

# RESULT DEPENDS ON 42 DISTRICTS

### Chicago Tribune Predicts Democrats Will Control House by 23 Majority.

## MARGIN OF 23 CONCEDED

### Democratic Chairman Claims 51, and Republican Expresses Optimistic View—"Roosevelt Far From Beaten Man."

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four, and we do not expect to lose more than 42 districts now represented by Democrats.

"In the beginning of the campaign the prospects for Democratic victory looked so bright that we feared that it would be only temporary. We congratulate ourselves that the result against the Payne-Aldrich bill and the Republican management of Government has grown each day since the campaign began, until now it has become so evident that an overwhelming victory for Democracy is absolutely assured."

"William B. McKinley, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, also issued a formal statement today in reference to Republican claims, but it is noteworthy that he declined to make figures, contenting himself with the statement that he expects the Republicans to control the next House by a fair working majority."

### McKinley Predicts Majority.

"The text of Mr. McKinley's statement is as follows:

"From the best reports obtainable from candidates on the Republican ticket and others interested in Republican politics, I am confident that the Republicans will control the Sixty-second Congress by a fair working majority. The size of this majority will be determined by the percentage of the Republican vote of the country which comes to the polls on the eighth of November."

"That the voters have taken but a slight interest in the pending political campaign is evidenced by the small vote cast at the primaries for the candidates of the several tickets. This, it would seem, forecast an extraordinarily light vote at the polls, especially in the rural districts, where the farmers are enjoying an unusual degree of prosperity."

"Democratic success on Tuesday will give the party control in the House of Representatives for the first time since the Fifty-third Congress of 1893. The passage by that Congress of the Wilson tariff law resulted in the restoration of the Republicans to power."

### History Is Repeated.

"These occurrences gave rise to the saying that a change in the political complexion of Congress was certain to follow a revision of the tariff. It probably will be exemplified once more for the promise of Democratic victory finds its inception in the Aldrich tariff law and the split which occurred in the Republican party as a result of that law."

"The Democrats are benefiting, not so much from a testimonial to their superior capacity for statesmanship, as from a protest which the people apparently desire to register against the Republican party as dominated in the past by the reactionary element. The increased cost of living has made thousands of voters for the Democrats simply because thousands of people are convinced that the cause is the protection of the trusts, as adroitly perpetuated in the Aldrich-Payne law by the 'standpat' Republicans."

"Congressmen, as well as state officers, already have been elected in Maine and Vermont, but in all the other states Representatives in the lower House of the National Law-making body will be elected on Tuesday. State officers, Judges of the Supreme Court, Railroad Commissioners, etc., will be chosen in 28 states and governors and full state tickets will be elected in 28 of these."

### 27 Senators Undecided.

"Members of the Legislatures will be elected in all of the states and the chief National interest in these elections lies in the choice that will be made of United States Senators by these bodies within the next year. The terms of 20 Senators expire March 3 next. Three Senators already have been elected—those of Alabama, Maryland and Vermont."

"The hottest state ticket fight is that in New York, in which the personality of Theodore Roosevelt, his aims, ambitions and potentiality for good or evil constitute the all-absorbing question. Tammany, Wall street and the reactionary element generally in both the Democratic and Republican parties are aligning every nerve for the defeat of Stimson, that thereby Roosevelt may be given what they hope will be a political death blow."

"But Roosevelt is making a tremendously successful appeal to farmers, clerks and city wage-earners generally, and he is far from a beaten man. The most that can be said of the situation is that, according to present indications, the outcome will be close whichever way it goes."

### Liquor Issue in Three States.

"Numerous proposed constitutional amendments and questions of various kinds are to be submitted in many of the states. Prohibition is an issue in Florida, Missouri and Oregon, and in these states proposed amendments to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors will be voted upon. In Texas the incoming Legislature will submit to the voters for approval or rejection a constitutional amendment providing for prohibition. Oklahoma will vote incidentally on a proposed constitutional amendment substituting local option for the present system of state-wide prohibition."

"Three states—Oklahoma, South Dakota and Washington—will vote directly on the question of granting suffrage to women, while in Oregon a proposed amendment to the constitution grants to all taxpayers, regardless of sex, the right of suffrage."

### Oregon Has Most Issues.

"The largest number of questions to be voted upon in any state is in Oregon. There 22 initiative and referendum measures will be upon the ballot for approval or rejection. Included in this number, besides the proposed suffrage and prohibition amendments to the Constitution, is a bill proposed by initiative petition amending the Oregon primary law and extending its provisions to Presidential nominations, allowing voters to designate their choice for President and Vice-president, providing for direct nomination of party candidates for Presidential electors, for election by party voters of delegates to

their party national nominating conventions. "One of the suggested amendments to the Oregon constitution proposed by initiative petition provides for verdicts by three-fourths of a jury in civil cases. Another proposed amendment increases the initiative and referendum and recall powers of the people. "Conservation of natural resources will be passed upon by voters of Wisconsin in the shape of a proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing the state to make annual appropriation for acquiring, preserving and developing water power and forests of the state. In Minnesota a proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the Legislature to exempt from taxation lands of private persons to be used for purposes of reforestation."

## STIMSON WILL RUN BEHIND

### Republican's Election Claimed. However, by Majority of 20,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Although Henry L. Stimson, the Republican candidate for governor, returned from his up-state tour late last night, he took the stump again today, making one speech this afternoon and several tonight. He has just as full a speaking programme awaiting him Monday, when Theodore Roosevelt will campaign for him.

A. Dix, Stimson's opponent, made his last speech to a delegation of farmers who called at his home in Thompson. In addition to delivering eight speeches, Mr. Stimson dictated a long telegram which was sent to his opponent at Thompson this evening. The message comprised 12 questions asking for details as to Mr. Dix's position on the tariff, his treatment of his employees and his charge of Republican extravagance.

Another output from Republican headquarters was an open letter from John Mitchell, ex-president of the Amalgamated Workers Union, attacking Mr. Dix's alleged treatment of the employees in his wall paper factory.

Hera Prentice, Republican campaign chief, said Stimson would win by 20,000 majority. He conceded that his candidate for governor was behind the rest of the ticket.

## PROHIBITION UP IN MISSOURI

### Citizens' Defense Secretary Predicts Defeat by 150,000.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—Three general state officers, State Senators and Representatives, Congressmen and many minor officers also will be elected in Missouri next Tuesday. A United States Senator is to be chosen by the Legislature next year.

The greatest interest is in the state-wide prohibition amendment. Though the dollar has been spent by the "wets" and "drys" in newspaper advertising, Secretary McAuliffe, of the Citizens' Defense Committee, in a forecast tonight, said the amendment would be defeated by at least 150,000 votes.

## TWO DISTRICTS IN DOUBT

### Washington Republicans Have Hard Fight for Congress.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 5.—Chief interest in the Washington campaign, centers about the Congressional contests in the First and Second districts. The Republican nominees in these districts are being opposed bitterly and the result is considered doubtful.

The fight in the third district has been less severe and the Republicans are certain of success. The only state officers to be elected are Supreme Court Judges and members of the State Legislature, which will choose a successor to Senator Piles. The Republicans are confident of sending Representative Miles Poindeexter to the Senate.

A constitutional amendment granting woman suffrage will be on the ballot. There has been no organized opposition to the amendment and it is generally conceded that it will be adopted.

## TWO STATES HOLD INTEREST

### Washington Most Concerned With New York and Ohio Results.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Interest at Washington centers on the New York and Ohio elections and in the Congressional returns generally. President Taft has held aloof from campaign speechmaking, resting on such party pronouncements as those exchanged between himself and Chairman McKinley of the National Republican Congressional committee.

The President will vote in his own precinct in Cincinnati; Vice-President Sherman at Union, Secretary Knox at Valley Forge, Pa.; Secretary Meyer at Hamilton, Mass.; Postmaster-General Hitchcock at Newton, Mass.; Attorney-General Wickersham at New York City and Secretary MacVeagh in Chicago. Secretary Dickinson still will be on the last lap of his return trip from the Philippines, and Secretary Ballinger will remain at Washington.

Secretary Wilson does not expect to go from Ohio to Iowa to vote.

## STUBBS' MANAGER CERTAIN

### Kansas Republicans Predict Victory by 30,000.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 5.—A majority for Governor Stubbs, of not less than 20,000, the election of every Republican Congressional candidate, and a good working majority in the Legislature, are the predictions made tonight by J. N. Dolley, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. In the state election and five of the eight Congressmen are claimed by Henderson Martin, chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

## "Grandfather Clause" Is Puzzle.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 5.—Owing to the fact that the "grandfather" clause will be applied for the first time next Tuesday, party managers in the campaign which came to an end tonight, are at sea regarding the probable outcome of the balloting. Four different clauses are in the field. A constitutional amendment to substitute local option for the state-wide prohibition law is to be voted upon.

## Nixon Opposed in Nevada.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 5.—The Congressional and state elections are practically closed tonight, with both United States Senators on the stump. The fight centers on the Senatorial and the gubernatorial offices. Senator Nixon (Rep.), incumbent, has encountered a strong aggressive fight from Key Pittman for the popular and advisory choice and the Legislature is pledged to abide the issue. Governor Dickerson (Dem.), incumbent, has toured the state and says he will lead by a large majority.

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# REPUBLICAN GAINS IN INDIANA LIKELY

### Indications Are Democrats Will Lose Some of Their Seats in Congress.

## CANNON NOT MADE ISSUE

### Pledges to Crumpacker for Speaker Eliminate Question of Insurgency—Fight Especially Hot in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 5.—(Special.)—The campaign just coming to a close has been especially active with reference to the candidates for Congress. The Indiana delegation now stands 11 to two in favor of the Democrats, and it is expected the second, third and fourth districts will return Democrats. The men who are opposing the Democratic nominees in these districts understood when nominated that there was no chance of election. In the twelfth, however, where Judge Hanton has been nominated by Republicans, the party is making an aggressive campaign, and there is strong probability of Hanton carrying the district, which is normally Democratic.

The first and fifth districts, sometimes Democratic and sometimes Republican, are debatable ground. In the first, Frank B. Fossey is the party candidate. He is opposed by John W. Boehne, ex-Mayor of Evansville and a popular man among the Germans, who are numerous in the district.

In the fifth Representative Moss is again a candidate and is opposed by Frank J. Tilley, who is very popular with the laboring men, being a coal operator and a large employer of labor. In both districts the chances somewhat favor the Democrats.

## Colored Vote Holds Balance.

The seventh district comprises the County of Marion, which contains Indianapolis, and here a battle royal is on between the two parties. There are about 1000 colored voters in the district, and these hold the balance of power. Representative Korbly is the Democratic and Linton A. Cox the Republican nominee. Both are young lawyers. Indications now are that Cox will be elected.

The eighth district has sent John A. M. Adair to Congress for two terms, although it is normally Republican by 600 votes. Adair's election being due to bitter factional fights. The Republicans have nominated Rollin Warner, of Muncie, and he is making a earnest canvass. He was not identified with either the Cromer or the anti-Cromer faction and the party is in better shape than at any time in six years. This would indicate the Republicans have an excellent chance to redeem the district, but Adair is very popular and old-time Republican majorities are out of the question.

## Republicans Are Reunited.

The Democrats are claiming the ninth, tenth, eleventh and thirteenth districts, but with the exception of the tenth they are all normally Republican, and it will not be a surprise if the Democrats fall short of their claims at the election. The Republicans apparently are reunited and are claiming the four districts with as much confidence and with quite as good reason as are the Democrats.

The question of "progressive" insurgents has not entered into the Congressional campaigns to any great extent and all the Republican nominees are pledged to Judge Crumpacker for the Speakership as against Joseph G. Cannon. This pledge has taken Cannon entirely out of the Congressional campaign in Indiana, and the Democrats, in the face of the pledges given to Crumpacker, have been unable to get the Speaker's shadow over the Illinois line.

Considering all the factors in the situation, it is quite certain the Republicans will make gains in Congressmen, but it would be nothing more than a guess to say how large these gains will be.

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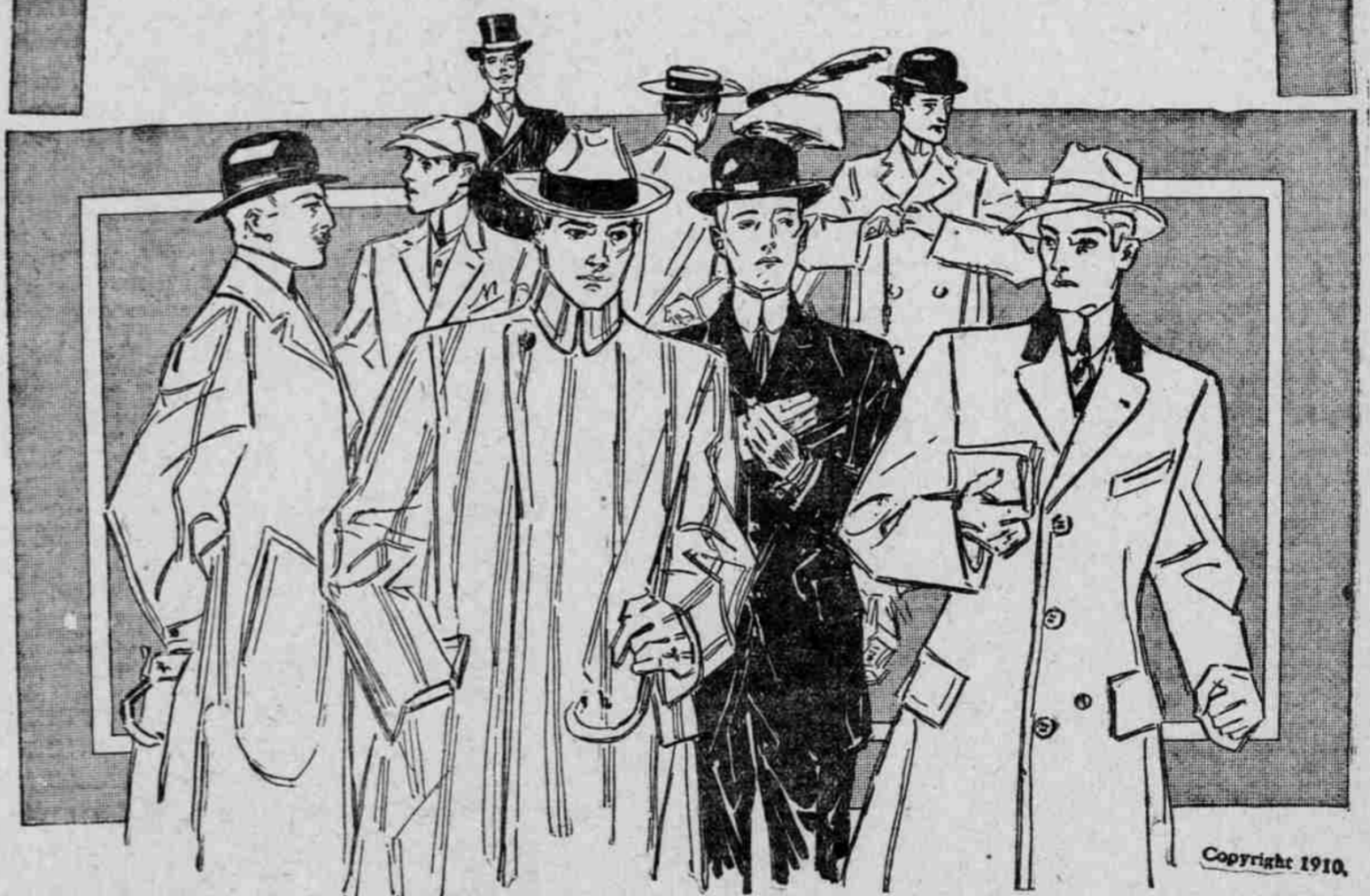
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