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OUTCOME OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION STILL IN DOUBT

CHARLES E. HUGHES LEADING SLIGHTLY

Early This Morning He Had 239 Electoral Votes and President Wilson 232 With California, Minnesota, Idaho, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Nebraska and New Mexico, Having Sixty Electoral Votes in Doubt.

ELECTION ONE OF CLOSEST IN AMERICAN HISTORY—DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL UNITED STATES SENATE, BUT COMPLEXION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOT KNOWN YET.

New York, Nov. 9.—Early this morning, 24 hours after every important newspaper in Canada and the United States, regardless of political affiliations, had heralded the election to the presidency of Charles Evans Hughes, the result of the election was still in doubt, in striking contrast to the virtual certainty of Republican success in the early hours of yesterday morning was the tenacity of the situation which existed all night.

As early as 8 o'clock Tuesday night the leading newspapers of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and other cities in various sections of the country definitely announced the election of Mr. Hughes. As the night wore on, whatever uncertainty of the election of the Republican candidate existed was gradually dissipated, and the country waited to rest without any doubt that the fourth of March would witness the inauguration of a new incumbent.

Turn in the Tide.

But at 8 o'clock in the morning the tide began to turn. Western States, whose early returns showed a strong trend toward Mr. Hughes, began to develop Wilson strength. Gradually the Hughes majorities slumped, until states that were conceded to him first drifted in to the doubtful column and into the group claimed by the president.

This sudden change in the fortunes of the two great parties aroused in the people a degree of interest far greater than on election day. Great crowds began to gather in front of newspaper offices, where editions were issued at short intervals, recording the varying changes in the battle of ballots, and all day and all night restless vigils were kept by anxious watchers at the various headquarters, where the returns from the doubtful, or pivotal states—California, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Minnesota, Nebraska and New Mexico—were closely and anxiously scanned as they slowly filtered in.

At midnight, returns such as were complete, or so far complete as to be regarded as indicative, gave President Wilson 232 votes in the electoral college, Hughes 239, and left sixty votes doubtful in eight states.

Must Have 266 Votes.

It requires 266 votes to elect a president. Although California still showed a lead for the president and his campaign managers were claiming it by at least 1,500 the president's majority there had dwindled to a little more than 1,400 with about one-fifth of the districts missing.

In Minnesota, too, the Wilson lead, which was as high as 10,000 early in the day, steadily decreased as the vote from the rural districts came in. During last evening Hughes took the lead with a small majority, and then the president shot ahead again but with less than a thousand votes. The Republican managers claimed the state on the final returns.

Idaho for Wilson.

Idaho was estimated for the Wilson column with a majority of 10,000. Kansas, while incomplete, with a little more than two-thirds of the districts reported, showed President Wilson leading with more than 27,000. Washington, a little more than half reported, was giving the president a lead of 7,000.

West Virginia, two-thirds reported, was showing Hughes a majority of nearly 2,000. North Dakota was very close, two-thirds complete, showing a Hughes majority of less than 1,000.

Wilson was leading in New Mexico with only a small proportion of the precincts reported. Delaware and New Hampshire, counted among the Hughes states, but incomplete during the day, definitely turned into the Republican column.

Massachusetts Vote.

Boston, Nov. 8.—Judge Hughes carried Massachusetts by a vote of 268,361 to 247,327.

Gov. McCall, Rep., received 274,553, and F. W. Mansfield, Democratic candidate for governor, 230,175.

For Senator, Lodge, Rep., received 266,476 and John F. Fitzgerald, Dem., 234,466.

Wilson carried Boston by 18,932 plurality. The charge made on the stump by Senator Lodge that President Wilson added a postscript to his Lusitania note to Germany saying he did not mean it, and which was proved to be untrue, injured the Senator's strength perceptibly. Lodge ran 8,357 behind McCall and 1885 behind Hughes.

Connecticut's Vote.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 8.—The complete vote in Connecticut was: Hughes, 105,324; Wilson, 99,832. Governor—Hokom (Republican), 109,056; Beardsley (Democrat), 96,015.

Senator—McLean (Republican), 105,264; Cummings (Democrat), 97,347. Augusta, Me., Nov. 8.—Judge Hughes carried Maine yesterday by more than 6,000 plurality. Maine has six electoral votes. In Calais President Wilson received 457 votes and Hughes 475; Eastport favored Hughes by a vote of 592 to 234, and Lubec followed suit, 277 to 193. Bangor was Democratic, Wilson receiving 2,307 to 1,876. Mattawamkeag favored Wilson, 52 to 33. The total vote of Penobscot county was Wilson 7,223; Hughes 7,080.

Great Interest in London.

London, Nov. 8.—The presidential election in the United States excited interest throughout London. The morning newspapers all announced that Charles E. Hughes had been elected beyond doubt, and this was taken for granted until the tickers and the early evening newspapers began to show that the issue was in doubt. From that time forward excited groups assembled in the clubs and hotels, scanning the latest returns. The American embassy, in the course of the day, was besieged by inquiries for news of the result, many of the requests coming from British government officials.

Newspaper placards all featured the election, and virtually all the evening papers printed editorials on the assumption that Hughes had been elected. This is really the first time that London has felt a personal interest in the presidential election, with public opinion apparently much divided.

Liquor Party Ahead.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—A tremendous vote in San Francisco tipped the beam tonight against the state amendment No. 2, imposing rigid restrictions on the sale and use of alcohol. There had been a good majority for the proposition all day.

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WILSON LEADS HUGHES IN GOLDEN STATE

Remarkably Close Voting in Minnesota Where Midnight Count Gives Wilson 152,996 and Hughes 152,636.

RETURNS FROM 2,341 OUT OF 3,024 PRECINCTS

In Oregon 890 Incomplete Precincts Out of 1,630 Give Hughes 74,857 and Wilson 70,925 Votes.

Situation At Midnight

New York, Nov. 8.—At midnight the electoral college seemed to stand as follows, based on returns by the Associated Press:

State	Wilson	Hughes	Doubtful
Alabama	12	12	0
Arizona	3	3	0
Arkansas	3	3	0
California	13	13	0
Colorado	6	6	0
Connecticut	7	7	0
Delaware	3	3	0
Florida	6	6	0
Georgia	14	14	0
Idaho	4	4	0
Illinois	29	29	0
Indiana	15	15	0
Iowa	13	13	0
Kentucky	13	13	0
Louisiana	10	10	0
Maine	6	6	0
Maryland	8	8	0
Massachusetts	18	18	0
Michigan	15	15	0
Minnesota	12	12	0
Mississippi	18	18	0
Missouri	4	4	0
Montana	4	4	0
Nebraska	3	3	0
Nevada	3	3	0
New Hampshire	4	4	0
New Jersey	14	14	0
New Mexico	3	3	0
New York	45	45	0
North Carolina	12	12	0
North Dakota	3	3	0
Ohio	24	24	0
Oklahoma	10	10	0
Oregon	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	38	38	0
Rhode Island	5	5	0
South Carolina	9	9	0
South Dakota	3	3	0
Tennessee	12	12	0
Texas	20	20	0
Utah	4	4	0
Vermont	4	4	0
Virginia	12	12	0
Washington	8	8	0
West Virginia	5	5	0
Wisconsin	7	7	0
Wyoming	3	3	0
Totals	232	239	60

Necessary to elect 266. Wilson was leading in the following states from which returns were incomplete: California, Idaho, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Washington. Hughes was leading in the following states from which returns also were incomplete: West Virginia and North Dakota.

ANOTHER N. B. MAN KILLED

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—The night casualty list follows:

- Infantry. Killed in action: Walter Crowley, 35 Longard Road, R. W. Cross, Shelburne Falls, N. S.
- S. E. Price, Avery's Portage, N. B. Accidentally killed: S. Deo, New Glasgow, N. S. Previously reported missing, now officially wounded and missing: Lieut. Alor P. Craig, Truro, N. S. Previously reported wounded and missing, now unofficially prisoner of war: Lieut. J. D. Gunn, Halifax, N. S. Wounded: Leo Arsenault, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Sergt. Harold Cooper, 50 Douglas Ave., St. John, N. B.

FRENCH ARTILLERY SCATTERS GERMANS

Enemy Attempted to Make Stand to the Eastward of Saillisel, but Found Gunfire Too Heavy --- Intense Artillery Duel South of Somme and on Right Bank of the Meuse.

AMERICAN ON SUNKEN MAIL LINER ARABIA

Admiralty Office Reports that all Passengers were Saved—Two Engineers Missing.

London, Nov. 8.—The Peninsular and Oriental Line Steamship Arabia, which was sunk by a submarine, was torpedoed without warning. The Admiralty announced this today. The announcement follows:

"The homeward bound Peninsular and Oriental Mail Steamship Arabia was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean at about noon on November 6. The vessel had 437 passengers, including 169 women and children.

"All the passengers were saved by various vessels which were diverted to the scene of the disaster. Two engineers are missing and are believed to have been killed by the explosion. The remainder of the crew were saved."

Cambridge, Mass., Man Aboard.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—Paul R. Danner of this city, an American citizen, was a passenger on board the British steamer Arabia, reported sunk November 6.

Danner, who is a Harvard graduate, and 25 years of age, has been engaged in Y.M.C.A. work in India for a number of years and, according to his parents, he was returning in the Arabia to spend a furlough at home.

Washington Worried.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Full information regarding the torpedoing yesterday of the British passenger liner Arabia is awaited at the state department with concern. There has been no official report indicating that Americans were on board the vessel, but the announcement of the British admiralty that a ship carrying hundreds of passengers, including women and children, had been destroyed, without warning, added seriousness to the submarine instructions now pending.

If it should develop that the Arabia carried no Americans, the United States probably would take no official notice of the incident, although the deepest interest would be felt because of the possibility that it might mean a change in Germany's methods of submarine warfare.

Oregon Also Close.

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 8.—890 incomplete Oregon precincts out of 1,630 gave Hughes 74,857; Wilson 70,925.

Claims Wilson Election.

Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 8.—Secretary Tumulty announced tonight that the election of President Wilson was assured by a safe majority in the electoral college.

Democrats Confident.

Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 8.—"You can tell President Wilson that he is certainly re-elected," Secretary Tumulty was told late today by Robert W. Woolley, Democratic director of publicity.

He based his assertion on the belief that California, Minnesota and West Virginia were sure for Wilson. The news was received with enthusiasm at the executive offices here.

"The President is sure of California and Minnesota," he said, "besides these, North Dakota, Kansas, New Mexico and West Virginia are ours. The Republicans are not sure of a single state west of the Mississippi, except Iowa, which they have won by a greatly reduced plurality."

BRITISH WAR OFFICE REPORTS ARTILLERY ACTIVITY AGAINST WHOLE FRONT SOUTH OF THE ANCRE—BULGARIANS CONTINUE OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT—STORMY WEATHER PREVAILS IN FRANCE.

Paris, Nov. 8.—North of the Somme, says the official communication issued by the war office tonight, the French artillery scattered the enemy gathering to the east of Saillisel. South of the Somme and on the right bank of the Meuse there was an intense artillery duel.

GERMANS SHELL BRITISH.

London, Nov. 8.—The British official statement from France tonight says: "There was artillery activity against our whole front south of the Ancre."

"The weather continues stormy."

The Germans last night shelled heavily the British positions west of Beaumont-Hamel, on the Somme front, north of the Ancre, the war office announced today. A German raid in this district was unsuccessful. The weather is stormy.

German Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—British attacks between Le Sars and Guedecourt, on the Somme front, last night, were broken up by the German fire, the war office announced today. South of the Somme the Germans lost possession of the village of Pressoire.

A communication from army headquarters today says there is nothing to report from the Russo-Galician front.

The Roumanians gained further ground yesterday on the Transylvanian front, in the Tulghes sector, it is announced officially. Near Bodza Pass the Austro-German forces recaptured positions taken recently by the Roumanians.

Roumanian General Dead.

London, Nov. 8.—The death of General Dragalina, commander of the First Roumanian army, from a recent wound received in battle, is reported in a Bucharest despatch to the Wireless Press.

Bulgarians Repulsed.

Paris, Nov. 8.—The Bulgarians took the offensive yesterday against the Serbians in the Cerina river region on the Macedonian front, southeast of Monastir. They made three attacks, the war office announces, and were repulsed. They retired to their own trenches, leaving many dead on the field.

Roumanian Advance.

Bucharest, Nov. 8 via London.—The Roumanian forces in Dobruja, continuing their offensive movement, have made a further advance toward the south, it is announced officially. All along the Danube, yesterday, there was artillery and infantry firing. The town of Sulina, at the mouth of the middle estuary of the Danube, was attacked by seaplanes, one of which was brought down.

On the Transylvanian front, in the vicinity of Prahova, an Austro-German attack was repulsed. Violent artillery fighting occurred in this region, as well as in the Buzau Valley. The situation is unchanged along the northern Roumanian front.

Teutons Claim Victory.

Berlin, Nov. 8, by wireless.—By the Austro-German conquest of the Roumanian position at Clabucet which had been made a powerful point of support, says the Overseas News Agency, the last salient of the Roumanian line against the Transylvanian frontier heights in the sector of Predcal has been taken. From the abrupt mountain fortress which is situated five miles southwest of the village of Predcal and at height of 1,375 yesterday the military critic of the news agency says the Teutons dominated the road through the pass as well as the village of Azuga. In addition to the rich booty of eight cannon and twenty machine guns, 1,747 Roumanians were taken prisoner.

British Steamer Esneh with Cotton for New England Mills Sent to Bottom.

Boston, Nov. 8.—The British steamer Esneh, of 1,995 tons, which sailed from Alexandria, Egypt on October 24 with a cargo of cotton for Liverpool, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to private advices received here tonight from Alexandria.

The Esneh, owned by the Messrs S.S. Company, Limited, of Liverpool, carried about 15,000 bales of cotton valued at \$2,000,000, the greatest portion of which was intended for transhipment to this port.

HUN TORPEDO CAUSES LOSS OF MILLIONS

Constantinople, Nov. 7, via London and Berlin, Nov. 8.—Minor operations on the Caucasus front and Tigris are reported in the Turkish war office announcement today which says: "Caucasus front: Skirmishes on our right wing resulted favorably for us. Hostile reconnoitering attempts on our left wing were repulsed."

"On Nov. 4th and 5th we made a surprise attack on the Island of Kocova, West Anatolia, which for a long time has been the rendezvous for bandits, who, under the assistance of a hostile fleet, have attacked and looted our coast. We killed over 100 bandits and took prisoners who will be hanged."

"A hostile aeroplane was shot down by one of our fliers in the vicinity of Smyrna. The occupants fell into the sea and could not be rescued."

"Tigris front: Our volunteers routed a hostile squadron near Felahie. Later two battalions of infantry sent as reinforcements were driven back. The enemy suffered heavy losses, while ours were insignificant."