated dispatches contained.

## VILLA AND MEN GO FOR MUNITIONS

### ON MARCH TO SOUTH OF PARRAL WHERE ARMS AND HORSES ARE HIDDEN.

### CONFIRM DEATH OF FISHER

#### Passengers from Chihuahua City Tell of Conditions and Confirm Many Reports—Claims Villa Has 7,000 Men.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa and his main command are marching toward Mesa de Sandias, 35 miles southwest of Parral, where a quantity of ammunition and arms and a large drove of horses are known to be hidden for the Villa forces according to an American refugee from Chihuahua City. These are hidden in the ranch of General Urbina, the Villa general, who was killed by Villa troops because he would not divide his loot with Villa.

Passengers arriving from Chihuahua City said that the feeling of apprehension among the people there had been greatly allayed because of the arrangements of General Trevino to protect the city against a surprise attack. No reports have been yet received regarding the Americans in Parral, they said, but refugees from Santa Rosalia confirmed the death of Dr. C. H. Fisher, an American at the hands of the bandits who raided that place.

The Associated Press correspondent at Chihuahua City, who reached the border was informed before leaving Chihuahua City that Dr. Encarnacion Brondo Whitt, the physician of Guerrero, Chihuahua, who has been made prisoner by Villa and forced to treat the bandit's wounded leg, was in Guerrero Saturday in charge of Villa's temporary field hospital. Doctor Whitt is a Mexican citizen not a British subject. He was reported recently by refugees from Chihuahua City as having been killed by Villa bandits.

It was reported to the German Consul at Juarez that a Belgian subject had been killed in Santa Rosalia by Villa forces, but this was not confirmed. A Spaniard, who arrived from Chihuahua City last night claimed to have confirmation of the report that Dr. C. H. Fisher, aged and wealthy American physician at Santa Rosalia, had been stabbed to death by Villa bandits.

Refugees say seven thousand is considered a conservative estimate of the number of men Villa has. Carranza soldiers, refugees say, are joining Villa daily.

### GERMAN AMBASSADOR DEUTSCHLAND VISIT

#### Count von Bernstorff and Wife See Undersea Freighter Loaded For Homebound Trip.

New London, Conn.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, accompanied by his wife, came here from Washington for the purpose of visiting the undersea freighter Deutschland, now being loaded for her homeward trip.

The Ambassador, it is understood, brought a suitcase filled with official mail from the Emperor. Count von Bernstorff said his errand is entirely a social one. He decided to take advantage of Washington's official inactivity on election day, he said, by giving the Countess an opportunity to inspect the Deutschland.

The Ambassador and his wife were guests at an informal reception at their hotel attended by Captain Keonig, the Deutschland's commander, and a number of German-Americans of Baltimore and New London.

### FRANZ JOSEPH ASKS RIGHT FOR GALICIA.

Amsterdam, via London.—Emperor Franz Joseph has addressed an autograph letter to Premier Ernest von Koorbe stating that it is his will when the new State of Poland comes into existence to grant Galicia the right independently to manage its own internal affairs.

### ASK WILSON TO ADD APPEAL FOR SUFFERERS

Long Branch, N. J.—President Wilson was asked to include in his Thanksgiving Day proclamation an appeal to the people of the United States to give aid to European war sufferers. The request was made by Ignace Paderewski, the pianist, and a delegation representing organizations interested in relief work in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Poland, Russia, Armenia, Syria and other countries.

## THE OLD NORTH STATE PILES UP ITS USUAL DEMOCRATIC VOTE

### EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WON BY DEMOCRATS. BRITT DEFEATED.

#### Bickett Claims Majority of 40,000 to 50,000—Webb Small, Kitchin, Returned to Congress by Big Majorities—Amendments Doubtful.

Raleigh.—"You can say that the Democratic majority in North Carolina is 40,000 to 50,000 with a solid Democratic delegation in Congress once again," said Democratic State Chairman Thomas D. Warren at midnight. He had just opened a telegram from Chairman Elias, of the Democratic committee in the Tenth, and read a message that Weaver's majority in the Tenth over the Republican Congressman, Britt, was 500.

In gratifying contrast to the discomfiting news of National results, the returns to State Democratic headquarters grew more gratifying to the party leaders as the evening advanced. Returns of Democratic majorities received from 37 counties at midnight footed up a total of 34,700 majority for these counties, numbers of them being increases over former elections.

One of the most gratifying reports that came to Democratic headquarters was from Winston-Salem, reporting that James A. Gray, Jr., had defeated A. E. Holton, Republican, for the State Senate. Gray leading his ticket in the contest which was made by Holton about the most bitter of any in the state. Mr. Bickett, who spent the night at his home in Louisville, telephoned Democratic headquarters that he estimated his majority at 45,000. However, much of the basis for his estimate were returns to Democratic headquarters given him over the telephone. He congratulated State Chairman Warren most heartily on the signal success of his management of the state campaign. In fact, congratulations for Chairman Warren came during the evening from many quarters of the state.

In the First Congressional District Congressman Small maintained heavy majorities over Leslie E. Jones, his Republican opponent, throughout the district, although definite figures were still missing as to a number of counties. Martin gave 1,200 Democratic majority; Beaufort, 700; Chowan, 508; Hertford, 750; Pasquotank, 900. Definite returns were missing from Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

In the Second Congressional District Edgecombe gave 1700 majority for Kitchin; Bertie 1,250; Warren 1,100. Returns from Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Northampton and Wilson were indefinite but maintaining usual majorities. Small in the First and Kitchin in the Second districts overwhelmingly defeated their Republican opponents for seats in the next congress.

While no definite returns came in as to the balloting on constitutional amendments all reports actually received showed balloting for amendments, with little voting against them, except possibly the one for emergency judges. Chairman Warren and other party leaders believed the amendments carried as a majority of votes cast was all that was required.

One of the most interesting contests was that in the Ninth Congressional District where Congressman E. Yates Webb of Shelby defeated Greene, Republican, by a majority estimated at about 3,500. This is based upon the assumption that Madison and Mitchell counties in this district, will return the usual Republican majorities. Catawba giving Greene 125 majority, Cleveland giving Webb 1,300 majority, Lincoln county giving him 200 majority, Gaston county 500, Burke 200, Yancey 250. Webb polled 287 in Cherryville to Greene's 249, or a gain of 44 votes there over his previous election.

### IREDELL COUNTY HAS DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY

Statesville.—The Democrats making great gains over previous elections, carried Iredell county with a majority, ranging from 900 to 1,300. Doughton carried the county from Williams with a majority of 1,300.

Iredell came out for Bickett for governor with a majority of about 1,250. Wilson shows about 1,250 majority. Among the county officers, Alexander, for sheriff, was the hardest fought by the Republicans, coming out with 1,800 majority. Voting in the county by both parties was extremely heavy, both sides waging a bitter fight.



GOVERNOR-ELECT T. W. BICKETT

### REPUBLICANS WIN IN ORANGE COUNTY

Durham.—Granville county, according to nearly complete returns, gives approximately 1,000 majority to Bickett over Linney, Republican candidate for governor, Stedman over Grissom and Wilson over Hughes. Orange county, according to reports from both Democratic and Republican headquarters, was close.

Republicans claim that every county Republican candidate is elected, ousting many Democrats. They also claim slight majorities for Linney, Grissom and Hughes. Durham county to follow.

### WEAVER GETS 75 OVER BRITT IN McDOWELL

Marion.—Complete returns give Weaver 75 majority over Congressman J. J. Britt in McDowell. The Democrats have elected their entire county ticket according to early returns. J. R. Ledbetter defeated J. L. Laughridge for sheriff by a small majority, while the other county officers seem to have good Democratic majorities.

### GODWIN CARRIES HOME PRECINCT OF McCASKILL

Fayetteville.—Cumberland gives Wilson a majority of 700. The same vote is given the state, congressional, legislative and county tickets.

Congressman Godwin carried McCaskill's home precinct by 230 to 30. John A. Oates is elected to state senate from Cumberland and Hoke counties by 1,431 majority. Hoke gave Oates 808, McClelland 77. Cumberland's baby precinct Sherwood, went Democratic 61 to 0. The vote on constitutional amendments has not been tabulated.

### BRITT'S VOTE INCREASED IN HENDERSON COUNTY

Hendersonville.—Complete returns in Henderson county give Britt eighteen hundred four, Weaver eleven hundred thirty-one. Britt's majority two years ago was six hundred ninety-seven.

### CLEVELAND INCREASES ITS DEMOCRATIC LEAD

Shelby.—Cleveland county increases its Democratic majority from 900 two years ago to between 1,400 and 1,500 for Congressman Webb, President Wilson and Democratic state ticket. Amendments not voted by all, but each one seems to have majority of 800. Entire Democratic county ticket elected 1,400 and Stroup has strong lead over Murray for county treasurer.

### CON. DOUGHTON OF 8TH DISTRICT RE-ELECTED

Raleigh.—State Democratic Chairman Thomas D. Warren, declared that Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the Eighth District is re-elected over his opponent, H. S. Williams, Republican, by safe majority.