

MAJORITY OF 100 FOR NEXT HOUSE CLAIMED BY WILSON LEADERS

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WEST GOING DEMOCRATIC

Majority in Senate Will Be Increased, Is Prediction; President's Popularity Is Striking Feature.

(United Press Special Wire) Washington, Nov. 2.—Control of the next house of representatives by a majority of at least 100, as predicted in a pre-election statement from the Democratic congressional campaign committee. It was stated that at most the Democrats will lose—only 30 seats, and will also unseat many Republicans. "It is difficult to see how the Democratic party will fail to organize the next house, with approximately 100 majority," the statement declared, "making due allowance for the fact that a number of Democrats represent strong Republican districts, which under normal conditions we could not hope to win. "Reports gathered, with care from all parts of the country indicate a sweeping Democratic victory," the committee statement declared. "Democratic sentiment is particularly strong west of the Mississippi. Gains are confidently expected in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon and other western states. In the first New Jersey district, and others in the east, now represented by Republicans prospects are exceptionally good. In the east, our reports are particularly gratifying. "Our majority in the senate will be increased by election of senators in Connecticut, Ohio, New York, Kansas and Illinois, all of which are now represented by Republicans. Stevens, in New Hampshire, Johnson in South Dakota, Purcell in North Dakota, Moyle in Utah, Phelan in California and Husting in Wisconsin, have fine chances of success, according to the best reports obtainable. "Palmer in Pennsylvania, and Connolly in Iowa appear to be gaining strength very rapidly and our latest reports from these states are very reassuring. "The most striking feature of all the reports is the tremendous popularity of President Wilson."

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In order that Portland voters may get returns on Tuesday's election, state, county and national, as early as possible, The Journal has secured a special leased wire report by the United Press for Tuesday night, special wire reports from all the counties of the state on the same evening, and a large force of messengers will collect returns from precincts of the city. Bulletins showing the progress of the count will be thrown on a screen in front of The Journal building tomorrow evening.

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CONFISCATION OF PRIVATE, CORPORATE OWNERSHIP, SAID

(Continued from Page One.) for public use without just compensation would work a great injury and do violence to the constitution of Oregon. "It is the author of these bills, who was enjoined by our courts in the case mentioned, urges you to work this "great injury and do violence to the constitution," by destroying to the waterfront owners the use of their property up to "bankful stage," and to place the control of the same in the municipal and state authorities. "Millions Are Invested. Private citizens and railroads alike have been assessed for this property many years, and each year taxes have been collected. Millions have been invested in this property by private owners, as well as by the railroads, and to destroy its use means financial ruin to many who have made their investments upon the assurance of the laws and the court decisions of the state. If the people of the state be misled as to these bills and confiscate this property, how can the wrong be corrected; how can the distrust that will be caused in the minds of those whom we desire to interest in our state, in its resources and in its development, as to the security of property, be dispelled? "Every business enterprise except public docks has been locked out. These bills not only confiscate, but prevent the use of the frontage along the navigable waters of our state for business or commerce by private enterprise. Before there can be shipping there must be production; we must produce and ship more than we receive, or we will be unable to support public docks. The necessity for docks is admitted, but manufacturing establish-

ments, flour mills, canneries, sawmills, log booms, cultivated land and prosperous people, working in the same cooperation, are ever moving on. The little landings along our inland waters are as necessary and important in the functions they perform, as are municipal docks. "How Acreage is Measured. The acreage of each tract respectively tagged by their author with big type—"Public Docks and Waterfronts Amendment"—"Municipal Wharves and Docks Bill." The author has given no cooperation to any other facility or enterprise than Public Municipal Docks, and to carry out his plan, overlooked everything else, and has probably unintentionally rendered impossible business involving access to our navigable waters. By these bills there will be no authority for the construction of docks or wharves at a point more than five miles beyond the limits of any incorporated city or town and within incorporated cities or towns, no docks or wharves can be built except by the municipality, except that within said limited areas upland owners may propose a lease to use their own property (if they pay sufficient rentals) from the proper corporate authorities in cities or towns with the acquiescence of the state land board, if the board see fit to grant such lease, but the term of the lease authorized is limited in any event to 25 years, and is further provided that it is subject to appropriation by the city or town at the end of 10 years from the date of the lease upon payment by the city or town of the then physical value of the dock if the improvement erected under the lease. No allowance is to be made for intangible elements of value or for loss of business or profits or other damage of like or different kind. It is also subject to public regulation. "Returns Investments. Under such conditions, no manufacturing establishment, flour mill, sawmill, log boom, dock or other landing will be constructed, for the reason that no business man will make the necessary large investment for an establishment that requires both upland and waterfront, under circumstances where his waterfront is absolutely essential part of his equipment, can be taken from him at the end of 10 years by merely paying him the expense of the construction of the piling and decking of a dock. Advocates of these bills try to poison the public mind with the statement that by owning their docks the railroads control and monopolize shipping. The railroads could not do this if they would. It is unlawful for the railroads to have any interest in any carrier by water, with which the railroad does or may compete for traffic, without the consent of the interstate commerce commission, after a finding by the commission that the service by water is of advantage to the commerce of the country, and that the proposed physical connection between the line of the rail carrier and the dock of the water carrier and to fix the terms upon which the connecting tracks shall be operated. With this power available to the dock commission and to the state, and with their further power to condemn

that are honestly conducting legitimate business, rather than confiscate their property and discredit the state throughout the commercial world. "Club" Will Serve Big Meal for 5 Cts. Men who have no jobs, men who are hungry and cold and homeless, will be given a warm hand and a hot feed at a new "club" room to be opened Wednesday at 271 Front street, near Jefferson. Captain J. G. McClelland, former-

in charge of the social service work in the north end, will be in charge. Ben Selling will take care of the expenses. "This won't be a charitable institution at all," declared Captain McClelland today. "But we will serve a big meal for 5 cents, and will have a reading room and club room without cost. Eventually we expect to install a free employment bureau." Captain McClelland announced that for a nickel a man who is "up against it" can get ample food to make him comfortable. "Most men are good," he declared. "When a man gets out of work and has

no place to go, a good warm place of welcome will do more to put him on his feet than anything else. It's only the man who gets kicked about, with no hand to help him, that falls into the criminal class. The club rooms will contain card tables, domino and checker tables, writing tables with free stationery for the men to write home, and after the place gets fairly in operation an employment agency will be offered also. Turner Held at Hood River. Hood River, Or., Nov. 2.—F. W. Turner, alias Hastings, was arrested in Hood River last night and is being

held as a suspect. He is suspected of having passed a number of forged checks upon local merchants two years ago. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Carson, Sheriff Johnson and Detective Archie Leonard of Portland. When the three officers went to Turner's room and knocked on the door he refused to admit them, and while one stood guard at the door the other two officers gained entrance by a rear window. Turner denies the charges. Word comes from Walls, Wash., that Turner is wanted there, also. Journal Want Ads bring results.

Running the Mud Batteries

