

GREAT BATTLE OF BALLOTS IS BEING WAGED TODAY THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

Hearst News Service.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, November 3.—Little interest is manifested in today's election in Alabama. Bryan will get the electoral votes of the state beyond all question. It is estimated that 85 per cent of the total vote will be for the Nebraskan.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, November 3.—Arkansas as always, is solidly Democratic, and Taft will receive only a small vote. The state election has already been held and this detracts from the general interest in today's balloting.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, November 3.—Democratic leaders are today declaring that a Bryan landslide will be shown by

the returns, but reports received this morning from all over the state give little basis for such a belief. The Japanese exclusion plank in the Democratic platform has gained votes for Bryan among the labor element, but this is not likely to be sufficient to overcome the usual Republican majority. Fifteen constitutional amendments including a primary election law, and being voted on today, and this has aided to bring out a full vote. California is almost certain to be found in the Taft column, but by a greatly reduced plurality from that received by Roosevelt four years ago.

COLORADO.

Denver, November 3.—Enthusiasm has marked the campaign just closed in Colorado and prospects are good for the largest vote ever polled in the state. Confidence pervades the headquarters of both parties and both the Republican and Democratic leaders are predicting success. The result will doubtless be close, but indications are not lacking that Bryan will get the state's electoral vote. Bryan received a plurality of 134,882 in 1896 and 29,661 in 1900.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford, November 3.—Early returns indicate that Taft will carry Connecticut, but by a small plurality. Bryan is getting a larger labor vote. Many Republicans are "Scratching" Representative Lilley, the gubernatorial candidate, and he is thought to be in danger of defeat.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, November 3.—Voting commenced early today and the polls were thronged with probabilities of a heavy vote. Democrats claim only a fighting chance for Bryan, and political prophets claim Taft is certain of the state.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, November 3.—While some opposition to Bryan has developed among the business interests, the Nebraskan is assured of the entire electoral vote of Florida. The Democrats have practically no opposition.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Ga., November 3.—Georgia has already held its state election, and in consequence there is no great interest in today's election. Bryan will get an overwhelming plurality, but Taft will receive many votes in this city and Savannah.

IDAHO.

Boise, November 3.—Bryan is likely to get Idaho's three electoral votes by a small plurality over Taft. The Mormon question has been much agitated during the campaign. Roosevelt's denunciation of Moyer and Haywood previous to his trial, has aroused prejudice against Taft in labor circles. The Socialists are casting a heavy vote but this defection falls equally on both parties.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, November 3.—That the twenty-seven electoral votes of Illinois will be for Taft, but that Deneen will have a close race with Stevenson for the governorship, is indicated by reports received this morning from over the state. Business is largely suspended in this city today and all the polling places are centers of large crowds. Hotels, restaurants and cafes are prepared for an unprecedented demonstration tonight. Great interest centers in the Danville congressional district, where Speaker Cannon is making a fight for his political life. Early estimates from the scene of war are that Cannon will be re-elected, but by a greatly reduced majority.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis, November 3.—All Hoosierdom is in a ferment of excitement today and the greatest political battle in recent years is on in earnest. Chairman Jackson of the Democratic state committee declares that victory is already assured and that Bryan and Marshall have carried the state by a safe majority. Similar optimistic expressions were made at Republican headquarters. Both sides admit that the vote will be close. All during the campaign, Indiana has been the most doubtful state of the Union, and this uncertainty is still hovering over the issue of today's election. An unusually heavy vote was cast all over the state this morning. The governorship fight is quite as close as the contest between Taft and Bryan. The liquor question has added to the uncertainty of the situation. It is generally admitted that the Republican party has regained some of its lost ground during the last week of the campaign, but it may not be sufficient to overcome the Democratic wave that swept over the state earlier in the struggle. Vice-President Fairbanks claims that Taft will have 30,000 plurality.

IOWA.

Des Moines, November 3.—Claims of a plurality for Taft of from 40,000 to 65,000 are made by Republican leaders on the basis of returns received today from various cities and towns in Iowa. Roosevelt received a plurality over Parker of 158,786, but no Republican believes that Taft will attain to half that figure. Practically all of the labor vote is going to Bryan, according to reports from all the industrial centers. The Socialist vote will be about 8,000, and the Prohibitionists will receive a slightly lesser number.

KANSAS.

Topeka, November 3.—While Taft will not approach Roosevelt's great plurality of 127,000 four years ago, he will probably receive the electoral vote of the Sunflower state. Estimates of Taft's plurality range from 25,000 to 40,000. At Democratic headquarters hope has not yet been abandoned, and claims are made today that Bryan will win the state by from 10,000 to 15,000. A big Socialist vote is reported from Leavenworth, Pittsburg, Wichita and other industrial cities. Although disaffection was caused by the Brownsville affair, the negro vote will be largely for Taft.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, November 3.—Although the Taft men claim Kentucky as "fighting ground," there is little to indicate that the Ohioan will be successful in today's election, and the most conservative estimates place Bryan's plurality at from 5,000 to 10,000. Republicans base their hope of success on the election of Wilson, Republican, as governor, but the local differences which led to that result

will not effect the Bryan vote in today's contest.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, November 3.—Bryan will receive practically the entire vote of Louisiana in the election in progress today. As only minor state officers are to be chosen, and the Democrats have the only ticket in the field, there is little interest manifested by the voters.

MAINE.

Augusta, November 3.—Maine will give Taft a plurality of about 20,000, and the entire electoral vote of the State. The Republican plurality was greatly reduced in the recent state election, but that was due to the prohibition issue, which does not affect today's election.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, November 3.—As one of the doubtful states, Maryland may play a large part in determining the next president, and the voters are conscious of the fact and rushed to the polls early this morning to cast their ballots. Both Bryan and Taft adherents are claiming the state by small pluralities. Charges have been made that money has been used in large quantities to influence voters, and the officials of the Baltimore Reform League are keeping a close watch upon the balloting and threatening to prosecute all illegal or purchased voters. The Baltimore laboring vote is one of the determining factors, and the Democrats base their claims of victory on the statement that the union men have been won for Bryan and that the Republicans will lose much of the negro vote. The plurality conservative tendencies of the Maryland voters, the Republican leaders assert, render a Taft victory certain.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, November 3.—Every effort

is being made by Democratic politicians to day to secure a full vote of the party, with the hope of putting Massachusetts in the Bryan column, but the most authentic forecasts indicate a decided plurality for Taft although not as large as that received by Roosevelt four years ago.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit, November 3.—With prospects of a heavy vote, a Taft victory in Michigan is certain. Few Democrats are so sanguine as to prophesy a plurality for Bryan. A novel feature of this election is the fight between Representative Samuel Smith, Republican and Frank L. Dodge, Democrat, for Congressman from the Sixth District. Congressman Smith is chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, and the people and newspapers of the national capital have used every influence to prevent his reelection on account of his record on the gas and street car company questions.

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, November 3.—Taft will receive a plurality in Minnesota, this is conceded by prominent Democrats. At Republican headquarters it is claimed that the Ohio candidate's plurality will be between 30,000 and 40,000. Popular interest centers in the gubernatorial fight between Johnson and Jacobson. The present Democratic chief executive was renominated much against his will, but has made a strong campaign. His friends are confident, although it is admitted that Jacobson has made a good fight for the Scandinavian vote, which has been Johnson's great source of strength.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, November 3.—That Bryan will carry Mississippi and a solidly Democratic delegation returned to the

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