

Hughes Out Ahead in Very Close Contest

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Close States Still Hold Result in Balance; Official Count May Be Needed to Decide; Returns Still Favor Hughes Over Wilson

Chairman Willcox Says California, Minnesota and New Hampshire Sure G. O. P.

ESTIMATE OF M'CORMICK

Demo Chairman Says Wilson Will Have More Than Three Hundred Votes.

MANY STATES ARE CLOSE

BULLETIN.

New York, Nov. 8.—A statement issued at republican national headquarters at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon claimed Minnesota, Oregon, California and New Hampshire and asserted that Hughes had obtained 277 electoral votes.

New York, Nov. 8.—Chairman Willcox of the republican national committee, at 12:50 o'clock, issued this statement:

"California and Minnesota are surely for Hughes. This means Hughes is elected."

The statement, he said, was based upon advices from the respective states, claiming California by 10,000 votes and Minnesota by 20,000. Chester H. Rowell telegraphed from San Francisco that the republicans could concede everything that the democrats claim and still carry the state by 6,000.

New York, Nov. 8.—Democratic Chairman McCormick said early this afternoon:

"When the count is finished Wilson will have more than 300 electoral votes."

He added that his advices were that West Virginia had gone democratic by 10,000.

New York, Nov. 8.—With the country's choice of a president in the almost unprecedented status of doubt on the day after election, both democratic and republican headquarters were scenes of nervous tension. Although both sides claimed majorities in the electoral college, there seemed nevertheless to be a feeling at both places there was a chance that the determination of the final result with so many states doubtful might be prolonged perhaps for another day and there was some unofficial talk that the decision might eventually be thrown into the house of representatives.

There were suggestions also that there might be in some states bitter contests over the integrity of the returns which might be drawn out for days, with the result hanging on a recount. George W. Perkins at republican headquarters commenting upon the close vote in some states declared that a recount might be necessary.

Warning by McCormick.

Chairman McCormick early today sent telegrams to every state and county chairman where the result appears close commanding them to personally see that the ballot boxes are guarded and protected.

Chairman McCormick shortly after 11 o'clock claimed President Wilson's election with 288 electoral votes.

"I am basing my decision on the official canvass of pivotal states," he added. "It is a sweeping victory."

Mr. McCormick claimed Kansas, with Ohio, and twenty-four electoral votes.

Returns Shift During Night.

During the night the returns from the doubtful states continued to point first toward one candidate and then toward the other, but toward morning there was noticed a steady drift toward President Wilson.

When word went over the country that President Wilson had been de-

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Chairman Willcox Holds Hughes Lead Now Secure

New York, Nov. 8.—William R. Willcox, chairman of the republican national committee, after dining with Charles E. Hughes tonight, said:

"I believe that Mr. Hughes has been elected, and he shares my view. We ask only what is fair; we want only what we are entitled to, and that we propose to have."

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.

"The president is sure of California and Minnesota," he said. "Besides these, North Dakota, Kansas, New Mexico, New Hampshire 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."

HUGHES GAINS FAST IN GOPHER STATE

Wilson's Earlier Lead in Minnesota Being Cut Down as Returns Come In.

CRUMBLING VERY RAPIDLY

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—With returns from the rural district of Minnesota coming in rapidly tonight, the early lead established by President Wilson was being gradually cut down by Hughes. When returns from 2,191 of the state's 3,024 precincts had been tabulated, the president's lead by 2,112 votes, the count being Wilson 148,672; Hughes, 146,560.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Returns from 2,155 precincts out of 3,024 gave Wilson 148,161; Hughes, 144,821.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Returns for president from 2,112 precincts out of 3,024 in Minnesota gave Wilson 145,923; Hughes, 141,976. Wilson's plurality is now cut to 3,957, the lowest to date.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Returns for president from 2,083 precincts out of 3,024 in Minnesota gave Wilson 144,310; Hughes, 139,895.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 8.—When 2,005 of the 3,024 precincts in Minnesota had reported at 6 p. m., Wilson's vote was 141,921 and Hughes 136,952, showing a decrease in the president's lead.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Wilson's lead over Hughes in Minnesota dropped to 5,792 late today when returns from 1,865 precincts out of 3,024 in the state gave Wilson 134,736 and Hughes 128,944.

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Returns from 1,946 out of 3,024 precincts in Minnesota gave Wilson 138,796; Hughes, 132,788.

Hughes' Plurality in Jersey About 40,000

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 8.—Hughes' plurality in New Jersey at 3 p. m. was fully 39,565. The total vote with 267 districts missing gave Wilson 180,326; Hughes, 219,934. Earlier returns which appeared to give Hughes when 462 districts were missing a plurality of only 9,196 proved to be an error when a revision of the figures was made. Hughes' plurality at that time was instead 37,148.

Hughes Reads Papers, Takes an Auto Ride

New York, Nov. 8.—Charles E. Hughes awoke at 8 o'clock this morning after sleeping nearly seven hours and a minute later was reading the newspapers and latest election dispatches from doubtful states.

Mr. Hughes adhered to his determination of last night to issue no statement until the result was beyond doubt. This afternoon he took an automobile ride.

Election News Causes Excitement in London

London, Nov. 8.—The presidential election in the United States excited great interest throughout London. The morning papers were annotated and Charles E. Hughes had been elected and this was taken for granted until the tickers and the early evening papers showed 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 was besieged for news, many requests coming from British officials.

CLOSE BATTLE IN THE GOLDEN STATE

Returns From California Show Wilson to Have Slight Lead So Far.

STATE IS STILL IN DOUBT

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Chester H. Rowell, chairman of the republican state central committee, predicted tonight Hughes' election in California by a small majority. Mr. Rowell's statement follows:

"Figures gathered by the Los Angeles office of the republican state committee covering more than 1,000 precincts and close estimates of the remaining precincts now indicate that Hughes will carry Los Angeles county by 23,000.

"The Los Angeles office estimates that this lead will be increased 12,000 more by other Southern California counties. If these figures are borne out by the final count, Hughes will carry California.

"Our figures on San Francisco indicate a majority of little, if any, above 15,000 for Wilson."

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Chester H. Rowell, chairman of the republican state central committee of California, informed Chairman Willcox of the republican national committee in New York today that Hughes will carry California by 6,000 to 8,000. This was in answer to Willcox's declaration that "California is now the pivotal state."

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8.—Partial count of 693 city and county precincts gave Hughes 61,373; Wilson, 46,134.

No effort was made by the registrar of votes to tabulate returns after midnight and official results probably will not be available soon.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 8.—Sacramento county returns from 132 precincts give Hughes 9,097; Wilson, 12,230.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 8.—Three hundred and fifty precincts of 410 in Alameda county give Hughes 38,212; Wilson, 33,193.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Three thousand four hundred and fourteen precincts of 5,917 in California gives Hughes 262,946; Wilson, 252,993.

Los Angeles, Nov. 8.—One hundred city and county precincts give Hughes 11,342; Wilson, 9,637.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Three thousand and ninety-one precincts of 2,917 in California gave Hughes 246,182; Wilson 237,586.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Returns available early today indicated that the contest between Wilson and Hughes in California was so close that an official count might be necessary to determine the result. With 2,152 precincts in various districts of the state out of a total of 5,917 accounted for, the president was leading by about 700 votes.

Owing to the exceptional length of the ballot few precincts had reported in either San Francisco or Los Angeles and on the result of the count in those two cities hinged the outcome. In San Francisco the city registrar estimated that Wilson would have a majority of 20,000. Whether this would overcome the majority certain to be rolled up for Hughes in the southern California city was the point with which election experts concerned themselves.

The Los Angeles returns indicated that the Hughes' majority would not be as heavy as the republican leaders had estimated.

Governor Hiram W. Johnson, republican and progressive candidate for United States senator, had a commanding lead over his democratic op-

FORECAST OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE

STATES.	Hughes	Wilson	To Come
Alabama	12	3	
Arizona	3	3	
Arkansas	9	13	
California	6	6	
Colorado	7	3	
Conn.	7	3	
Del.	3	3	
D.C.	3	3	
Florida	16	4	
Idaho	4	4	
Illinois	29	15	
Indiana	15	13	
Iowa	13	10	
Kansas	10	13	
Kentucky	13	10	
Louisiana	10	10	
Maine	6	8	
Maryland	8	8	
Massachusetts	18	18	
Michigan	15	15	
Minnesota	15	12	
Mississippi	10	18	
Missouri	18	4	
Montana	4	4	
Nebraska	8	3	
Nevada	3	3	
New Hampshire	4	4	
New Jersey	14	3	
New Mexico	3	3	
New York	45	12	
North Carolina	12	12	
North Dakota	5	5	
Ohio	24	10	
Oklahoma	10	5	
Oregon	5	38	
Pennsylvania	38	5	
Rhode Island	5	9	
South Carolina	9	5	
South Dakota	5	5	
Tennessee	12	20	
Texas	20	4	
Utah	4	4	
Vermont	4	4	
Virginia	12	7	
Washington	7	8	
West Virginia	8	13	
Wisconsin	13	3	
Wyoming	3	3	
Total	252	247	32

WEST VIRGINIA IS SAFE FOR HUGHES

If He Holds Up Present Lead He Will Win the State.

HIS PLURALITY IS 1,772

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Returns from 993 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia give Hughes 81,283; Wilson 80,657; 964 precincts for governor give Robinson 79,590; Cornwell (dem.) 81,202; 955 precincts for United States senator give Sutherland (rep.) 79,054; Chilton (dem.) 75,032.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Returns from 1,060 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia give Hughes 87,697; Wilson 85,161; 1,042 precincts for governor give Robinson (rep.) 85,884; Cornwell (dem.) 86,045; 1,045 precincts for United States senator give Sutherland (rep.) 87,534; Chilton (dem.) 81,328.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Returns from 1,146 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia give Hughes 96,512; Wilson 94,741. Hughes present plurality is 1,771. If the same ratio is maintained, the state will give him a plurality of 2,570.

Hughes Leads Rival For Vote of Guards

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 8.—Available figures today from guardsmen voting on the border in Texas and New Mexico showed that Hughes was leading. The total was: Hughes, 4,266; Wilson, 3,611. The votes of a number of guardsmen, including New York and Virginia are not included in the above totals as they are not available.

Suffrage in South Dakota May Be Lost

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 8.—The woman suffrage amendment, which early returns had indicated would carry in South Dakota by a small majority, is losing out as later returns come in. In approximately one-half of the 1,728 precincts of the state the state stands: For, 8,472; against, 8,600. Yankton, Campbell and Lincoln counties returned heavy adverse votes.

Hughes Has Over 10,000 Lead in N. J.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 7.—Five hundred and ninety-nine districts out of 1,804 in New Jersey give Wilson, 57,082; Hughes, 67,795.

Returns from 486 districts give Martine, 34,229; Freelinghuysen, 43,228.

Nebraska Voters Decide for Prohibition; Kennedy Senator and Sutton Governor; Wilson Gets State's Vote for President

Fragmentary Returns Indicate That Unterrified Has Made a Clean Sweep in This County.

LOBECK AHEAD OF BAKER

Incumbent Has Big Lead for Congress and May Not Be Headed.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW

With slow count in Douglas county and decidedly fragmentary returns, the best possible survey of resulting majorities must be only approximate, but that the work of the "wets" favoring the state democratic ticket has made a victory for the democratic local ticket almost as a whole is plain.

On the presidency, Wilson will go out of Douglas county with a majority over Hughes possibly in excess of the "wet" majority, which is likely to be between 9,000 and 10,000. The "wets," however, fell far behind their expectations, as they were counting on a two to one vote, with a majority amounting close to 15,000. Even in the Third ward the "wet" majority is only an even 1,000, which is no more than it has given once or twice to Mayor Dahlman.

For United States senator the prospect is that Hitchcock will distance Kennedy by something like 2,500 in Douglas, which is a terrific come-down from the 9,000 majority he had when he ran against Burkett six years ago.

In the congressional race, Lobeck is substantially ahead of Baker with a probable majority which will elect him unless overcome in the other counties.

The governorship was supposed to be closely connected with the "wet" and "dry" fight, but Neville, the "wet" candidate, is not likely to have more than 3,000, if that many, over Sutton, in this county.

When it comes to the county offices it looks as if all the democrats were carried along on the "wet" wave, except, possibly Mike Clark, who as republican opponent of Sheriff McShane, is running far ahead of his ticket, with a fair chance of capturing the prize.

For district judges the sitting judges are all well in the lead with the exception of Wakeley, who is the low man and may possibly be passed by Judge Dickinson, who is the high man in the field.

The citizens' school board ticket has won out as a whole, with possible losses of one or two. Bekins seems to be the low man on the citizens' ticket and Judge W. A. Foster a probable winner among those who were not on that ticket.

MR. HUGHES STILL LEADS IN INDIANA

With More Than Two-Thirds of State in Republican Plurality is Over Ten Thousand.

G. O. P. GOVERNOR CHOSEN

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—Returns up to 10:30 this morning showed Hughes still leading Wilson in Indiana by 10,379.

Two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight precincts out of 3,142 in the state gave Wilson 242,764; Hughes, 253,143.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—Returns early today from yesterday's election showed Mr. Hughes maintaining his small lead over Wilson in Indiana. Goodrich, the republican candidate for governor, and New and Watson, republican candidates for United States senate, also were in the lead.

The republicans asserted that all of their state candidates had been elected. With 2,039 precincts out of 3,142 in the state heard from Hughes had a plurality of 8,698. If the present ratio were to continue he would have a plurality of about 15,000 for the entire state.

Connecticut Figures Upon the Election

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 8.—Charles E. Hughes carried Connecticut in yesterday's election by a plurality of a little more than 5,000.

George P. McLean (rep.) was returned to the United States senate by a plurality of 7,917.

Four of the five republican congressmen were re-elected. P. Davis Oakey of the First district being defeated by former Congressman Augustine Lionergan (dem.).

Kansas City Mo., Joins Dry Column

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—Jackson county, which includes this city, apparently returned a majority for prohibition in voting on the proposed dry amendment yesterday. With all but nine county precincts reported the vote this morning stood 29,136 for the amendment and 28,185 against it. The returns include all of Kansas City and the missing precincts are expected to show a dry majority.

Douglas County Returns

For President.
98 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Wilson (Dem.).....18,677
Hughes (Rep.).....11,519

For U. S. Senator.
102 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Hitchcock (Dem.).....15,185
Kennedy (Rep.).....12,354

For Governor.
89 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Neville.....15,059
Sutton.....12,166

Prohibitory Amendment.
111 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Dry.....13,052
Wet.....22,694

For Congress.
80 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Lobeck (Dem.).....13,805
Baker (Rep.).....9,079

Clerk of District Court.
48 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Moriarty (Dem.).....6,989
Smith (Rep.).....6,263

For Sheriff.
62 Precincts in Douglas Give—
McShane (Dem.).....8,399
Clark (Rep.).....9,553

Judges Supreme Court.
51 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Fawcett.....6,646
Morrissey.....4,776
Cornish.....6,964
Barnes.....5,435
Sedgwick.....5,294
Dean.....5,081
Martin.....4,899
Hastings.....4,355

For School Board.
41 Precincts in Omaha Give—
George H. Barker.....3,656
John Bekins.....3,935
Willis A. Berger.....2,818
Francis A. Brogan.....4,271
Sam Burns, jr.....5,312
Frank E. Clark.....4,882
P. W. Coakley.....2,619
Thomas Falconer.....4,159
Dr. Fred W. Faulk.....2,674
Holzer A. Fleisher.....2,076
Frank J. Fitzgerald.....3,457
W. A. Foster.....4,154
Dr. E. Holovtchiner.....3,841
William E. Reed.....5,392
R. J. Sutton.....3,780
Charles O. Talmage.....4,602
C. V. Warfield.....4,766
Arthur R. Wells.....4,600
R. F. Williams.....3,360

For County Treasurer.
67 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Endres (Dem.).....10,021
Solomon (Rep.).....8,068
Superintendent of Instruction.
71 Precincts in Douglas Give—
Clumms (Dem.).....10,878
Thomas (Rep.).....8,967

Complete Counties.
16 of 18.....1404 1006 948 1078
Hamilton.....1280 1117 955 1206
Totals.....2313 24223 15306 12584 12799

United States Senator.
1916.....1914.....
County.....Pct. Conk. Neely. Head. 41.
Merrick.....1 58 52 64 52
Gasper.....1 113 90 80 108
Richardson.....1 92 64 76 62
Antelope.....1 76 110 75 78
Hall.....2 236 214 216 108
York.....1 100 184 85 147
Sawyer.....2 419 771 670 548
York.....1 133 142 117 127
Gage.....1 105 77 92 21
Richardson.....1 82 64 76 62
Hall.....2 208 248 375 204
Red Willow.....4 88 87 71 77
Thurston.....1 185 114 109 96
Gage.....2 182 112 114 91
Kearney.....6 380 413 234 261
Richardson.....2 294 2618 106 82
Phelps.....1 58 78 70 60
York.....1 89 74 67 93

Nebraska in Congress
First District.
Pre. Ma. Rea. Ma. Rea.
Precincts. gultre. via. gultre. via.
Nemaha.....1 27 52 35 46
Pawnee.....1 87 116 105 114
Pawnee.....1 87 181 131 137
Pawnee.....1 70 107 89 66
Wayne.....1 127 112 114 91
Richardson.....1 86 100 63 112
Pawnee.....1 264 111 27 87
Richardson.....1 100 109 71 92
Richardson.....1 74 89 52 65
Totals.....19 964 963 668 772

Third District.
Pre. Steph. War. Steph. Spelt.
Precincts. conk. neely. head. 41.
Boone.....1 58 48 63 44
Colfax.....1 218 84 106 91
Colfax.....1 93 25 68 23
Colfax.....1 46 28 82 18
Colfax.....1 100 32 47 30
Wayne.....1 61 71 71 65
Nance.....15 881 504 459 555
Cuming.....13 877 492 37 54
Totals.....34 2374 1888 1023 880

Fourth District.
Pots. Stark. Sloan. Rhoads. Sloan.
Precincts. conk. neely. head. 41.
Polk.....2 222 187 130 172
Thayer.....12 982 1188 1095 997
Jefferson.....10 644 827 442 663
Gage.....4 297 285 412 506
Totals.....28 2236 2788 2259 2340

Fifth District.
Shallen. Bar. Shallen. Bar.
Precincts. conk. neely. head. 41.
Phelps 16 of 18 784 666 971 1082
Harrison.....1 184 123 129 121
Red Willow.....4 89 80 67 63
Purman.....1 42 28 21 24
Totals.....22 1099 807 1204 1314

Sixth District.
McDuff. Kin. Tay. Kin.
Precincts. conk. neely. head. 41.
Loop.....2 224 114 103 109
Rock.....2 254 868 215 294
Deuel.....2 144 229 49 130
Hooker.....1 72 312 115 134
Stuart.....2 149 232 115 134
Dawson.....2 21 294 28 94
Keith.....2 226 294 126 268
Totals.....20 928 1518 585 1462

Dry Amendment Goes Through by Big Vote, Although the Wets Carry Douglas County.

KENNEDY LOOKS A WINNER

His Vote in State Offsets Hitchcock's Small Lead at Home