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SAYS BRYAN WILL WIN.

Forecast of Chairman Mack Ten Days Before Election.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Ten days before election, Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic national committee, claims New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia and Rhode Island.

Figures many and voluminous are given to substantiate Mack's statement. New Jersey will give forty thousand plurality to Bryan.

A single electoral vote will go to the republicans in Indiana, Bryan and Chanler in New York will win in a walk.

Mack says his computation is based on a direct poll of the voters, reliable reports from congressional districts, the word of state chairmen and the unbiased opinion of shrewd political judges.

In view of the republicans' statement, to be issued Monday, wise politicians are refraining from comment upon the Democratic forecast of tonight.

Lathrop Gives Summary.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Sweeping the country in a summarizing review of the political conditions, one is forced to assert that 1908 seems determined to repeat its performance of 1892 by electing a democratic president.

Every significant change in sentiment among the several natural divisions of voters indicates such a strong drift towards Bryan that success on November 3 would seem to be a good bet.

It is the period of the straw votes, when in a given state, casting millions of votes, newspapers send out postal cards and get returns from say 3000 voters, or one in every 350 who vote, therefrom predicate guesses as to the final result.

This has been done by the New York World, the Cincinnati Enquirer, St. Louis Republic and Chicago Record-Herald, all covering practically every northern state east of the Rockies.

Disregarding territorial comments on printed result these polls, stating them without permitting "wish to be father to the thought," as I seriously tried to do during the past three days, I can't see any conclusion other than that intelligent betting would back Bryan for the presidency.

Not Correct Basis.

In the first place, the 1904 vote is not a correct basis for estimating.

In many states Roosevelt carried the commonwealths with an immense plurality, while at the same time the total republican vote is much less than in 1900 and the democratic vote is so small that it is represented only by a bodyguard of democrats who went to the polls.

The 1900 vote, then, is a proper basis for comparison.

For instance, Missouri in 1904 gave Roosevelt a majority, yet the vote showed that 125,000 democrats remained at home.

Several business men undertook to get a line on the situation by communicating with hundreds of customers in all the northern states, the returns being the customer's observations in his region.

These returns are comprehensive and apparently non-partisan and indicate that Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and New York are democratic, with Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, West Virginia, Connecticut and New Jersey doubtful, in varying degrees.

Nebraska, perhaps, should be placed in the Bryan column; also Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming.

The handicap of comparison with 1904, with its popular plurality for Roosevelt of 2,545,515, melts away when 1900 is taken, with only a plurality for McKinley of 849,790, which carry the proof of the "stay at home" vote by showing a total vote in 1900 of about 14,000,000, with only about 13,500,000 in 1904, when it should have given a large increase over 1900.

Nationally, Bryan has to change 425,000 votes from 1900 to win, or 3 per cent of the popular vote.

The south, with Nevada and Oklahoma, will give him 161 electoral votes, adding 77 for New York, Indiana and Ohio, a total of 238 is reached, or only four less than the 242 necessary to give a majority of 183 electoral votes.

I find it difficult to locate the man who claims that in all the sweep of north and west, will not be other electoral votes for Bryan than those three states named, New York, Indiana and Ohio.

In fact, Mr. Hitchcock has practically conceded Montana, Colorado and Wyoming.

Republicans admit grave doubts as to Nebraska, Idaho, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Kansas, Connecticut, or a total of 59 votes concededly doubtful, with fighting chances in several other states, South Dakota and Iowa.

This pares it down to a safe showing on a basis of actual conditions now existing. It gives Bryan the election.

Scene and Money.

This will be printed nine days before election.

During that time only two things will be depended on to swing the result to Taft—scare and money.

Unpleasant as it may be to write it, nevertheless it is my duty to

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do so, that Taft managers are resorting to desperate methods. Officials of the Big Four railway, traveling on a special train, are importing employees to support Taft. Vice-President Brown, of the New York Central, has visited Chicago and gave out an interview of the same character. Letters went from the Taft committee to all big corporations imploring liberal contributions for "use on election day." Those who discuss the campaign make it a common topic of conversation. The republicans are making no attempt to cover the fact that they are gathering it.

Every prominent republican has been advised of the plan, and so far as known no protest has been offered. The magnitude of the election day fund is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. I am in a position to know that the Bryan fight is being confined to legitimate methods. Most of the fund of a little more than \$300,000 so far raised, has been expended in literature and speakers. No fund has been provided for "use on election day" beyond a few thousand dollars for watching at the polls for illegal voting or attempt to bribe. Old stagers tell me also they never witnessed a cleaner fight than has been waged by Bryan.

JOHN E. LATHROP.
TRUSTS ARE FOR TAFT.
Standard Oil Men Lead in the Fight Against Bryan.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The Republican national committee is sending out a letter asking for "cash contributions," in which the declaration is made that "the election of Judge Taft and James S. Sherman is essential to the welfare of the country."

The letter is of interest by reason of the character of the men whose names appear on the letter head, and who make this appeal. These are the men who sign the letter informing the people of the country that Bryan's election will be dangerous.

Charles F. Brooker, head of the Brass trust, and vice-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, against which a government suit is now pending in the federal courts.

Oil Men Represented.
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T. Coleman Du Pont, the head of the powder trust, which is fighting a suit against dissolution.

Boise Penrose, the political "boss" of the corrupt political machine in Pennsylvania.

George R. Shelton, the personal representative of J. Pierpont Morgan, in the capacity of director in all his trust companies, and who collected trust money for the election of Governor Hughes of New York.

William Nelson Cromwell, the legal representative of Edward H. Harriman, and probably the greatest trust lawyer in the United States.



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Geo. Kohlhaagen, Prop.

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