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IS A LANDSLIDE

Roosevelt Will Have 325 Votes.

MARYLAND HIS

Baltimore Sun Gives Up Close Race.

NEW YORK SURPRISES EVERYONE

Oregon Gives Teddy 40,000 Plurality—Mead Leads in Washington—Idaho Count Slow.

New York, Nov. 9.—(2 a. m.)—With Maryland Republican, as the Baltimore Sun concedes early this morning, the Republican vote in the electoral college will be the unprecedented one of 325 for Roosevelt and Fairbanks to 151 for Parker and Davis. Not only is this far in excess of McKinley's vote, 292, in 1900, but Judge Parker's vote is four less than that given Mr. Bryan four years ago. It is practically certain that the Republican national ticket has carried every state in the Union outside of the so-called solid South. It may take the official count to decide Maryland. The Republican majority in the next house of representatives will be not less than 50.

South Dakota.
Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 9.—Chairman Martin, of the Democratic state central committee, has issued a statement in which he concedes Roosevelt polled 60,000 votes, Parker 30,000 and Watson 15,000.

North Dakota.
Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 9.—Roosevelt carried North Dakota by from 20,000 to 25,000. This is an increase of over 60 per cent from McKinley's majority. The state ticket is elected by probably 4,000 less.

Vermont.
White River Junction, Vt., Nov. 9.—Roosevelt carried Vermont yesterday by about 31,000. He ran ahead of McKinley's vote in 1900, while Parker ran behind that of Bryan.

New Jersey.
Newark, N. J., Nov. 9.—New Jersey was carried by the Republicans by a bigger majority than ever the most sanguine of the Republican predictions. The state gave in the neighborhood of 60,000 for Roosevelt.

Massachusetts.
Boston, Nov. 9.—Sufficient returns from yesterday's election have been received to indicate the election of W. L. Douglas, Democrat, for governor by almost 20,000 plurality.
Roosevelt carries the state by a big plurality. Chairman Rush, of the Democratic committee, concedes it is 70,000.

Wisconsin.
Milwaukee, Nov. 9.—It is generally conceded that Roosevelt has carried Wisconsin by 60,000. Both Republican and Democratic state chairmen claim the state respectively for La Follette and Peck.

Ohio.
Columbus, O., Nov. 9.—Based on returns received at 1 o'clock, if the present ratio of gains is maintained for the unreported precincts, Ohio will give Roosevelt 200,000 plurality. Indications are that the Republicans will elect 20 of the 21 congressmen. The majority for Roosevelt exceed the high-water mark of 137,000 attained in 1894.

Michigan.
Detroit, Nov. 9.—Michigan today was the scene of a veritable landslide. Roosevelt and Fairbanks have carried the state by an unprecedented majority variously estimated at from 100,000 to 150,000. Frederick Warner for governor and the Republican state ticket, are elected.

Iowa.
Des Moines, Nov. 9.—Returns are slow in coming in, but the indications on well-distributed returns indicate that Roosevelt's plurality will be 125,000 and the entire state ticket will have about the same number. Republicans elect ten congressmen.

Delaware.
Wilmington, Del., Nov. 9.—Roosevelt has carried Delaware by about 2,500. The Republicans claim that they will have 40 of the 52 members of the legislature on joint ballot.

Idaho.
Boise, Idaho, Nov. 9.—Returns from the state are so incomplete at 1:30 that it is impossible to give more than rough estimates of majorities. In every part of the state Roosevelt and Gooding ran far better than was anticipated by most observers.

Florida.
Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 9.—The usual Democratic majorities in Florida are indicated. The Democratic candidates for congress are all elected.

Louisiana.
New Orleans, Nov. 9.—The Democrats have carried Louisiana for Parker by a majority of probably 35,000.

Tennessee.
Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.—Both Democrats and Republicans are claiming the state. Returns indicate a majority of 15,000 votes for the Democratic national ticket, and perhaps 5,000 less for Frazier, Democratic candidate for governor.

Texas.
Austin, Tex., Nov. 9.—Nearly complete returns show that the vote cast will hardly exceed 375,000, of which 250,000 were cast for Parker, 60,000 for Roosevelt and the remainder scattered.

Alabama.
Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 9.—The Democratic ticket carried with the usual majorities, electing everything.

Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 9.—This state is carried by Parker by a slightly increased majority over the last general election.

Georgia.
Savannah, Ga., Nov. 9.—This state will send all 13 Democratic electors to the college to name the president.

Kentucky.
Louisville, Ky., Nov. 9.—The Republicans at this time concede the Democrats nearly everything.

Oregon.
Portland, Nov. 9.—Roosevelt and Fairbanks carried Oregon by more than 40,000 plurality, with a two-thirds vote polled.

Washington.
Seattle, Nov. 9.—With meager returns from the state the indications are that Roosevelt has carried by a plurality of about 35,000. Mead and the entire state ticket will be elected by perhaps 6,000.

New York.
New York, Nov. 9.—The returns are causing amazement everywhere. Latest returns show that there were cast for Roosevelt in New York state about 185,000 votes more than for Parker. Not only was his vote heavy in the country districts, but in Greater New York.

Maryland.
Baltimore, Nov. 9.—The Sun, which supported the Democratic presidential nominee, concedes at 2:30 a. m. that Roosevelt carried the state by about 1,000.

Nebraska.
Omaha, Nov. 9.—At midnight the indications are that Roosevelt has carried Nebraska by a plurality of 35,000 to 40,000. The Republicans have elected congressmen in the First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth districts. The Second and third are in doubt.

Montana.
Butte, Mont., Nov. 9.—Returns so far indicate that Roosevelt has carried the state by a good vote.

Virginia.
Richmond, Va., Nov. 9.—The state has gone about the usual number Democratic.

Wyoming.
Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 9.—Roosevelt has carried Wyoming by 7,500 to 8,000. Brooks, Republican, has been elected governor by over 4,000 over Osborne, Democrat.

Kansas.
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 9.—At 12:30 a. m. Chairman Stubbs, of the Republican state committee, claimed the election of Hoch for governor by a plurality of 50,000. Roosevelt's plurality will be close to 100,000.

Minnesota.
St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—Roosevelt received a record-breaking plurality in Minnesota, going far beyond McKinley's margin of 77,000 four years ago. On the face of the returns so far received the Republican electoral ticket will have a plurality of over 100,000.

Colorado.
Denver, Colo., Nov. 9.—Estimates at midnight from scattering and incomplete returns indicate a plurality of over 10,000 for Roosevelt in Colorado. The result as to congressmen and state officers is in doubt.

Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—The Republicans made an almost clean sweep in Pennsylvania, carrying the state for Roosevelt by over 300,000 and electing two of the six state senators and 29 of the 32 congressmen.

North Carolina.
Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 9.—The count is proceeding slowly. Republicans concede Parker a good majority.

New Hampshire.
New Hampshire has been carried overwhelmingly by the Republicans.

Mississippi.
Jackson, Miss., Nov. 9.—The Democratic plurality is unusually large in Mississippi, having reached the total of about 50,000. All Democratic congressmen are elected.

Rhode Island.
Providence, R. I., Nov. 9.—Indications at midnight were that Roosevelt had carried Rhode Island by a plurality of over 5,000. The result for governor was still in doubt with Utter, Republican, slightly in the lead.

West Virginia.
Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 9.—From ballots now counted it is certain that Roosevelt has carried the state by a very comfortable majority. Cornwell, Dem., is in the lead for governor.

California.
San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Roosevelt has carried the state by a majority larger than McKinley did four years ago. Of the eight congressmen to be elected, the Republicans are assured of seven, with the Second district in doubt.

Connecticut.
New Haven, Nov. 9.—The New Haven Register, Independent, claims the state of Connecticut for Roosevelt by over 20,000, the election of Roberts, Republican, for governor by nearly as much.

South Carolina.
Columbia, S. C., Nov. 9.—Parker has carried South Carolina by not less than 40,000 plurality. The Democratic state ticket has been elected without opposition.

Missouri.
St. Louis, Nov. 9.—At 1 o'clock the results of the election in Missouri were in doubt. Both sides claimed victory. The Democratic state committee claimed the state had been carried by a majority of 35,000. On the other hand, State Republican Chairman Neidringhaus was equally assertive that the state majorities would reach 5,000.

Illinois.
Chicago, Nov. 9.—The indications, based on the returns received, are that the Republican national ticket has carried Illinois by about 150,000. The Democrats declare that the figures were exaggerated, but admit that Roosevelt will have a plurality not far from 100,000.

RUSSIA PROVOKED REGICIDE.

Sensational Charges Made by a Belgrade Newspaper.

Belgrade, Nov. 9.—A great sensation has been caused by the statement of the newspaper Narodni List that it has proofs to the effect that the regicides and conspirators are spreading among the people the assertion that it was Russia which desired the removal of the Austrophile Obrenovich dynasty. It is alleged by the paper that a Russian official frequently had a confidential conference with the principal actors of the tragedy.

It is pointed out by the paper that every one of the regicides has received the Star of Karageorge, and the statement is now made that they are soon to receive some distinction from the czar of Russia. The editor of the paper challenges the Serbian government to start action against him, as he says he is prepared to prove his statements in court.

Indiana.
Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 9.—Indiana has been carried by the Republicans by from 45,000 to 55,000. The legislature will be Republican by nearly 50.

Utah.
Salt Lake City, Nov. 9.—Scattered returns from this state indicate that Roosevelt will have a plurality exceeding 7,000. Indications point to the election of John C. Cutler, Republican for governor.

Maine.
Portland, Maine, Nov. 9.—With a slightly decreased vote Maine today gave the usual Republican majorities. Democrats showed less interest than Republicans and many did not vote.

Nevada.
Reno, Nev., Nov. 9.—Count proceeding very slowly. So far as heard from the Republican state ticket is in the lead. The state is conceded to Roosevelt.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

ASK REPEAL OF EDDY LAW.

Movement on Foot Amongst Mining Men of Eastern Oregon.

Baker City.—There is a movement among the mining men of this section of the state to bring about the repeal of the Eddy corporation law. A petition is being circulated asking the legislature to repeal the law. If it is not possible to secure the repeal of the law then it is hoped the legislature will so amend the present law as to reduce the fees charged mining corporations. The mining men also object to the annual tax to the state, which ranges from \$125 to \$200. It is pointed out that often a mining company is obliged to incorporate for a large sum and await the sale of stock before the work of development can be pushed. Mining men say that it not infrequently happens that a mine is incorporated and several years elapse before it becomes a producing mine, yet under the present law the corporation is obliged to pay an annual tax to the state which in some instances becomes a heavy burden, especially to the poor prospector. The petitioners argue that an exception should be made in favor of mining corporations for the reason that it is necessary to incorporate undeveloped claims in order to raise money to exploit them. A strong lobby will doubtless be sent from all the mining districts to work for the repeal or amending of the present law.

LAND ORIGINALLY A SWAMP.

Testimony of ex-Surveyor General in Warren Valley Case.

Salem.—The deposition of ex-Surveyor General W. H. Byars was taken before Frank Lovell, assistant secretary of state, in the suit brought by the State of Oregon against the Warren Valley Stock Company, to cancel patents issued to that company which were alleged to have been issued upon the fraudulent representation that they were swamp lands. Mr. Byars testified that he surveyed the township in which the greater part of the land is situated, as United States department surveyor in August, 1879; that at that time the land was so wet and swampy that he could not run the survey across it and he was compelled to meander it and return the land as marsh; that he tried to run the lines further into the swamp, but had to back out, owing to the swampy character of the land; that he ran the meander line practically along the edge of the marsh; that the land in controversy, at the time this survey was made, had the appearance of being a permanent marsh and was covered with a heavy growth of tall swamp grass and flags.

MASKED MEN SHOOT SHEEP.

Feud Between Rival Interests on a Range in Crook County.

Prineville.—Two hundred sheep were shot down by a band of mounted masked men 28 miles east of this city October 15. U. S. Cowles, of Hay creek, was the sufferer at the hands of the unknown men. The range is in an isolated section of Crook county and the news of the depredation has just reached this place.

The herder says that late on the afternoon of October 15 a dozen masked men rode up to the band of 4000 sheep and, after ordering him away, began a fusillade on the animals. When Cowles with a number of his neighbors rode to the rescue the next morning he found about 200 muttons stretched out on the ground and the rest of the band scattered far and wide. The stragglers were collected with great difficulty.

Great apprehension is felt both by the cattle and sheep interests at this renewed outbreak of hostilities. Thousands of dollars' worth of stock hay and fences have been destroyed in the struggle this spring and summer for control of grazing lands in Crook county.

Plenty of Wood for Salem.

Salem.—That there will be plenty of wood for fuel in Salem next year, is indicated by the bids now being received for furnishing wood for the state institutions. Though the state boards will receive bids for a week yet, there are already more offers on hand than were received altogether last year. As all the state institutions here are controlled by practically the same state officers, the bids for fuel for all the institutions are received at one time. The state uses 8000 cords of wood a year at Salem.

Kept Sweet Three Years.

Corvallis.—Prune juice kept in bottles in the bacteriological department at the Oregon Agricultural college is exactly the same now as the day it was put up. Bottles of it recently opened were found to have the same flavor, freshness and sweetness as when it was squeezed from the prunes and put away, more than three years ago, by Professor Pernot. A low-temperature process of sterilization was used, and the experiment makes it certain that there is a wide field for a profitable industry in Oregon in preserving sweet cider.

Better Prices for Cattle.

Baker City.—There is a decided improvement in prices offered for cattle over those of a month ago. A number of sales have been made the past 10 days to M. McDonald of Walla Walla and to Portland and Seattle packers. With the departure of the cattle now bargained for, there appears to be plenty of feed to carry the remaining herds of this county through an ordinary winter.

Prize Ram Goes to Polk.

Monmouth.—By express J. H. Hawley, who owns a large farm at McCoy, has just received a fine ram of the Lincoln breed of sheep. This ram was purchased at St. Louis, where he took the sweepstake prize over all competitors.

Receipts of Land Office.

Salem.—The receipts of the state land office for October amounted to \$26,923.54. This sum is a little below the average monthly receipts.

Wheat Market.

Portland — Walla Walla, 81@82c; bluestem, 84@85c; valley, 86@87c; Tacoma — bluestem, 89½c; club, 95½c; Colfax — Club, 73c; bluestem, 75c.

HINT OF PLOT.

Russia Said To Have Intercepted Japanese Message.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The Associated Press has obtained official confirmation of the sensational report that an intercepted dispatch from the Japanese minister at The Hague would be produced in the court of inquiry into the recent North sea affair to prove the existence of a plot to destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. There is said to be good ground for believing the report to be true, and there are many indications that the Russian government has been long in possession of strong evidence of a Japanese plan to intercept all of Admiral Rojestvensky's warships. This explains the willingness of Russia to submit the case to international arbitration. She would scarcely have proposed this course unless convinced she had a strong case.

It also develops that Emperor Nicholas during an audience with British Ambassador Hardinge declared in the most positive terms that there were Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. Apparently, Denmark was impressed by the same belief. The Russian Bowager empress, who was then in Copenhagen, naturally did not fail to communicate to her father the communication received by her from St. Petersburg. This would account for the extraordinary precautions adopted by the Danish government in detaching warships to escort the Baltic squadron through Danish waters.

Another remarkable story is current in well informed circles to the effect that two balloons were seen hovering over the Skagerack while the Russian fleet entered the North sea. These were said to have been manned by Japanese, with the object of watching the Russians and possibly dropping explosives.

No hint of suspicion is expected in any responsible quarter that the British government was the sufferer at the hands of the unknown men. On the contrary, official circles express the highest praise for the conduct of the British government throughout the North sea incident. It is thoroughly appreciated here that the activity of the British fleet was necessitated by public opinion and was in no wise intended to coerce Russia.

CARS CRASH IN A FOG.

Nearly One Hundred People on Los Angeles Cars.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8.—In a terrific rear end collision on the Long Beach electric road today, in a dense fog, nearly 100 persons were injured or badly shaken up. That many persons were not killed outright is astonishing. A car loaded down with Mexican workmen, while running at a speed of more than 40 miles an hour, crashed into a standing passenger coach, which had stopped to take on a passenger, knocking it 200 feet along the rails, and wrecking both coaches.

The terrible impact hurled the passengers and laborers into heaps amid flying timbers, iron and glass. Fifteen persons were rendered unconscious, but miraculously none is reported fatally hurt, unless it be the motorman who was operating the work car.

When his car burst from the fog and bore down upon the standing passenger coach, he threw off the power and put on the air at the time shrieking a warning to those ahead. Although the crash was inevitable, he stuck to his post and went down amid crushed timbers.

The cause of the accident was the dense fog and the fact that the passenger coach was about ten minutes late. A car bound to this city from Long Beach was stopped opposite the wreck and many of the injured were placed aboard of it. While standing there, a work car which had been following it through the fog bumped into it, and more people were injured, some of those who had received injuries in the first collision being again injured in the second one. Both cars in the first collision were smashed to kindling wood, and the passenger car, which received the impact of the second accident, was badly shattered, but was run to the city.

Bids for Drydock Too High.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The bureau of yards and docks probably will reject all the bids that were received for the completion of the big drydock at the Mare Island navy yard. The bids are considered as excessive, and if the contract were made on the basis of those figures the cost of the dock would far exceed the original estimate and the amount available for the work. It is probably that this work will be carried on by yard labor, except in certain parts, such as furnishing the electrical material and building the caisson.

Difficulty Not with the Gun.

Washington, Nov. 8.—As a result of an investigation into the defect in the 12-inch shell used on United States war vessels, noted during the recent target practices of the North Atlantic fleet, it has been reported by the board of experts that the difficulty was entirely with the steel bands on the projectile, and not with the gun, as was apprehended. This defect can easily be remedied.