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ELECTION RESULT IN DOUBT

Hughes' Early Lead Wiped Out—Both Sides Claim Victory—Washington, Oregon and California are Doubtful—East and Middle West Republican.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—At 3:30 this morning President Wilson was leading Charles E. Hughes in California by 724 votes. These figures were the result of a count of 2188 scattered precincts of the total of 5917. The vote was: Wilson, 141,396; Hughes, 140,672.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—Returns for President from 1838 precincts out of 3142 in Indiana give Wilson 210,475; Hughes, 220,186.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 8.—The Pioneer Press this morning says Hughes has carried Minnesota by 26,000 votes and that Frank B. Kellogg, Republican, has been elected senator by from 50,000 to 75,000 plurality.

Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 8.—Returns from 976 precincts out of 2474 in Kansas give Wilson 133,920, Hughes 125,811; a Wilson gain of 3968 in the returns from the last 114 precincts, making his plurality 8109.

New York, Nov. 8.—At 4:45 o'clock this morning the returns, while still incomplete, made Wilson reasonably certain of 236 votes in the electoral college and seemed to give Hughes 218. There were 81 votes still in doubt, 266 being required for an election.

These states were counted for Wilson: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. Total, 236.

For Hughes were claimed Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin. Total, 218.

At 5:15 a. m. returns from Cheyenne took Wyoming from the Hughes list and placed its three electoral votes in the doubtful column, with Wilson leading.

These states were doubtful: California, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Total, 80.

From the doubtful states the returns were coming slowly and there were indications that the full result would not be known before noon. The chairman of the Republican and Democratic committees both claimed victory for their respective candidates. The Republicans seemed to have the best prospects in Indiana, Minnesota, Oregon and West Virginia.

OREGON LEANS TO HUGHES.

Portland—Incomplete returns from 30 of the 35 counties of the state indicate that Charles E. Hughes has carried Oregon for President by a small plurality.

Hughes appears to be running well ahead of President Wilson in the early count in Multnomah county. The two candidates are making a close race in the outside counties, with a slight leaning toward Hughes.

The two candidates are running nearly neck and neck in the up-state counties, Hughes maintaining a slight lead. Hughes is gaining a strong margin in Multnomah county, and if he holds his present proportionate advantage in the complete returns will carry this county by approximately 6000.

The total vote in state outside Multnomah county is Hughes, 9088; Wilson 9016.

State offices have safe majorities. Sinnott and Hawley are re-elected. McArthur's lead is 788. Bone-dry prohibition, full rental land tax and Sunday closing law are defeated. Brewers' amendment leads by 410.

Wilson Leads in Washington.

SEATTLE, Nov. 7.—Returns from 900 precincts of 2285 in Washington give Hughes 60,742, Wilson 67,507.

Six hundred and fifteen precincts for Senator—Polindexter (Rep.) 51,274, Turner (Dem.) 55,674.

Six hundred and forty-four precincts for Governor—McBride (Rep.) 47,416, Lister (Dem.) 48,182.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 7.—(Special.) With returns in from Seattle and the principal cities of the state covering one-fourth of the 1994 precincts, the success of the Presidential electors pledged to vote for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson is assured. The estimated plurality of the Wilson vote based on the returns at hand is 14,000, but this probably will be cut down by the returns from the country, fragmentary returns from which indicate strong Hughes tendencies, but not enough, it is believed, to swing the state to the Republican standard-bearer.

The surprise of the vote so far is the strength of Governor Ernest Lister, Democrat, who in a late spurt

Constitution in Drydock.

Boston—The frigate Constitution, relic of the early days of the United States navy, is going into drydock for the first time in nearly three score years, according to plans announced at the Charleston navy-yard. In the last naval bill an appropriation was made for the repairing of the ship. A new bottom is necessary. The operation is regarded as a delicate one for it is feared that the frigate's hull is not in condition to stand any great strain. The last time the Constitution was in drydock was in 1858.

Electoral Vote 1912 and 1916.

State	1912	1916
Alabama	11	11
Arizona	5	5
Arkansas	11	11
California	32	32
Colorado	11	11
Connecticut	11	11
Delaware	3	3
Florida	11	11
Georgia	11	11
Illinois	27	27
Indiana	11	11
Iowa	11	11
Kansas	11	11
Kentucky	11	11
Louisiana	11	11
Maine	3	3
Maryland	11	11
Massachusetts	11	11
Michigan	11	11
Minnesota	11	11
Mississippi	11	11
Missouri	11	11
Montana	3	3
Nebraska	11	11
Nevada	3	3
New Hampshire	3	3
New Jersey	11	11
New Mexico	3	3
New York	36	36
North Carolina	11	11
North Dakota	3	3
Ohio	21	21
Oklahoma	11	11
Oregon	3	3
Pennsylvania	21	21
Rhode Island	3	3
South Carolina	11	11
South Dakota	3	3
Tennessee	11	11
Texas	11	11
Utah	3	3
Vermont	3	3
Virginia	11	11
Washington	3	3
West Virginia	3	3
Wisconsin	11	11
Wyoming	3	3
Total	458	458

passed Henry McBride, Republican. Returns from 418 precincts out of 2398 gave Lister 25,342 and McBride 31,121.

United States Senator Miles Polindexter will be re-elected by about 35,000 plurality over his Democratic opponent, former United States Senator George Turner. Defeat overwhelming is indicated for both initiative No. 18, the so-called hotel liquor bill, and initiative No. 24, the brewers' bill.

Representatives in Congress Albert Johnson, in the Third District; Lin Bradley, in the Second; and W. L. LaFollette, in the Fourth, will be re-elected, all Republicans. The Republicans will have two more in John P. Miller, from the First District, and Tom Corkey, in the Fifth.

Voting opened with a rush in Seattle Tuesday. The early morning vote was heavy and the ball game in the afternoon. It was followed, however, by increasing crowds toward evening in every precinct. With fair weather, the Seattle and King County voters were ready to cast the largest vote in history.

POINDEXTER RUNNING STRONG

McBride Ahead in Spokane and Wet Amendment Beaten.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Scattering returns from about 40 precincts in Washington show that Miles Polindexter has undoubtedly been elected United States Senator other George Turner (Dem.), that Henry McBride will succeed Ernest Lister as Governor and that the Republican state ticket will go in with McBride. This includes the House and Senate. These same precincts find the Presidential candidates running neck and neck.

CONGRESS IS IN DOUBT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Congressional election returns were insufficient as of 11 o'clock tonight to indicate what would be the complexion of Congress. At that hour, however, the Republicans had gained two Senators, one in New York, and one in Maine, elected last September, and the indications were that they would gain at least three more, two in Indiana, and one in New Jersey. To gain control of the Senate the Republicans must win nine seats besides holding their own.

Although Republican party leaders predicted tonight that the Democratic majority of 23 in the present House would be wiped out, the early returns showed a net gain of one for the Republicans, the defeat of McMillin in Maine last September. They gained two in New York, but this was offset by a Democratic gain of one in North Carolina and one in Pennsylvania.

Returns from Illinois indicated, judging from the figures on the Presidential race, that the Republicans would make substantial gains in the House, and the same is true of Indiana, whose delegation in the present house is overwhelmingly Democratic.

It will probably not be definitely known just what the status of the Senate is until very late, but early returns showed at least one gain which had not been counted as sure by the Republican leaders. A few scattering returns from Maryland indicate that J. Edwin France, Republican, may beat David J. Lewis.

More new faces will appear in the United States Senate as a result of today's election than have ever appeared at one time before. Two years ago, when there was sworn in the first contingent of the Senate elected directly by the people instead of by Legislatures, there were just nine new Senators. It had been generally believed that this first popular election would be almost revolutionary so far as the

Rail Rates Are Cut.

San Francisco—Additional reductions have been ordered recently by the State Railroad commission on freight rates in the state between local points and the Oregon state line, in what is known as the Sacramento rate case, which will mean an annual saving of \$300,000 to shippers.

The case was pressed by the San Francisco chamber of commerce, the Oakland and Berkeley chambers, and others, and will mean a big cut in the rates on all classes of merchandise which jobbers handle.

RAILROADS TRYING TO AVERT FREIGHT BLOCKADE IN CHICAGO

Chicago—Heads of the operating departments of railroads entering Chicago were Tuesday working tooth and nail to avert a freight blockade which is threatening because of an actual car shortage.

On the Erie railroad traffic became so heavy that freight solicitors were transferred from their departments and sent out as scouts through each yard to find every available empty car for use in moving shipments now on hand.

The freight movement east of Chicago was more critical than the Western, but traffic managers of the Western roads also announced they were being pushed for cars, due to a steadily increasing volume of business.

On the New York Central lines an official announced that a large force of men was taken on to act as car agents. They were to find all empty cars, as well as all loaded ones, standing on the tracks.

"We are sending our men out even to visit the shippers personally and to ask them to make every effort to unload their cars immediately upon receiving them," he said.

"The shippers are working with us as much as possible, but in some cases they haven't facilities to unload the cars as quickly as we would wish."

"The railroads charge a demurrage on standing cars, but this does not amount to nearly as much as they could get by keeping the cars rolling."

GUARD IS FOR HUGHES.

Incomplete returns from National Guardmen on the border from Kansas, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Iowa give Hughes 4188, Wilson 5180.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 7.—Pennsylvania troops in the field give total for President: Hughes, 15, Wilson, 40; the final official total. For Senator: Knox, 1895; Orvis, 654.

Massachusetts troops in the field give, for President, Wilson, 10; Hughes, 10; Fitzgerald 29. This completes the vote.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Nov. 7.—The total vote for the Iowa brigade gives Wilson 961, Hughes 892.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 7.—The vote in the Kansas Signal Corps Company here was: Wilson, 10; Hughes, 3. For Governor: Capper, 14; Landson, 4.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Nov. 7.—A battery of Kansas field artillery gives Hughes 42 and Wilson 10.

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DRYS GAIN IN FOUR STATES.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Prohibition made noteworthy gains in Tuesday's contest. Its greatest victory was in Michigan, where it is asserted on the returns at hand that all the remaining wet spots in the state have been eliminated. This includes the city of Detroit, the largest industrial center, which voted to wipe out the saloons by a majority of 25,000. Figures are not available on the rest of the state, but in Michigan, 19 saloons and 79 breweries.

The wet and dry issue was up in eight states: Michigan, Missouri, Florida and South Dakota. The prohibition leaders asserted they were certain to win in four of these, Michigan, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, with excellent chances of making gains in the others, principally Florida and parts of Missouri.

Montana has 1587 saloons and 19 breweries, which will retire from business if the early returns are borne out by the complete vote. South Dakota has 200 saloons and three breweries, while Nebraska has 433 saloons, 15 breweries and one distillery. The drys say they carried in these states.

In Minnesota the wet and dry issue was fought out in nine of the 23 district districts, but the result is not known, although the drys seemed confident of success and are claiming a victory tonight.

Baltimore defeated prohibition by 25,000 to 20,000 votes, but Frederick County, including Frederick City, went dry. The vote in Havre, Montana, the big racing center, is close and both sides are claiming victory.

BANDITS CRY DEATH TO ALL AMERICANS

German Physician Saves Life Only by Proving His Nationality.

TRAIN ESCORT ALL SHOT DOWN

Two Cities Reported Taken by Villa Forces—Attack on Chihuahua City Promised Very Soon.

El Paso, Tex. — "Death to Americans" was the cry of the Villa bandits who charged down the foothills at Laguna upon the Mexican Central passenger train Monday night, Dr. S. Haffner, the German physician who was a passenger on this train, declared upon his arrival here Saturday night from Chihuahua City.

Dr. Haffner said he was told by one of the Villa chiefs in command of the bandits that Villa troops had captured Santa Rosalia and Jimenez and would take Chihuahua City within 10 days.

Dr. Haffner, who had practiced medicine in Chihuahua City many years, said he recognized many of the bandits as former patients and called them by name after he had established his identity as a German subject.

"I am sure I would have been killed had I not been recognized as the German doctor who had lived in Chihuahua City so long," Dr. Haffner added.

"The bandits came through the train crying 'Death to Americans!' and using the vilest oaths in reference to the 'gringos,'" Dr. Haffner said. "I was struck over the head by one of the bandits, who used his rifle as a club before I could convince him I was a German, but as soon as I convinced them I was a German I was freed."

"It was just growing dusk as we slowed down for Laguna station," he said. "I had seen the men off in the distance, but did not know they were bandits until the train came to a sudden stop and we discovered that the engine, tender and baggage car had been derailed."

"We heard shooting and then a bandit with a large hat and with his pistols drawn came through the train and ordered us all to leave it. An awful sight met our gaze as we alighted from the train onto the ground. The Carranza soldiers composing the escort were shot down like dogs. I counted 13 dead soldiers along the track and more bodies a short distance away, where they were shot with pistols by the bandits where they stood. One boy of 16 kept saluting and begging the commander of the bandits to spare his life. His answer was a bullet from the commander's pistol. In all more than 20 soldiers were shot."

London—According to special dispatches from Athens Saturday, the Venizelist national defense army has seized Katerina, a few miles southwest of Saloniki, after a short fight with the Greek royalist troops.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Athens says: "An extraordinary situation has been created by the action of the officers of the Larissa railway, which is controlled by the entente allies, in allowing royalist military officers to send reinforcements to oppose the advance of Venizelists."

The Venizelist army now numbers 30,000.

Reuter's Athens correspondent says the Greek government has sent reinforcements of infantry and artillery to Katerina. The correspondent adds that Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the allied fleet in the Mediterranean, has sent notice to the Greek harbor authorities indicating a danger zone for vessels entering or leaving Piraeus harbor.

"Certain circles in Athens," the correspondent continues, "interpret this notice as meaning that Admiral Du Fournet has hitherto neglected to inform the Greek authorities of the precautionary measures taken, such as the laying of mines, and it is even insinuated that the Greek steamers Angheliki and Kiki Isanias, which were sunk recently, struck mines laid by the entente allies."

Man Resigns as Citizen.

Chicago—Charles A. Filipiak, one of last year's crop of new citizens, got so tired of receiving campaign literature that he resigned as a citizen Saturday. Here is a letter he sent John W. Hainey, Circuit court clerk: "Gentlemen: Please do not annoy me with your voting circulars, then I do not vote and kindly accept my resignation as a citizen. I will always remain an anarchist."

It is probable a court will be asked to set aside Filipiak's certificate of naturalization.

Goodies for Army Asked.

San Antonio, Texas—The women of San Antonio are to be asked to bake sufficient cakes, pies and cookies for the Thanksgiving dinner of the 15,000 troops stationed at Camp Wilson. Plans for the undertaking were announced Saturday at a meeting of the local Rotary club. An appeal will be made to every woman in the city to contribute a share toward adding a "home touch" to the holiday dinner of the guardsmen who came to defend the border.

Three in Runaway Car Hurt.

San Francisco—A municipal street car, chased by its motorman and the superintendent of the lines, dashed down a hill for five blocks here Tuesday, injuring three persons slightly and spreading panic among the other passengers. The conductor finally stopped it by struggling through the car and operating the hand brakes. The injured, heard from the scene, were while men passengers tussled with women to prevent them jumping.

BRITISH WARN MEXICO AGAINST GERMAN GETTING AID FOR SUBMARINES

Mexico City—The Mexican government has been notified by the British ambassador at Washington of the presence of German submarines in the Gulf of Mexico and has been warned that the allies will take "drastic measures" if the undersea craft receive aid from Mexican ports or sources.

The information was made public Tuesday night by Foreign Minister Aguilar, who issued the text of a note received from the British ambassador through United States Secretary of State Lansing and Charge d'Affaires Charles B. Parker.

The British note demands a strict censorship of the Mexican wireless and says that any failure to maintain the Mexican neutrality will be attended by disastrous results.

Washington, D. C.—The American government has informed the de facto government of Mexico that precautions should be taken to prevent any violation of Mexico's neutrality by operation of belligerent submarines within its territorial waters or the establishment of a submarine base on the Mexican coast. The information was conveyed by a State department official said in a wholly friendly spirit and not at the suggestion of any of the entente powers.

Prison Reformer to Tour.

New York—Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison, will make a tour of the United States in a country-wide campaign for "prison reform and the furtherance of a self-government principle in prison management," it was announced Tuesday. The campaign will be under the auspices of the national committee of prisoners. Mr. Osborne, it is said, has given assurance that he will go into every state of the Union to explain the systems that have been introduced in Sing Sing and Auburn prisons.

Drys Led in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—Scattering returns of the incomplete returns for the election from Omaha indicate the prohibition amendment carried in the state by a small majority.

Arabia Torpedoed Without Warning.

London—The Peninsular & Oriental line steamship Arabia, en route from Australia, which was sunk by a submarine, was torpedoed without warning, the admiralty announced Wednesday. All the 437 passengers, including 169 women and children, were saved.

The steamship Arabia registered 7433 tons gross. She was last reported bound from Sydney, New South Wales, September 30, for London, sailing from Adelaide on October 5.

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