

# TAFT'S VICTORY IS ASSURED

Returns from All Parts of Country Show that  
Republicans Elect President.

## HUGHES ELECTED

Returns Also Give New York  
State and City to Taft.

## MARYLAND IS DOUBTFUL

Official Count Required There and in Mis-  
souri to Decide Who Leads—  
Colorado Democratic.



W. H. TAFT

New York, Nov. 4.—Returns received up to a late hour tonight indicate that W. H. Taft, of Ohio, as president-elect will have a vote of 309 in the electoral college. This is 67 more than a majority of the total electoral vote of 483. If Missouri votes for Taft, his total may reach 327.

News of the late returns indicate that Maryland, after vacillating during the day and apparently being safe for the Democrats, had swung into the Taft column. The unofficial figures give Taft the state by 136 votes. Indiana and West Virginia as well as Montana turned out to be safely Republican. Colorado went for Bryan.

If Missouri, which late developments place in the doubtful column, goes for Bryan, he will have a total of 174 votes, two less than he received in 1896. In 1904 Parker received only 140 votes, in 1900 Bryan received 155 votes and in 1896 the Nebraskan received 176 votes.

Taft's 309 electoral votes compare with 336 received by Roosevelt in 1904; 292 received by McKinley in 1900, and 271 received by McKinley in 1896.

The states certainly carried by Mr. Bryan are as follows: Alabama, 11; Arkansas 9, Colorado 5, Florida 5, Georgia 13, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 9, Mississippi 10, Nevada 3, Nebraska 8, North Carolina 12, Oklahoma 7, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 18, Virginia 12. Total 156.

All the rest of the states are safe for Taft with the exception of Maryland and Missouri, where the issue is so close that an official count may be necessary to determine the result.

The latest returns indicate that in the national house of representatives the Republicans will have 208 members and the Democrats 172, with 11 districts missing.

Taft's plurality in the state of New York, according to corrected figures late tonight is 203,495, more than 28,000 in excess of President Roosevelt's plurality of four years ago.

Governor Charles E. Hughes was re-elected governor of New York by 71,150. The returns as between president and governor indicate a heavy splitting of tickets. The proportion of scratched ballots was about the same in the up-state districts as in Greater New York.

Bryan's victory in his home state of Nebraska was a sweeping one. Five of Nebraska's six congressmen will be Democrats, while in the legislature only 18 Republicans seem to be elected out of a total of 33 senators and representatives.

**Colorado.**  
Denver, Nov. 4.—Chairman Vivian of the Republican state central committee admits that the trend of the count of Tuesday's vote in Colorado is toward a Democratic victory, but still hopes that complete returns will give the state to Taft and that some of the candidates for state officers will be successful. However, he concedes the election of ex-Congressman John F. Shaffroth, Democratic candidate for governor, and also concedes a good majority of both houses of the legislature to the Democrats. This insures the selection of Charles J. Hughes as United States senator, Henry M. Teller's successor, which will be made by the next general assembly.

**Nevada.**  
Reno, Nev., Nov. 4.—While the returns are not complete from this state, it is safe to say Bryan carries it by less than 1,000. United States Senator Newlands, Dem., will be returned by a small majority; Bartless, Dem., for congress, will win by a heavy plurality over Maxson, Rep., and Fitzgerald, Ind.

**Pennsylvania.**  
Philadelphia, Nov. 3.—Republican leaders claim Pennsylvania for Taft by more than 200,000 plurality. Senator Penrose claims a plurality of 250,000 for Taft in Pennsylvania.

**Wyoming.**  
Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 3.—Complete returns have not yet been received from any part of the state; incomplete returns show large Democratic gains. Both state chairmen claim the state by small majority.

**Florida.**  
Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 3.—The election in Florida resulted in the usual Democratic majority of from 18,000 to 20,000.

**Illinois.**  
Chicago, Nov. 3, 10 p. m.—The Republican national and state tickets have gained a complete victory in Illinois, although the pluralities will probably fall short of those obtained by the party in the Roosevelt campaign of 1904. Taft has carried the state by approximately 170,000 votes.

Charles S. Deneen, Republican candidate for governor, ran far behind the national ticket, but has been elected by a plurality of about 100,000 over Adlai E. Stevenson, his Democratic opponent.

Chicago and Cook county gave a plurality to Taft of 50,000 against 126,000 for Roosevelt four years ago. Outside of Cook county the plurality for Taft is not far from 120,000. The plurality of Roosevelt in 1904 was 394,939 for the state.

Stevenson, Democratic candidate for governor, carried Chicago by about 8,000 and the county of Cook by about 6,000. He lost heavily, however, in the state outside of Cook. The state legislature, which is to select a successor to Senator Hopkins, will be strongly Republican.

The Socialist vote showed a considerable falling off from that of four years ago. Debs in 1904 received 69,225 votes. From the returns so far obtained it seems probable he will not receive much over 40,000.

**Iowa.**  
Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 3.—The incomplete returns received at 10 o'clock indicate that Taft has carried Iowa by a plurality of from 40,000 to 50,000. This is a tremendous falling off from the Roosevelt plurality of 158,000 of four years ago, but it represents only a slight falling off from the normal plurality. The entire Republican state ticket is elected, probably by about the same plurality.

**Kansas.**  
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 3.—Kansas election returns are still very incomplete, owing to the long ballot and the late hour of closing the polls. The returns seem to substantiate the claim of the Republican state committee that the entire Republican state ticket, headed by Walter R. Stubbs, for governor, has been elected by about 25,000 plurality, and that Taft's plurality is a few thousand votes larger.

**California.**  
San Francisco, Nov. 4.—California not only gives a plurality for Taft that will reach 75,000, but sends a solid Republican delegation to congress and elects a Republican state legislature that will probably return Perkins to the United States senate.

The capital removal amendment was carried by a majority of 9,714. The direct primary amendment was carried by 30,000.

**Missouri.**  
St. Louis, Nov. 5.—Returns compiled at 1:30 a. m. from every county in the state give Bryan a lead over Taft in Missouri of 67 votes. From 18 of the 114 counties, however, complete returns have not been received. Complete returns from the missing precincts may change the result one way or the other and it is probable that the official count alone can determine whether Missouri has given its 18 electoral votes to Bryan or Taft.

The same tables which give Bryan a lead of 67 votes give Hadley for governor a lead of 15,148, making his election over Cowherd an absolute certainty. This is the first time in nearly 35 years that Missouri has elected a Republican governor.

**Michigan.**  
Detroit, Mich., Nov. 4.—With Taft and Sherman carrying the state by a large majority, estimated at about 100,000, the successful candidate for governor is not known at 1:30 o'clock. Returns from the state are slowly coming in. Republican candidates for congress have been elected in all but the first district, where the votes have not been counted and the result is not known.

**North Carolina.**  
Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 3.—The complete Democratic ticket will carry by a majority of at least 130,000. The Republican ticket made gains throughout the state.

**Mississippi.**  
Jackson, Miss., Nov. 3.—Bryan carried Mississippi by a majority of over 50,000. The vote for Taft showed slight increase over the Republican vote in the last presidential election.

**Indiana.**  
Indianapolis, Nov. 4.—Complete returns on the legislature show that the Democrats will have a majority of eight on joint ballot. Eleven out of the 13 congressmen will be Democratic, a gain of seven. Taft carries the state by about 10,000 and Marshall, Dem., for governor, is elected by about 15,000.

**Montana.**  
Butte, Mont., Nov. 4.—Advices from throughout Montana tonight indicate that Taft has carried the state by a majority close to 3,000. C. N. Pray, of Fort Benton, is re-elected to congress by about 4,000. The governorship is still in doubt, with Donlan, Rep., running about 1,600 behind Norris, Dem.

**West Virginia.**  
Cincinnati, Nov. 4.—The total vote has been received from many counties of West Virginia, and these serve to confirm the Taft victory by several thousand, and because of this the Republicans continue to claim the state ticket.

**Maryland.**  
Baltimore, Nov. 4.—With sixteen precincts on the eastern shore still to hear from, indications are that Bryan has carried Maryland by 200 plurality. Both Democrats and Republicans claim victory. It may require the official count to determine the result positively.

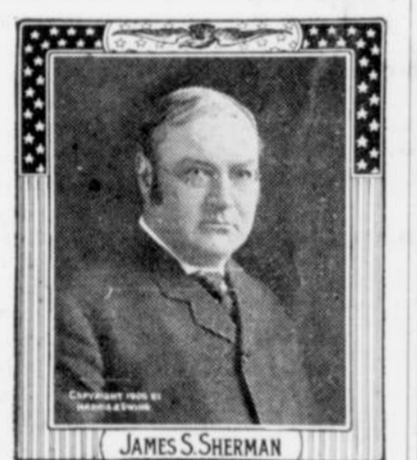
**Oklahoma.**  
Oklahoma City, Nov. 4.—Complete returns from 40 counties in the central and northern sections of the state give Bryan a plurality of 13,000. The counties yet to be heard from are principally those bordering on Arkansas and Texas, which have large Democratic votes. These probably will raise Bryan's plurality to 18,000.

Returns indicate that the legislature will be composed of 110 Democrats and 43 Republicans. This is a gain of 25 for the Republicans, but the defeat of United States Senator Gore is not threatened.

**South Dakota.**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 4.—Returns at midnight were sufficient to show that the Republicans had practically made a clean sweep of the state on the national and state tickets. They have elected both congressmen at large.

**South Carolina.**  
Columbia, S. C., Nov. 3.—South Carolina will give Bryan about 60,000 majority, while the state and congressional tickets are overwhelmingly Democratic.

**Massachusetts.**  
Boston, Nov. 4.—Complete vote of Massachusetts for presidency: Taft, 250,221; Bryan, 165,860; Taft's plu-



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rality, 84,361. For governor: Draper, R., 233,874; Vahey, D., 173,355; Draper's plurality, 60,519.

**Connecticut.**  
New Haven, Nov. 3.—Taft's plurality in Connecticut will exceed 25,000. Lilley, Republican, for governor will have over 1,500 plurality over Robertson Democratic.

Republicans carry complete state ticket and probably hold their usual majority in the legislature. All five Republican congressmen are re-elected.

**Wisconsin.**  
Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 3.—The Republican national and state tickets are victorious in Wisconsin today by a plurality estimated at 75,000. The congressional delegates with one district to hear from probably will remain about the same as two years ago, nine Republicans and two Democrats.

**New Jersey.**  
Trenton, N. J., Nov. 3.—Revised returns received up to midnight show that Mr. Taft's plurality in New Jersey will be between 65,000 and 70,000. Republicans elect seven congressmen and the Democrats two, the Sixth district, which is now represented by a Democrat, William Hughes, being very close and in doubt.

**Vermont.**  
White River Junction, Vt., Nov. 4.—Complete returns from the state of Vermont give Taft 39,592, Bryan, 11,688, Hisgen 719; Taft's plurality, 27,904.

**Maine.**  
Portland, Me., Nov. 4.—Taft and Sherman were given a plurality of 32,000 in Maine yesterday out of a total vote for the two leading parties of 103,000.

**North Dakota.**  
Fargo, N. D., Nov. 4.—With Taft leading by 15,000 in 300 precincts in the southern part of the state heard from, the race for governor is close, Burke, D., having 17,505 and Johnson, R., 17,630. The loss that Johnson suffered in the cities is more than made up in the rural districts.

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