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PRESIDENT WILSON STILL HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE TO WIN

Recount May be Necessary To Decide U.S. Election

Hughes Swept the Large States in the East But Returns From the West Cut Down His Lead---Both Sides are Claiming a Victory.

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 activity and tension. Although both sides claimed majorities in the electoral college, there seemed nevertheless to be a feeling at both places that there was a chance that the determination of the final result, with so many states in doubt, 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 being on a recount.

George W. Perkins, at Republican headquarters, commenting upon the close vote in some states, declared that a recount might be necessary.

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."

At both headquarters the long distance telephones were busy with orders to the respective chairmen in the doubtful states to watch the count, and the returns were being closely scrutinized.

With the Presidency in doubt at 9 a. m. today, the political complexion of Congress also was undecided, and party leaders were anxiously waiting for complete returns before any definite claims could be made, although it appeared that the Democrats would retain control of the Senate without question, but with a somewhat reduced majority.

New York Tribune, Republican, Claims That Americans Are Not Too Proud to Fight

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Press comments on the election follow:

The Tribune says: "More than a year ago, standing in the presence of a hideous massacre, knowing that Americans, men, women and children, have been ruthlessly slaughtered by a German act, Woodrow Wilson told the world that the American people were too proud to fight. In the moment of a great national election, Mr. Wilson went before the people of the United States and asked them to endorse that sentiment, to confirm that declaration. He asked the American people to re-elect him because he had kept them out of war, without regard to any question of honor, without regard to the safety of American women and children, without concern for the rights for which our fathers and their fathers fought."

"Mr. Wilson has his answer; the country and the world have the answer of the American people. On the day of election the American people have not forgotten the Lusitania. 'Too proud to fight' has proved an epitaph, not a slogan. In defeating Mr. Wilson his fellow countrymen have repudiated the words he put in their mouths and the sentiments that he ascribed to them."

Chairman of Democrat National Committee Claims That Mr. Wilson Has Been Elected

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, gave out the following statement at 5.30 this morning:

"President Wilson was re-elected by the people of the United States with 304 votes in the electoral college, and this may be increased by delayed returns from doubtful states. The victory is emphasized by the reluctance of the enemy to admit defeat, and is a complete repudiation of the unfounded claims sent over the country by the Republican National Committee last night."

At 5.30 o'clock this morning Mr. McCormick sent the following telegram to every state and county chairman in every state where the result appears to be close: "President Wilson has been re-elected. Our opponents are desperate. You must personally see that the ballot boxes are guarded and protected, and have nothing undone to safeguard the victory."

Chairman of Republican National Committee Says Hughes Has Majority in Electoral College

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Shortly after six o'clock this morning Mr. Wilcox, chairman of the Republican National Committee, issued the following statement:

THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS UNDER BAN

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—The Hearst newspapers have been excluded from Canada, following the lead of the British authorities. The action of the government is outlined in a memorandum issued by the Postmaster General, in which he announces that all Hearst papers have been refused the privilege of the mails in Canada, and prohibited from circulation in any way.

The order takes effect on Saturday, Nov. 11. Anyone in possession of such papers after that date is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years, or both.

Fifteen daily and Sunday papers are included in the list.

Hughes Leading In Michigan

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 8.—When nearly one-half of the voting precincts of Michigan had reported early today, the plurality of Chas. E. Hughes over Woodrow Wilson had passed the 20,000 mark; 996 precincts in 73 of the 83 counties gave Wilson 116,756 votes and Hughes 130,044.

Prohibition forces won the greatest victory of its kind in Michigan's history. The state-wide amendment for prohibition received 179,253 favorable and 126,155 negative votes in 1,109 precincts—about half of the state. The "home rule amendment," fostered by the anti-prohibitionists in this district, was snowed under.

Mr. John E. Wilson, of St. John, gas and electricity inspector, is in the city.

"During the night I have been in telephonic communication with most of the States and in all of the so-called doubtful states, and in frequent communication with different parts of the states, and the result at this hour, 6 a. m., I am perfectly confident, is that Mr. Hughes has carried the following states, giving him a total of 323 electoral votes:

"California, 33; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 25; Iowa, 13; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 15; Minnesota, 12; Missouri, 18; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; Nebraska, 8; New Mexico, 3; North Dakota, 5; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 38; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 5; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 13; West Virginia, 8; Wyoming, 3. Total, 323.

"As it requires 266 electoral votes to elect Mr. Hughes, he has received 57 more than necessary for his election."

Wilson Steadily Gaining.

New York, Nov. 8.—At 4.45 o'clock this morning the returns, while still incomplete, made Wilson reasonably certain of 232 votes in the electoral college, and seemed to give Hughes only 218. There were 81 votes still in doubt; 266 are required for an election. From the doubtful states the returns were coming in slowly and there were indications that the full result would not be known before noon.

McCormick Claims Wilson's Election.

Chairman McCormick of the National Democratic Committee, shortly after 11 o'clock, claimed President Wilson's re-election with 288 electoral votes. "I am basing my conclusions on the official canvass of pivotal states," he added. "It is a sweeping victory." Mr. McCormick claimed Kansas with 10 and Ohio with 24 electoral votes.

The Republicans are Likewise Confident.

Mr. Wilcox, chairman at the Republican headquarters, says the election was close and depends on the returns from four or five states from which complete returns had not yet been received. "We believe the results in the doubtful states favor Mr. Hughes," the chairman added, "as the returns yet to be received will come from the outlying and farm districts."

Government in Session.

Premier Clarke, Hon. D. V. Landry, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Hon. B. F. Smith arrived in the city last night to attend a meeting of the provincial government. Messrs. E. Girouard, M. Lodge and R. O'Leary of the Board of Directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway also arrived last night.

Lieut. Col. Guthrie Returns.

Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie, O. C. 236th Battalion, returned at noon today from Montreal. He will remain here for some days before visiting Providence, Boston and New York, where he is to deliver addresses. Major Frank Eason remained in Toronto in charge of the Kilties affairs in Ontario.

SERBIANS REPULSE FIERCE ATTACKS BY A BULGARIAN FORCE

**Heavy Fighting on the Macedonian Front
---Steamship Arabic With Many Passengers on Board Torpedoed Without Warning by German Pirates.**

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The Bulgarians took the offensive yesterday against the Serbians in the Cerna 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.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—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 in this part of the battlefield.

P. & O. Line Steamship Arabia the Latest Victim of German Pirates; Two Lives Lost

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Peninsular & Oriental Line S. S. Arabia, which was sunk by a submarine, was torpedoed without warning, the Admiralty announced. All the 437 passengers, including 169 women and children, were saved. Two members of the crew are believed to have lost their lives. The Admiralty announcement follows:

The Arabia was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean at about noon on Nov. 6th. 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."

A despatch from Paris last night reported the sinking of the Arabia, a vessel of 7,933 tons gross. She was last reported bound from Sydney, N. S., Sept. 20, for London, sailing from Adelaide on the 5th of October.

Great Relief in England Over Announcement That All the Passengers Had Been Saved

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Peninsular & Oriental liner Arabia received no warning from the submarine which sank her in the Mediterranean on Monday, according to a statement issued by the Admiralty. All the 437 passengers, including 169 women and children, and all the crew with the exception of two engineers who were killed by the explosion, were saved by vessels which went to the rescue.

The Arabia was homeward bound from Australia, having reached Suez on November 2. The official report announcing the rescue of the passengers was a great relief to the people of England, who generally knew of the sinking of the vessel. At the time of the first reports of the sinking, rumor gave credence to the report that the loss of life had been very heavy.

The loss of this vessel recalls the loss of the Persia, of the same line, in the Mediterranean, less than a year ago, causing the death of 119 passengers and 217 members of the crew.

BERLIN ADMITS ROUMANIAN GAINS.

BERLIN, Nov. 8 (wireless to Sayville).—The Roumanians gained further ground yesterday on the Transylvania front in the Tulges sector, it is announced officially. Near Bodza Pass the Austro-German forces recaptured positions taken recently by the Roumanians.

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

BERLIN, Nov. 8 (by wireless to Sayville).—British attacks between LeSars and Guedecourt on the Somme front last night were broken up by the German fire, the War Office announced today. South of Somme the Germans lost possession of the village of Pressoire.

ROUMANIAN COMMANDER DEAD.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The death of General Dragalina, commander of the first Roumanian army, from a recent wound in battle, is reported in a Bucharest despatch to the press.