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HEAVY VOTE CAST OVER THE NATION

Reports From All Sections
Show That Probably Fifty
Per Cent of Vote Was Cast
Early in Day.

PRETTY WEATHER PRE-
VAILS GENERALLY.

Only Question in the South Is
That of Pluralities Which
Attracts Considerable At-
tention.

VOTE STRAIGHT IN INDIANA.

SCRATCHING WHICH WAS PRE-
DICTED, NOT BEING DONE IT
SEEMS AND THIS CAUSES CON-
SIDERABLE SPECULATION.

HEAVY VOTE IN NEW YORK.

Intense Interest in the Outcome of
The Gubernatorial Race—Charges
Of Corruption Are Being Regis-
tered.

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—Election day
opened with beautiful crisp autumn
weather almost universal throughout
the country, the exceptions being
Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi,
where rain fell and along the Ohio
river where a heavy fog made artificial
lights necessary during the early
morning hours. Throughout the north-
ern states a surprisingly heavy voting
accomplished with great rapidity indi-
cated the intense interest. The ex-
ception is throughout the South where
the size of majorities is the principle
question at stake.

Many cities report fifty percent of
the vote cast by nine o'clock.

ARE VOTING STRAIGHT.

Indianapolis Conditions Worry the
Party Leaders.

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—There is one
puzzling question being asked here to-
day—What does the unusually heavy
vote and the fact the voters seem to
be casting straight ballots almost en-
tirely, mean? The leaders of both
the leading parties confess the prob-
lem has gone beyond their ability to
solve. A great deal of scratching had
been anticipated but such does not
seem to be the fact. Democratic lead-
ers claim it means republicans are
deserting their party and because of
disfavor for scratching are casting a
straight democratic ticket. But on the
other hand the republican leaders as-
sert the lack of scratching means sat-
isfaction of the republican voters and
their support of a straight national
and state ticket.

By 1 o'clock this afternoon fully 75
per cent of the vote had been polled.
This is unusual and in fact record
breaking in its size. The interest
seems to be intense but all surface
indications point to a remarkably
quiet day. No trouble of any impor-
tance has occurred here. The weather
is good and the voters have kept up a
steady stream to the polls.

Reports from outside counties show
that the same conditions exist
throughout the state. Everywhere
the vote has been unusually heavy
and cast exceptionally early. Local
authorities have been notified of no
trouble anywhere. Prospects are fa-
vorable to the largest vote ever cast
in Indiana being recorded.

The chief interest centers in the
gubernatorial, betting being even
money.

WORKINGMEN VOTE EARLY.

Illinois Votes Rapidly—Big Odds on
Taft.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—A big early vote
was cast here and throughout Illinois.
It is splendid weather and many
workingmen voted before going to
work. There is some betting at six
to one on Taft.

INTEREST IS INTENSE.

Gubernatorial Contest occupies all in-
terest in New York.

New York, Nov. 3.—Early reports
from up-state show an unusually
heavy vote being cast. Interest over
the governorship is intense and it is
impossible to base a prediction on the
votes cast. The leaders of both par-
ties are standing pat, the democrats
claiming Bryan will have 333 electoral
votes.

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COWBOY ROPES MAN FROM TRAIN

Is Now Being Hunted on Mur-
der Charge.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 3.—Jessie Ake,
a cowboy, is being hunted on a mur-
der charge. As a Santa Fe work train,
loaded with Mexicans, was passing,
Ake roped Ramon Aragon, whom he
dragged from the train. Aragon was
killed in the fall, as the train was
running twenty miles an hour.

CANVASS POINTS TO HEAVY VOTE

By 2 O'clock Over Eighty Per
Cent of Total Vote Had
Been Cast.

TROUBLE IN NORTH END.

SALOON ROWDIES HURL OUT OF
POLLING PLACE AN OLD MAN
WHOSE VOTE HAD BEEN CHAL-
LENGED.

A canvass of all the precinct polls
in the city, except those in the Sev-
enth and Eighth wards (West Rich-
mond) was made by the Palladium
this afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock
and showed that about 80 per cent of
the total vote was in by that time.

In about half the precincts canvass-
ed reports were made to the effect
that the voters were, apparently, do-
ing but little scratching. Most of the
scratching reported was from the pre-
cincts in the south end of the city.

It is a safe statement to make that
Richmond will poll between 95 and 98
per cent of its total vote, as shown
by the republican and democratic poll
books.

Presented Affidavit.

The election has been conducted in
an orderly manner, except in the Twen-
ty-fifth precinct, Fifth ward. The
polling place in this precinct is located
at the North End mission, North
Fourteenth street. At this poll a
rowdy gang was present throughout
the day and several republicans, known
to have resided in the precinct for sev-
eral years were challenged. One old
man, by the name of Bradway, was
challenged and refused permission to
vote. He swore out an affidavit to the
effect he was a resident of the precinct
and returned to the polling place where
he presented the affidavit. He was
thrown out of the voting place bodily
and arrested. Later he was released.
William Husser, a saloon character,
swore out a counter affidavit averring
that Bradway was not entitled to a
vote in the precinct, because he was a
resident of Dublin, Ind.

Summary of Precincts.

The following list shows the total
vote cast between 1 and 2 o'clock in
every precinct in the city, except those
in the Seventh and Eighth wards, and
the total number of voters shown on
the poll books:

First Ward.

Sixth Precinct—181 out of 240.
Seventh Precinct—186 out of 280.
Eighth Precinct—153 out of 218.
Ninth Precinct—147 out of 210.

Second Ward.

Tenth Precinct—124 out of 156.
Eleventh Precinct—125 out of 178.
Twelfth Precinct—91 out of 112.
Thirteenth Precinct—108 out of 150.

Third Ward.

Fourteenth precinct—160 out of 175.
Fifteenth precinct—133 out of 300.
Sixteenth precinct—127 out of 215.
Seventeenth precinct—127 out of 213.

Fourth Ward.

Eighteenth precinct—107 out of 123.
Nineteenth precinct—160 out of 230.
Twentieth precinct—146 out of 184.
Twenty-first precinct—187 out of 240.

Twenty-second precinct—186 out of 260.

Fifth Ward.

Twenty-third Precinct—185 out of 180.
Twenty-fourth Precinct—175 out of 235.
Twenty-fifth Precinct—150 out of 370.
Twenty-sixth Precinct—218 out of 300.
Twenty-seventh Precinct—215 out of 324.

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Sixth Ward.

Twenty-eighth Precinct—155 out of 225.
Twenty-ninth Precinct—212 out of 262.
Thirtieth Precinct—148 out of 234.

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HEAR THE RETURNS.

All election returns from all
points in the United States will be
read tonight at the coliseum which
building has been secured by the
Palladium for the evening. The
Hearst News Service, Bell Tele-
phone and Western Union lines
will be run into the building insur-
ing all returns first.

Supper and luncheon will be
served by the Women's Auxiliary
of the Y. M. C. A.
Be the Palladium's guests.

COUNCIL ASKED TO ACT AS ARBITER

South First Street Improve-
ment Case Is Yet Un-
settled.

MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT

ATTORNEY FOR STARR PIANO
COMPANY STATES HE WILL
PROBABLY APPEAL JUDGE
FOX'S RULING.

Council was appealed to as final
arbiters to compromise the South First
street improvement case, which the
Starr Piano Company, through its at-
torney, John F. Robbins, has filed
bonds to have an appeal taken to the
supreme court. Attorney Henry U.
Johnson, representing the estate of
John Schneider, the contractor who
made the improvement, joined with
Mr. Robbins in asking a compromise.
He said that Schneider had performed
his duties as required and his estate
was entitled to be reimbursed for his
services, but if the matter was taken
to the supreme court it would probably
be two years before a settlement was
made. In justice, he said, to all con-
tractors council should compromise
this case so that the heirs of Mr.
Schneider could promptly receive the
money due his estate. He said that
Mr. Schneider had acted in good faith
and that council should see to it that
the city did likewise.

T. J. Study, representing the city,
advised against a compromise. He said
that the improvement had been made
on the petition of the Starr Piano
Company, and in his opinion that com-
pany had been benefitted \$800 more
than the benefits assessed to it by the
board of public works.

History of the Case.

Mr. Robbins stated to council that
the total cost of improving the street,
including the cost of the storm sewer,
was \$9,654. The Starr Piano Com-
pany's assessment was fixed at \$5,
168.11. This assessment was appealed
to the circuit court and a petition was
made to have three freeholders make
a reassessment. On motion of Mr.
Study the court ruled this provision of
the towns and cities code was uncon-
stitutional. Mr. Robbins stated that
he then went to the board, as did Mr.
Johnson, and asked that it recommend
to council to compromise the case. He
said the board refused to do so. Mr.
Robbins stated that if council failed to
do this he was prepared to appeal
Judge Fox's ruling to the supreme
court.

Mr. Robbins stated that it had al-
ways been the custom of the city to
pay the entire cost of storm sewers out
of the general fund, but in the South
First street improvement, the Starr
Piano Company had been assessed half
of the total cost of the storm sewer,
which amounted to \$4,242. Mr. Rob-
bins said that if the total amount of
its assessment was reduced to \$4,551 it
would be willing to accept the com-
promise. He thought the city should
pay \$1,200 more as its share of the
sewer construction cost.

Mr. Study stated that the Starr
Piano Company had been solely ben-
efitted by the improvement and that the
storm sewer had been made because
the street could not be improved until
drainage had been provided for. He
strenuously objected to a compromise.
Next Friday evening the council will
meet with the board to consider the
proposed compromise.

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TAFT DELIVERS LAST ADDRESS OF CAMPAIGN

Pleads for Votes for Republi-
can Ticket to Preserve
Prosperity and American In-
dustries.

CANDIDATE STICKS TO
ORIGINAL PRINCIPLES.

Says He Cared Little What
Gompers Said About Him—
418 Speeches Made During
Campaign.

Youngstown, O., Nov. 3.—The last
word of his campaign was spoken by
William Howard Taft here last night.
"Vote the republican ticket and pre-
serve prosperity, protection to Ameri-
can industries, business integrity, and
the rights of labor."

The close of the campaign was, in
magnitude and enthusiasm, a fitting
climax to all that has gone before.
The six and one-half hours Mr. Taft
spent in Youngstown were crowded
with political events. The candidate
made three speeches, preceding which
he reviewed a parade which was miles
in length and was the guest of the
prominent republicans at a dinner.

In his speeches today Mr. Taft fore-
cast his election and pledged his jus-
tice to the workmen. He took op-
portunity to emphasize that, with-
standing the opposition to him and the
republican party by Samuel Gompers,
he will maintain his great sympathy for
and interest in the welfare of or-
ganized and unorganized labor which
his previous record sustains.

No Change in Principles.

"I want to say," he said, "that it
does not make any difference how
much Mr. Gompers may misrepresent
my position; it does not make any
difference how much he misrepresents
the position of the supreme court of
the United States—I suppose I ought
not to feel hurt because I am running
for office. If these gentlemen had
the patience and justice to read my
decisions when I was on the bench
and when I had not the slightest idea
of ever yielding to the weakness of
running for the presidency, they would
have found I have not changed from
the principles I stated then."

"I have not turned an iota from
the principles I then established and those
principles and those principles alone
are the basis upon which trade uni-
onists can flourish in this country."
"The question of today," he added,
"is how far Mr. Gompers is able to
transfer what he has not. Every at-
tempt made by misrepresentation and
otherwise as to the attitude of the re-
publican party has been made to pre-
judice the wage earners of this coun-
try against the party and its candi-
date."

Mitchell Message Misquoted.

In this connection it was made
known that Representative Burton
had information from Daniel Keefe,
president of the Longshoremen's
union, that the telegram published
from John Mitchell to Samuel Gom-
pers, in which Mr. Mitchell declares
himself in sympathy and accord with
the policy of the American Federation
of Labor, is garbled, inasmuch as it
leaves out two important words, these
words being "nonpartisan political."
The text of the telegram as it
should have been published was read
as follows:

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1908.—The
Gompers, Washington, D. C.: Tele-
gram quoting what purports to be an
extract from speech delivered by Mr.
Taft at Buffalo last night received.
His statement, so far as it relates to
me, conveys a wrong impression. I
am in full sympathy and accord with
the nonpartisan political policy of the
American Federation of Labor, as it
has been outlined and promulgated by
the executive council.

JOHN MITCHELL.

Long Day of Campaigning.

Mr. Taft had a busy day. Be-
ginning his work at Dunkirk, N. Y., in
the morning, he addressed big crowds
at Westfield, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Asht-
abula, Garrettsville, Cleveland and
Youngstown. The Cleveland meeting
was a monster affair and was pre-
ceded by a parade of many marching
clubs. The meeting, held in the ar-
mory, was presided over by A. L.
Faulkner, president of the National
Order of Window Glass Makers.

When Mr. Taft ended his last ad-
dress last night he had made 418
speeches in forty-one days, the first
speech of the tour having been made
at George Ade's farm in Indiana, Sept.
23. His train left for Cincinnati at 11
o'clock.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Tuesday night and
Wednesday; fresh south winds.

OHIO—Fair tonight and Wednesday;
warmer Wednesday; light to fresh
south winds.

Hitchcock and Mack Say Last Word

Republican Chairman Hitchcock declared last night that late re-
ports received from national committeemen and state chairmen strength-
ened his faith in the estimate of 325 electoral votes for Mr. Taft made
on Friday night.

"I believe this contest is won," he said. "It has been worked out as
systematically as it is possible to apply a system to a national cam-
paign. The chairmanship of this committee was not of my seeking.
Those who are on the inside can testify to this. I had been involved in
work previous to the opening of the campaign which naturally I thought
I thought should have relieved me of this work. However, when it was
decided that I should continue the work, I accepted. As I anticipated,
there was much criticism in the beginning, but I think that the way in
which the work has been done justifies me in saying that the results
show that the object has been attained."

"At no time have I indulged in any personalities. I have studiously
endeavored to be fair in all my estimates, and to treat those who differ
with me in the same spirit of fairness."

"If conditions are normal throughout the country tomorrow," he
concluded, "I expect to see my forecast verified. If conditions are oth-
erwise in certain sections, my forecast may be reduced, but I rather
think it will be increased."

Chairman Norman E. Mack, at democratic national headquarters,
gave out a final statement, claiming victory for Bryan and Kern.
"New York state will give the national ticket a plurality of 50,000,"
he said, and "Ohio and Indiana surely will go democratic. The dem-
ocrats will carry most of the other doubtful states, and in addition will
carry some states that they have not claimed. I adhere to my original
forecast of 333 electoral votes for Bryan and Kern."

During the day Mr. Mack talked with Samuel M. Gompers, and as
a result of their conference the national chairman said he was con-
vinced that the labor vote would remain true to the party.

"All that is needed to win," said Mr. Mack "is to poll our full vote
and see that it is honestly counted. A reward of \$1,000 will be paid by
the national committee for the detection and conviction of any person
engaged in election frauds."

REPUBLICAN TIDE SWEEPING COUNTY

Chairman Bowman Says Old
Wayne Will Poll a Good
Republican Vote.

TAFT TO WIN BY 3,600.

DEMOCRATS DO NOT CONCEDE
VICTORY TO REPUBLICANS AND
EXPECT MARSHALL AND KUHN
TO SHOW UP STRONG.

Like the title character in George
Ade's great play, "The County Chair-
man," Louis Bowman, republican
county chairman, and Charles Beck,
democratic county chairman, claim
everything in sight and concede nothing.
At republican headquarters this
morning Chairman Bowman radiated
optimism. "Wayne county will poll a
good republican vote," said Mr. Bow-
man. "Taft will carry the county by
3,500. Barnard, for congressman, will
poll nearly the same vote as the pre-
sidential ticket, while Watson will carry
the county by a majority varying be-
tween 1,800 and 2,000. There will be a
large vote cast."

Down at the democratic headquarters
everybody appeared to be just as con-
fident as Mr. Bowman and his assis-
tants were. Mr. Beck was out on the
streets, cavorting from poll to poll, but
he left word to tell the "newspaper
boys" that he was extremely confident
that the republican majority in this
county would be cut down two-thirds
and that Marshall and Kuhn would win.
Secretary Webster Parry made the
following statement: "Taft will carry
Wayne county by not more than 2,
500, a little more than half the Roose-
velt majority. I do not think Watson's
majority will exceed 800, and the prob-
abilities are it will be much less than
that. Mr. Kuhn appears to be very en-
thusiastic over his chances of carrying
the county."

Edgar M. Haas, republican district
chairman, is confident the Sixth dis-
trict will give substantial majorities
to the national and state tickets. "Taft
will carry the district by at least 6,000,
which is just about 1,000 less than the
majority given Roosevelt. Judge Barn-
ard will carry the district by 5,000 ma-
jority, and Watson will not run more
than 1,000 behind him," he said.

HOPE TO RUN DOWN LETTER FORGERS

Signers of Ministers' Names
To Political Letters
May Be Caught.

ONE IMPORTANT CLUE.

ENVELOPES IN WHICH LETTERS
WERE SENT, BOUGHT OF POST-
OFFICE—HEAVY PUNISHMENT
FOR WRITERS ASSURED.

Postmaster J. A. Spekenhiser states
that he has found on investigation that
the envelopes in which were enclosed
the forged letters purporting to have
been sent out by the Rev. R. J. Wade,
the Rev. S. W. Trautman and Timothy
Nicholson, were purchased either at
the postoffice or at one of the sub-
postal stations. This is an excellent
clue for the secret service men to work
well.

POSTPONEMENT WAS ILLEGAL

Mayor Schillinger Tells Coun-
cil New Hospital Ordinance Is Necessary.

DEUKER STOOD PREPARED.

INTRODUCED NEW ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING \$4,000 TO REID
MEMORIAL INSTITUTION WHICH
WILL BE PASSED.

When asked last evening at the
council meeting of the general approp-
riation ordinance, containing the \$4,
000 hospital appropriation, which was
voted by the mayor, could be called
up for final consideration, Mayor
Schillinger, with a grin, informed the
city fathers that he understood their
action in postponing action for two
weeks on the matter was illegal and
that it would be necessary to introduce
a new hospital appropriation ordi-
nance. He said that at the time coun-
cil voted to postpone action he did not
know the body was proceeding in an
illegal manner.

"I have such an ordinance to pre-
sent," said Mr. Deuker after the
speech from the throne had been de-
livered. It was advanced to its second
reading and will be passed at the next
council meeting. It was not passed
under suspension of the rules last
evening, owing to an objection entered
by Councilman Wettig.

When asked by Mr. Bartel why he
objected to immediate action, Mr. Wet-
tig replied that he was not yet fully
satisfied that council had a legal right
to make such an appropriation.

The motion of Mr. Bartel to place
the Wettig resolution, made at the last
council meeting, on the table indefin-
itely was passed by a vote of 9 to 1.
This resolution recommends that the
hospital be decided over to the city and
that the board of trustees be increased
to ten members, five to be chosen by
the city and five by Mr. Reid.

on in running down the authors of the
forgeries, and it is probable that there
will be some arrests made shortly.

"I am very anxious to secure the
men who wrote those letters," was the
grim remark dropped by Mr. Speken-
hiser on stating the information con-
cerning the envelopes that he had just
secured.

Mr. Spekenhiser states that the fed-
eral postal laws provide a fine not to ex-
ceed \$500 or imprisonment not to ex-
ceed eighteen months, or both fine and
imprisonment, for the offense of send-
ing letters through the mails to which
forged signatures are attached.

Uncle Sam is very strict on enforcing
punishment for any violation of the
postal laws and should the parties who
sent out the fake campaign letters be
taken into custody, which now appears
to be quite probable, trouble will be
found in store for them. The result of
such arrests, it is stated, would shed
some sensational information concern-
ing the tactics employed by the local
organization of one of the great politi-
cal parties.

LEFTWICH RETURNS.

Councilman Given Warm Greeting by
Fellows.

Councilman Leftwich attended
council meeting last evening for the
first time in several weeks and was
warmly greeted by his fellow states-
men. Mr. Leftwich has been suffering
with an acute attack of asthma but
reports now that he is feeling quite
well.

CHAIRMEN ARE BOTH OPTIMISTIC

Hitchcock and Mack Close
New York Headquarters,
Feeling Sure Their Candi-
dates Will Win.

LEADERS WORN BY THE
STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN.

Chairman Hitchcock Will Take
Much Needed Rest After
Many Months' Activity in
Political Arena.

VARYING CLAIMS MADE.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS
IN MANY STATES IN WRANGLE
TODAY OVER WHO WILL GET
ELECTORAL VOTE.

WEST SEEMS FOR TAFT.

Reports From Colorado and Mon-
tana Show Taft Sentiment, While
Vote Elsewhere in the West Is Con-
sidered Close.

New York, Nov. 3.—The rival man-
agers of the republican and democra-
tic national campaigns closed their
desks at headquarters last night and
declared respectively that Taft and
Bryan would win.

The managers then hurried away on
late trains to cast their ballots. Mr.
Hitchcock at West Newton, Mass.,
and Mr. Mack at Buffalo.

The tasks of the national chairmen
have been many and tedious. They
have involved long railroad journeys
and many midnight vigils. The varied
turns and perplexities of the cam-
paign have been trying and it was
with sighs of relief that Mr. Hitch-
cock and Mr. Mack announced that
their work was done.

Much Needed