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FIRE RAGING IN PEMBROKE, ONT.

High Wind Carries Flames Through Business Section—Loss Will Be Very Heavy.

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 4—Fire originated at 4.20 o'clock this morning in the National Manufacturing Company's plant and with the high wind blowing spread to the Leland Hotel, which it destroyed, burned its way to the street leading to the dock, crossed that and burned the buildings down towards the Canadian Pacific track and spread up Main street, licking up large business blocks. The Copeland House, the Quebec Bank, the Standard Bank, two other hotels and many large business blocks are destroyed. The telephone office and the telegraph offices, except the Canadian Pacific telegraph office at the station are destroyed.

Renfrew, Arnprior and surrounding towns sent help. Ottawa dared not owing to the danger arising from low water there. It is impossible to estimate the damage done. The National Manufacturing Company alone lose $100,000. At 1.30 o'clock this afternoon the fire was believed to be under control. At any rate it had not spread to the residential section of the town.

Has Burnt Itself Out.

The fire has finally burned itself out at the river bank and the residence part of the town and most of the business section was saved. As yet it is impossible to estimate the total loss, but it will probably run up to three or four hundred thousand dollars. Among the buildings burned are the Munroe House, the Bell Telephone Office, the Royal Bank, Wallace Company's drug store, David Clifford's butcher shop, Bussiere's confectionery store, the Pembroke Clothing Company's store, the Pembroke Standard office, Alex. Miller's dry goods store, J. T. Miller's [illegible] W. Ambrose's clothing [illegible] Paint and Paper hanging store, Fraser's boot and shoe store, the residences of Thos. Delany and Henry Irwin and two tenement houses adjoining.

A BRIBE TO A BRIBER.

Sensational Evidence in Trial of San Francisco Contractor.

San Francisco, Nov. 3.—Standing in the shadow of the penitentiary, with sentence about to be passed upon him, and having seen his young wife just led from the court room hysterically crying "No, no," E. A. S. Blake, a contractor convicted of attempting to bribe John M. Kelly to qualify on the jury to try Abram Reuf and vote for Reuf's acquittal, made a full confession in court today.

Blake said that after he was arrested on a charge of bribery Frank Murphy, Reuf's associate counsel, came to him and promised him $10,000 if he would keep quiet. Besides this amount Blake declared his wife was to receive $100 a month while he was in the penitentiary.

When Blake was called on today to rise and receive sentence his wife cried, "No, not that," and began to cry hysterically. She was led from the room. After motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment had been denied Blake said that he had a statement as a reason why sentence should not be pronounced. Then he made his confession, telling that A. C. Newburgh and F. J. Murphy, Reuf's counsel, had given him $1,000 to bribe Kelly, which he had done, and that later Murphy had offered him $10,000 to keep quiet. Blake's story created consternation in the court, and the case was continued for two weeks.

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CAMPAIGN IN KOOTENAY.

Ralph Smith Speaks on Behalf of Liberal Candidate.

Nelson, B.C., November 3.—The warmest political meeting of the campaign was held in the Opera House last night, no standing room being left. The speakers were F. W. Ogle, for the Socialist candidate, W. Davidson; W. A. MacDonald, K.C., for A. S Goodeve, the Conservative candidate; W. A. Galliher, ex-M.P.P., and Ralph Smith, M.P., for the Liberal candidate, Smith Curtis. The Socialist and Conservative speakers united in an attack on the Liberal party on the question of better terms and Oriental exclusion.

Ralph Smith retorted in a hard speech, charging that the extravagance of the provincial government is the origin of the better terms cry and showing up the insincerity of the Conservative Asiatic exclusion cry, instancing Macdonald, who, he claimed, employed Orientals.

OPPOSITION WINNING IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Returns Coming in Slowly But Opposition Gains Are Recorded—So Far Seven Opposition Members Have Been Elected to Two of the Government.

Toronto, Nov. 3—Returns received up to midnight from St. Johns, Nfld., indicate that the opposition are making gains in the colonial elections. The counting is proceeding slowly and nothing definite as to the final result is know, although the opposition appear to have elected seven members to two of the government, as follows: Bay Severed, Crosbie and Whiteway, opposition, elected. Southern Shore or Ferryland, Casnin, opposition, and Ellis, government, elected. Harbor Main, Woodford and Murphy, opposition, elected. Harbor Grace, Picott and Parsons, opposition, and Dawe, government, elected. The latter has only one of a majority over the opposition man. In St. John West, Sir Edward Morris, Bennett and Kennedy, all opposition, are leading. In St. John East, Kent and Dwyer, government, are leading with small majorities. Premier Bond appears to be losing in many districts which were doubtful. Although Morris is a Roman Catholic, and the first Roman Catholic to lead the opposition in Newfoundland in fifty years, several Protestant districts have gone to his support.

An Inexplicable Suicide.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 3—Charles A. Johnson, 50 years old, committed suicide shortly after noon today, in the basement of his home at 501 8th street, south. Johnson was well to do and owned considerable property in Bemidji. He returned from there last night. He had just completed a business block on some of his property. Without warning Johnson went to his room and later to the basement, where he shot himself in the head, just over the right ear, the bullet passing through the head and into the floor above. His wife and several boarders ran to the cellar to find him dead in front of the furnace. The coroner was notified and the body was removed to the morgue, where it was later claimed by the family and removed to an undertaking establishment.

Saskatchewan Gives up Dead.

Borden, Sask., Nov. 3—The body of an unknown person was found by workmen at South, about half a mile east of the C. N. R. bridge across the Saskatchewan river, six miles east of here. The body was badly decomposed and is beyond identification. The flesh was all washed away from the bones and the left leg was missing. The body must have come hundreds of miles down the river during the high water, as the body lay up near the high water line. The Radisson police have the case in charge.

Found Not Guilty of Murder.

Lethbridge, Nov. 3—In the Supreme court today Mrs. Vadnais and her brother, Theodule Bissette, were found not guilty of attempting to murder the woman's husband, Richard Vadnais, at Boundary Creek, near Cardston, last August. The evidence showed that Vadnais came home drunk and a reign of terror followed. Bissette wounded Vadnais with a revolver shot, which the evidence showed was in self-defence.

St. John Aldermen Fixed.

Montreal, Nov. 3—The St. John council has ordered an enquiry into the statement that some aldermen have been "fixed" in connection with a claim for damages by Dr. Hazelwood. The latter retained K. E. Cowan, who settled the case for $290, giving the doctor only $145, claiming, it is alleged, that he used the balance to "fix" certain aldermen. Meantime Hazelwood is suing Cowan for the balance of the amount.

Head Struck Archway.

Guelph, Nov. 3—Daniel Carter, a farmer living in Guelph township, had his scalp badly torn and the vertebrae of his neck dislocated by his head coming in contact with an archway while driving.

McCool May Get it Yet.

North Bay, Nov. 3—A recount has been ordered for Friday in the Nipissing election. Eight thousand ballots were cast out of a possible 22,000 and 46 were rejected.

ON VERGE OF WAR IN THE BALKANS

Austria Assumes Agressive Attitude Toward Servia—Latter Preparing For Conflict.

Vienna, Nov. 3.—War has been declared unofficially tonight, and war preparations against Servia are now under way in Austro-Hungary. War now seems inevitable. Troops are being hastened to the front, where guerilla warfare is now being carried on by Servian bands.

Russia is Warned.

St. Petersburg, November 3.—A message has been received in official circles from Belgrade, which says there is every indication that Austrian troops are now preparing for a sudden invasion of Servia. The message warns St. Petersburg to expect news of fighting momentarily.

Servia Not Napping.

Belgrade, Nov. 3.—Aroused by countless reports that Austrian troops are about to invade their country, the Servian Skuptschina, or parliament, in secret session today, is considering a declaration of war against Austria. That Servia will not be caught unawares is apparent by the concentration of troops, which began last night and which today is proceeding rapidly. Russia's attitude, in which she does not approve of Austria's annexation of Bosnia and Herzogovina, has pleased Servian officials, and they believe that it assures them Russia's support should Austria and Servia go to war.

Vienna, Nov. 4.—A number of supply trains have been ordered to proceed from this city towards the Servian frontier. Simultaneously, other trains, loaded with provisions, tents and warlike munitions, departed from Buda Pesth and Olmutz. Reports from the frontier are meagre, although the information received indicates a serious condition of affairs.

TRAIN WRECK IN N.B.

C.P.R. Passenger Train Derailed on Edmunston Branch.

St. John, N.B., November 3.—Two passenger cars and a mail car were upset, the baggage car derailed, and five persons injured in a train wreck on the Edmunston branch of the C.P.R. this afternoon, north of Green River bridge. There was a large passenger list, and four passengers were quite seriously injured, while a number of others sustained minor injuries. The following is a list of those more seriously injured: Jeo. Langlois, St. Louis, married, aged fifty, back injured; Fred Maxwell, married, aged 38, leg injured; Madame Dube, Edmunston, married, aged 34, face cut; C. W. Dodge, married, aged 48, head cut. Dodge was unconscious when found, but revived soon afterward. The mail clerk, H. Porter, was injured about the body. All the injured were taken to St. Leonards. An auxiliary train was sent out from McAdam to clear the line. It could not be learned what caused the derailment.

ROOSEVELT READY FOR AFRICA.

He Will Go in Search of Big Game in March Next.

New York, November 3.—Nine days after the inauguration of his successor, on March 13th, President Roosevelt will start on his long trip to Africa in search of big game. This became known today, when the plans for the hunt, which have been formulated with great care for months, leaked out. Mr. Roosevelt will be accompanied by his son, Kermit, who will go as photographer of the expedition, an official from the navy department and a professor from the Smithsonian Institute. They will take passage on the North German Lloyd liner Koenig Albert on March 13, and will arrive at Naples on March 25th, from where the President will make a start for Africa.

Auto Thrown Into Creek.

Albany, N.Y., November 3.—Seven New Yorkers, en route in an automobile from New York to Albany, were thrown into a creek at Coeymans, just below Albany, at six o'clock tonight, all of them being badly hurt. It is thought that two will die as a result of their injuries. The party consisted of Mr and Mrs. E. F. Albee, I. L. Mitchell, his wife, Mrs. Vashord and Mrs. Burse, all of New York. The party left New York for Albany, where they were to meet Paul Keith and go with him to Toronto.

Fatal Crossing Accident.

Buffalo, Minn., November 3.—While en route from their home in Rockford township to Dickenson's Spur to vote this morning, William Wandersee, Herman Krauz and the latter's son, Emil, were almost instantly killed as a result of attempting to cross the line of track ahead of the morning westbound passenger train. Wandersee was killed outright; Krauz lived about thirty minutes and the boy survived only about two hours after the accident. All were farmers.

Fitzpatrick to Speak in Chicago.

Ottawa, Ont., November 3.—Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, will speak in Chicago on November 15th on the occasion of the Great Catholic Missionary Congress, under the auspices of the Church Extension Society of the United States.

HAILS FROM TORY TORONTO.

Clergyman Brands Methods in Recent Campaign "Mud-pie Politics."

Toronto, Nov. 3—The Baptist union of Ontario and Quebec closed this evening, formal business characterizing the proceedings. Rev. J. B. Kennedy, Toronto, who dealt with social and moral reform, pronounced in favor of woman suffrage. He branded as "mud-pie politics" the methods used by the political parties in the recent campaign, and said that they, as a church, ought to endeavor to turn out of office any party guilty of questionable transactions. Some said that the other party would be equally guilty if in power, but they would have punished one party at any rate. He declared it a scandal that in Quebec there were more municipalities under local option than in Ontario.

APPEAL GRANTED IN COAST MURDER CASE

Chief Justice Hunter Does Not Agree With the Jury Which Convicted James Jenkins, a Negro, of the Brutal Murder of Mrs. Morrison, of Hazelmere.

Vancouver, B.C., November 3.—Because he does not agree with the jury which last week convicted James Jenkins, colored, of the murder of Mrs. Mary Morrison, of Hazelmere, Chief Justice Hunter today granted an appeal from the jury's decision on one of the most brutal murders that ever occurred in British Columbia. He was sentenced to be hanged on December 18th. R. E. Cassidy, counsel for the crown, declared in court today that the conviction was fully warranted by the evidence, and then engaged in a heated word battle with the Chief Justice over the merits of the case.

"You cannot always catch a man red-handed," said Mr. Cassidy.

The Judge: "No, but you want something more than a string of probabilities. You want a reasonable certainty."

Mr. Cassidy sharply replied: "The trial of a murder case does not depend upon your Lordship's view as trial judge. Your Lordship took one view and the jury took another, and it was for the jury to pronounce upon the case."

The Court: "That does not trouble me. I simply say that my mind was in a condition of doubt."

COMPLETE CANAL BY 1913.

Excellent Progress Being Made on Great Panama Project.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The Isthmian Canal commission gave out official figures today which apparently demonstrated that the canal will be finished much earlier than January 1915, with Colonel Goethals the engineer in charge. The statement shows that since May 1, 1904, 53,788,593 cubic yards have been excavated from the canal. Engineers estimate that there remains to be excavated 88,211,407 cubic yards. Although more than half of the work yet remains to be done, future excavation will be increased month by month so that in all probability the whole excavation will be completed by 1913.

The "Glider" Turned Turtle.

New York, October 3.—While between fifteen and twenty thousand people looked on at Morris Park today, where the Aeronautic society held their first exhibition, eager to see some one out of a dozen entries fly, Lawrence J. Lesh, the only one of them who was able to get above ground at all, fell from his "Glider." Young Lesh, who is but 16 years of age and boasts he has "glided" six miles above the St. Lawrence River, is in the Fordham Hospital with two broken legs. Today his machine was fastened to a high-power automobile, none other than the Thomas flyer, which recently made the trip around the world, and the propelling power was too much for the small aeronaut. Fifty feet above ground the "Glider" suddenly turned turtle and Lesh drove head first to the ground. The machine collapsed. Lesh was hurried to the hospital, where he will remain for several months.

The Trunk Exploded.

Minneapolis, Minn., November 3.—Gus Lindquist, baggageman for the Great Northern Railroad, had a narrow escape from death by the explosion of a trunk, which he was unloading from a train. The trunk contained several hundred blank cartridges and a gun. In some manner the concussion caused an explosion and Lindquist's face was filled with shot and he was almost blinded. The trunk is said to be the property of George Keitzman, of Markans, Wis., and was consigned to Lakota, N.D.

P. E. I. Elections in Full Swing.

Charlottetown, Nov. 3—The provincial election is in full swing. Premier Hassard has issued a platform, including planks embracing the improvement of the educational system, the consolidation of the debt, assistance to rural phones, a commission to inquire into the practicability of a tunnel under the Northumberland straits, the restoration of federal representation, etc.

Montreal's Tax Revenue.

Montreal, Nov. 3—The huge sum of $680,000 in taxes was taken in at the city hall yesterday.

ALCOHOLIC MANIA IS DEFENSE PLEA

Evidence All in in Pokaski Attempted Murder Case—Defense Counsel Addresses Jury.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

The evidence for the crown in the case of Rex vs. Frank Pokaski was concluded yesterday afternoon before Chief Justice Sifton in the Supreme Court, and Mr. Mackie at once proceeded to address the jury for the defence. The case was brought to a close by his address to the jury this morning. The case will be resumed this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Several witnesses were called for the defence who testified that the prisoner had been drinking immoderately during last April and May. Evidence was submitted that the son, Carl, had, on one occasion, threatened his step-father with something shining in his hand, which the witness believed to have been a bicycle pump.

Drs. Ferris, Blais and Macdonell were called to testify to the condition of a man who is affected by alcoholic mania. They concurred in the statement that a man may be thus diseased and yet not give any evidence of his condition to an ordinary observer. They also stated that a sudden blow or shock to a man in that condition might restore him to his normal faculties, and cited cases where such a result has been attained. Each medical man faced the following hypothetical question:

"Assuming it to be true," said the counsel, "that a man had been drinking excessively for several weeks, that he had been found lying on a dung hill and later on a pile of hay in the rain, and then is alleged to have attempted murder and suicide, what would you say as to the condition of that man?"

"I should say he was insane," was the reply in every case.

This statement of the medical men was challenged by His Lordship in the case of Dr. Ferris and Dr. Blais.

"Leaving the actual committing of the crime out of the question, would you judge such a man insane" asked His Lordship of Dr. Blais.

"Yes."

"Then there are a lo tof people in this country who should be locked up," commented His Lordship.

The crown prosecutor in his cross-examination strove for the admission on the part of the witnesses that if a man showed no evidences of insanity either before the alleged crime or after, while in the hospital, then he should not be considered insane. He was unsuccessful, the doctors called by the defence maintaining that a man might be an alcoholic maniac and not show it unless examined, and that a sudden shock in the head, accompanied by bleeding, might be the means of restoring him ata once to a normal condition b yalleviating any trace of the disease.

"Then if a man drinks and commits a crime he must be insane?" asked Crown Prosecutor Cogswell.

"No; not necessarily," was the reply of Dr. Ferris.

"Well, that would appear to be the force of your argument," replied the crown.

The Prisoner is Called.

A sensation was caused in the court by the calling of the prisoner, Frank Pokaski. He swore that he had no recollection of lying on a dung hill or on a hay pile, and that he remembered nothing of what happened on June 9th, the day of the shooting, except that he had bought a flask of whiskey and had intended going across Rat Creek to borrow a team of horses.

He remembered being in the hospital, but denied having any conversation with Detective Griffith and Sergeant McCallum that he could remember. He did not recognize the doctors in the court-room who attended him at the hospital.

The prisoner told of being ordered to leave the house and of other discourtesies inflicted on him. He said he and his wife had paid for the lots and yet his wife wanted everything in her name. At no time had he threatened a member of the family.

Mr. Cogswell asked the witness how i twas that he did not recognise Dr. Duncan Smith when he had met him in the hall in the morning and said that he recognized him.

The witness replied that he did not know the man at all.

No Symptoms of Alcoholic Mania.

In rebuttal of the medical evidence of the defence, the crown prosecutor called upon Drs. Sloane and Duncan Smith to say as to the condition of the man when they waited on him at the hospital. They both swore that there were no symptoms of alcoholic mania on the prisoner and a total absence of the usual symptoms of chronic alcoholism. Dr. Sloane stated that a man could not be alcoholically insane without showing symptoms of it, and that if he were so a shock or hemorrage would not eliminate the symptoms entirely.

Mr. Mackie, in addressing the jury, based his summary for the defence on the assumption that if the crime were committed by the prisoner it was done so while he was under the influence of a diseased brain and under a delusion, which rendered him incapable of knowing the difference between right and wrong.

"Reason makes a man accountable for his action, and this man was devoid of his reason," said prisoner's counsel.

"There is no evidence that the man

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LINKING KOOTENAY WITH COAST

C. P. R. Has Completed Survey of Line From Nicola to Penticton.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 3—The C. P. R. has just completed the preliminary survey of the route which the extension of the Spencer bridge, Nicola line, may take from Nicola to Penticton. Ultimately the line will be continued from Penticton to Midway, where it will link up with the Columbia and Western railway, finally furnishing the C. P. R. a line from Vancouver to the boundary country.

Whether the C. P. R. or the Great Northern railway will be the first to connect the Kootenay country with the coast is a matter of considerable speculation. The two roads have started to construct from opposite ends, the C. P. R. from Spence's bridge and the Great Northern from Midway and both are surveying and building a little more road all the time.

GERMANY DIVIDED ON CHANCELLOR CRISIS

One Section Clamors for Von Buelow's Retirement. Another Section Thinks this Action Would be Detrimental to Nation's Interests, and Third Section Wants Kaiser's Interference Controlled.

Berlin, Nov. 4.—The Chancellor crisis still occupies the attention of the German people to the exclusion of everything else. One considerable section of opinion, supported by a large number of newspapers, angrily clamors that Von Buelow must immediately retire. Another section admits the situation is serious, but holds that a change of chancellor at a moment, when the recent European crisis is only temporarily lulled and German financial affairs in a serious state, would be detrimental to the country. A third section demands a complete change in the system of government with the chancellor effectually protected from personal interference of Sovereign. Considerable alarm is felt in official quarters regarding the supposed aggressive intentions of Austria.

The assembling of the Reichstag was never awaited with keener interest than now. The public is extremely eager to hear what Chancellor Von Buelow will have to say about the Kaiser's interview. There is every reason to believe, however, that the chancellor will not speak today but will confer with the party leaders as to how and when the matter will be brought before the Reichstag.

COMMUNION WINE QUESTION.

Discussed by W.C.T.U. Convention in Ontario.

Barrie, Ont., Novembe 3.—The provincial convention of the W.C.T.U., in annual session here today, discussed the use of intoxicants as communion wine. Mrs. Hagar, of Welland, emphasized the great danger. Children had been known to show eagerness for sacrament simply for the taste of wine. Some men retrained from partaking, lest an appetite should be created. Mrs. Barney, of Rhode Island, superintendent of prison visitation for the W.C.T.U. for the world, declared that for men who had just taken the pledge the very smell of communion fermented wine was "like the waves of hell fire" and undid all the work of conversation. In discussing the cigarette problem, she said the use of the cigarette among girls in the States was alarming.

ANOTHER CHILD MURDER.

Painter is Charged With Death of a Little Girl in Canada.

London, Nov. 3.—Another tragedy has been added to the terrible list of murders that have aroused so much alarm in England. A pretty little girl, named Elizabeth Warburton, has been found strangled and half-buried in a muddy ditch near Wharton, in Cheshire. It is alleged that a local painter, named James Phipps, who is in custody, decoyed the child away. Her father, who was alarmed by a neighbor's suspicions ,went to look for her and met Phipps alone. The painter refused to say where the child was, and ran away, but was caught after a sharp chase by the police. The child was found dead by a search party shortly afterwards.

Despondent Young Woman Suicides.

Lockport, N. S., Nov. 3.—Bertha Misenhauer, the 29 year old daughter of Henry Misenhauer, of Green Harbor, suicided yesterday morning under the most distressing circumstances. Miss Misenhauer had been despondent for some time and seeing her brother, who had just returned from rabbit shooting place his loaded gun in the corner of the kitchen, she took the opportunity, when she was not observed, to place the muzzle against her left breast and discharge the weapon, inflicting a ghastly wound, which caused death eight hours later.

Death a Matter of Hours.

Winnipeg, Man. Nov. 4.—At noon today physicians attending Hon. Mr. Agnew, provincial treasurer, gave up hope and death is a matter of hours at most. A melancholy coincidence attaches to the event, for it is just a year today since Hon. S. W. McInnes, provincial minister of education, died at Brandon under almost identical circumstances, following an operation for appendicitis. Both, in an unusual degree, had the confidence of the electorate and the affection of a wide circle of friends.

TAFT PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

Republicans Carry the Country By Overwhelming Majorities--Bryan Fails to Gain Ground.

Chicago, Ills., Nov. 4—Wm. Howard Taft has been elected president of the United States, according to the returns at four o'clock this morning, by 306 to 117, in the electoral college. This gives him a clear majority over Bryan even if he carried every doubtful state east and west, including New York, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and some far western states, but not Nebraska, which went Bryan. The election will be an overwhelming triumph for the Republican party, and the Roosevelt policy. Bryan was beaten as badly as ever before and he seems to have made little headway in the affections of the people so far as votes are concerned. Where he did gain was in the States where Republican factional fights or a temperance struggle or the State ticket was involving the electoral ticket as well.

Taft will be supported by a congress that will be Republican in both branches, thus insuring the passage of a satisfactory revision of the tariff under Republican auspices. The returns indicate that the House of Representatives will be composed of 215 Republicans and 176 Democrats, and the Senate of 58 Republicans and 34 Democrats, giving a net majority in the House of 39 and in the Senate of 24.

Election a Landslide.

New York, Nov. 4—William Howard Taft was today elected to the presidency of the United States for the ensuing four years. His election was a virtual landslide. At midnight Taft was assured 283 electoral votes, with 27 more altogether probable and possibly still more. Several days before the nomination at Chicago, Frank Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, made the prediction that Taft would get on the first ballot 704 votes. He received 702. Hitchcock, several days ago predicted that Taft would receive 325 electoral votes. Indications at this writing are that Hitchcock was as good a prophet in New York as he was in Chicago. Taft has carried all the New England States, many of them by increased majorities over those given Roosevelt in 1904.

Eastern States for Taft.

He has carried New York by a plurality, which will equal, if not exceed that of Roosevelt. New Jersey fell into line with Maryland and Delaware in the Taft column. The great states of the middle west, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, add their votes to the Taft total and the northwest, with Minnesota and the Dakotas, also give their verdict to the Republicans. In the Rocky Mountain States and Pacific Coast States returns are meager. Apparently Taft carried California and Colorado, although the latter state is still in doubt, also Montana, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming. West Virginia remains safely in the Republican column.

The Solid South.

Bryan's strength was almost entirely in the south and here his strength has been materially cut in some of the states. In the Bryan column are certainly Alabama, Arkensaw, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. He probably carried Missouri and Kentucky, but both these states, on present returns, are claimed by both parties. Oklahoma has gone to Bryan, and Nevada, apparently, has.

Nebraska, Bryan's home state, gave him 14,000 plurality, Wyoming has not reported sufficiently to indicate where her electoral vote will be cast. As expected, Pennsylvania gave Taft the largest plurality, it being estimated at 275,000. Illinois follows close behind with 200,000, New York following with 170,000. Massachusetts gave him 115,000, and Minnesota 100,000. Mr. Bryan received a plurality of 175,000 in Texas and 55,000 in Alabama, and 10,000 both in Mississippi and South Carolina.

As nearly as can be estimated at this hour, in the next house the representatives will be practically unchanged. The Republicans lost one representative each from California, Colorado, Indiana and New Jersey. They gained one from Illinois, one from Minnesota, two from North Carolina, and five from Pennsylvania, making them a net gain of six. The Senate retains its present Republican majority.

In the Big States.

New York, Nov. 4—Gov. Hughes was re-elected in New York by a plurality estimated at 50,000. Governor Deneen's plurality in Illinois is estimated at 50,000. Minnesota has re-elected Governor Johnson, Democrat, by 25,000, while Ohio also elects a Democrat governor, Judson Harmon, defeating Governor Harris by 35,000. The vote for governor in Michigan was extremely close, but indications at midnight are that Lawton T. Hemans, Democrat, has been elected. North Dakota, while going for Taft, re-elected John Burke, Democrat, for governor. Indiana has probably elected a Democratic governor in Thos. Marshall.

How the States Went.

In the Republican column when the final returns are in the following states will, in all probability, be found to have gone Republican:—

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New