

BOTH SIDES CLAIM PRESIDENTIAL VICTORY

If Wilson Wins Either California or Minnesota He Will Retain the "Throne" At Washington--Election a Neck-And-Neck Contest.

New York, Nov. 8.—2.45 pm.—At this hour the re-election of President Wilson seems a foregone conclusion, but it is not an actual certainty until the returns are all in.

(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—(Noon)—If President Wilson carries either Minnesota or California he is re-elected President of the United States.

North Dakota has changed from the Hughes to the Wilson column—five votes.

Wyoming, with three votes, formerly doubtful, has gone for Wilson. The totals at noon were Wilson, 256; Hughes, 235; doubtful, 37.

Standing at 1 p. m.
The following are the states and electoral vote results up to 1 p. m.:

For Wilson—Alabama, 12; Arizona, 3; Arkansas, 9; Colorado, 6; Florida, 9; Georgia, 14; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 18; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 5; Nevada, 3; North Carolina, 12; Ohio, 24; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Utah, 4; Virginia, 12; Washington, 7; North Dakota, 6; Wyoming, 3; total, 256.

For Hughes—Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 12; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 14; Michigan, 15; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; Pennsylvania, 28; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 6; Vermont, 4; West Virginia, 5; Wisconsin, 13; total, 235.
Doubtful—California, 13; Minnesota, 12; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 3; Oregon, 5; total, 37.

Republicans Claim Victory.
(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—(At 12.45 p. m.)—Republican National headquarters formally claimed California and Minnesota for Hughes. An impromptu celebration was started when these twenty-five votes were declared Republican. These claims were not admitted by the Democratic committee. If correct they give Hughes a total of 263, Wilson, 252; doubtful 12.

Shortly after noon Chairman Morgenthau, of the Democratic Finance Committee, declared that the Democrats had carried West Virginia by 10,000. Republicans still claim this state, however. Frank B. Kellogg, Republican state chairman of Minnesota, wired Republican headquarters that Hughes will carry that state by 6,000. Kellogg claimed his own election for United States senator by 50,000. The Democrats do not admit this.

Declare Wilson Is Elected.
(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—(At 1.30 p. m.)—Vance McCormick, national chairman of the Democratic party, reiterated his claim that President Wilson had been re-elected by an electoral vote of 288. "I still stand by my original claim of a plurality of votes for President Wilson," he declared in his statement. "The President has his statement. The President has his statement. The President has his statement."

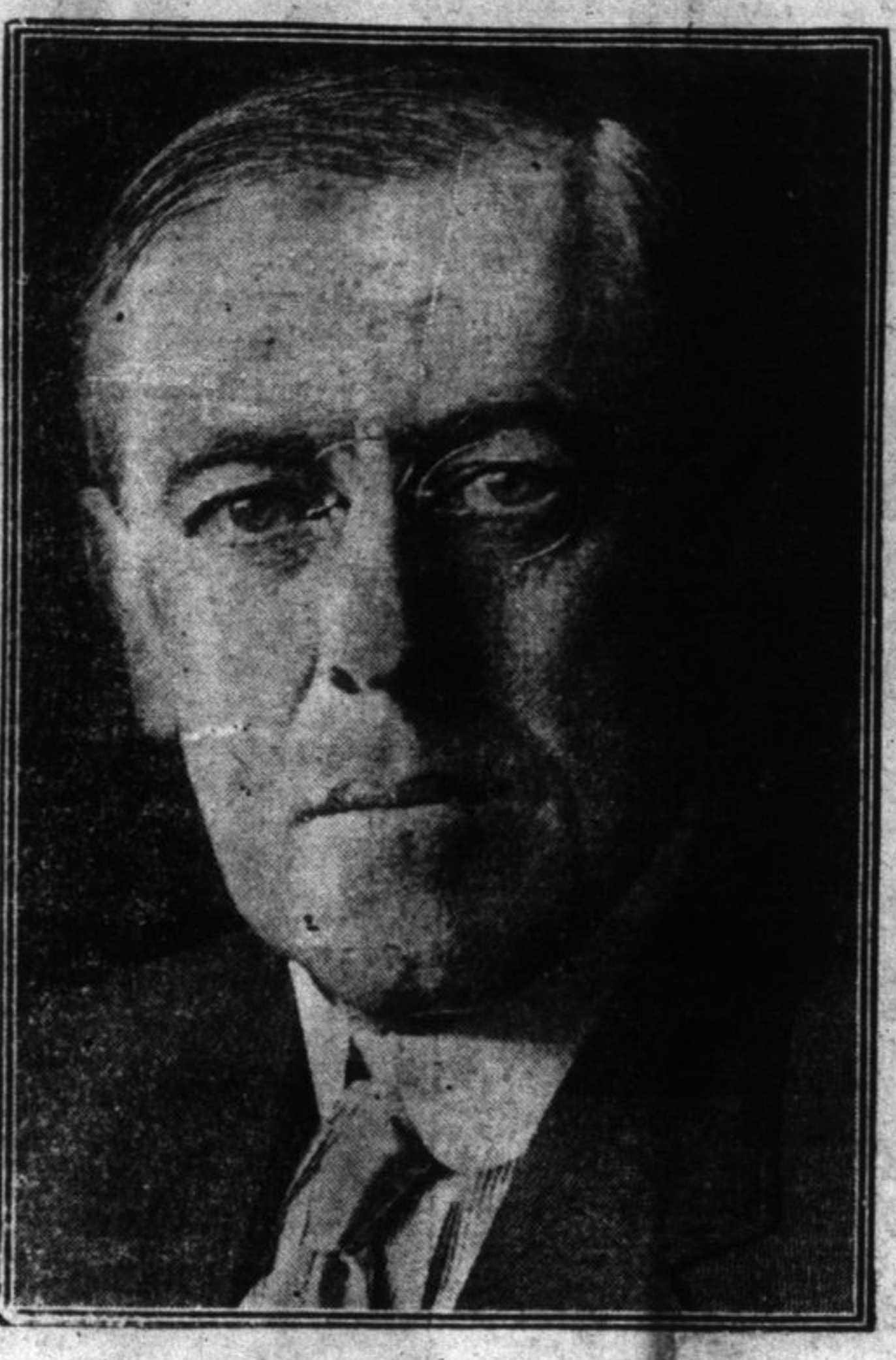
The rural or "backwoods" districts of Minnesota seem to be swinging that state toward the Democrats. Later reports from that state indicate Wilson gaining steadily there.

Wilson Leading in California.
(Special to the Whig.)
San Francisco, Nov. 8.—(11 a. m. Pacific time)—At this hour returns from 3,313 out of 5,876 precincts in California gave Wilson a plurality of slightly over 9,000 votes over Republican candidate Hughes.

Roosevelt a Little Previous.
Oyster Bay, Nov. 8.—When informed of the lead of Charles E. Hughes over President Wilson, according to the returns up to 8.45 o'clock last night, Col. Roosevelt issued the following statement: "I am proudly thankful as an American for the election of Mr. Hughes. It is a vindication of our national honor."

Special Plays Golf.
(Special to the Whig.)
Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 8.—With

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PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON Has best chance of being elected to U. S. Presidency.

UNITED STATES ELECTION CLOSE AND VERY UNCERTAIN

Not Known on Wednesday Morning Which Candidate Would Be President—President Wilson Led at 8 a. m. by a Small Margin.

(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Neither Charles Evans Hughes nor Woodrow Wilson had been elected president of the United States on the basis of official returns from yesterday's election available at 8 a. m. today. The count gathered by the United Press to that hour showed: Wilson 237, Hughes 232. Still in doubt 52.

States in the classification of doubtful included California, 13 electoral votes; Indiana, 15; Kansas, 10; Minnesota, 12; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 3; Oregon, 5.
Only once before in the history of the nation has today's situation in the presidential election been paralleled, and that was in the historic Tilden-Hayes campaign of 1876. Then Hayes was adjudged the victor, after a bitter contest, by one electoral vote.

(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—American political history was enriched by last night's amazing swing back and forth of the returns for Hughes against Wilson, and for Wilson and against Hughes. First returns, available shortly after six o'clock, showed Wilson leading. Then came a Hughes sweep, with a tremendous lead in New York and reports of a big plurality for the G. O. P. in Kansas, Massachusetts' preliminary returns added to the Republican candidates' growing list. But once more there was a change. The Wilson drift set in. Ohio went unmistakably Democratic. The President's managers began questioning Massachusetts returns. They gained, as later returns from Indiana offset the first favorable Hughes trend.

At 8 o'clock this morning the President was five votes ahead of his Republican opponent in the returns as gathered by the United Press.

"It Looks Dangerously Close."
(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Charles E. Hughes made his first appearance today when he opened the door of his room in the Hotel Astor, called Lawrence Green, his secretary, and asked him to bring him the latest returns.

Wilson column to the doubtful column, goes to the Wilson column, being conceded by Chairman Willcox.

Idaho—Transferred from the Hughes column to the Wilson column.
Indiana—Transferred from the doubtful column to the Hughes column.

Standing at 10 A. M.
(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—At 10 a. m. the latest returns showed an increase of 11 electoral votes for Wilson since 8 a. m., making his total 248. In the same time the changes recorded gave Hughes a total of 248 and left forty electoral votes doubtful. There was a strong drift toward Wilson in Minnesota, North Dakota and Oregon. Democrats also claimed California. Wilson's present total leaves 18 votes necessary for election, while Hughes needs 33. The changes indicated were as follows:

Wilson—Transferred from the Hughes column to the doubtful column, goes to the Wilson column, being conceded by Chairman Willcox.

Idaho—Transferred from the Hughes column to the Wilson column.
Indiana—Transferred from the doubtful column to the Hughes column.

A Democratic Congress Elected in United States

(Special to the Whig.)
New York, Nov. 8.—Even if Charles Evans Hughes squeezes Woodrow Wilson out of the presidency, he will be faced by a Democratic Congress. It is evident that the Republicans have not elected the ten senators required to dominate that body, which has unlimited possibilities of veto. With about one hundred congressional districts to hear from, the Republicans seem to have made small gains in the House of Representatives, but they haven't a majority.

Early this morning Chairman Vance McCormick said Wilson was re-elected, and wired to every state and county chairman where the result was close. "Our opponents are desperate. You must personally see that the ballot boxes are guarded and protected, and nothing left undone to safeguard our victory."

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Those who were interested in the United States presidential election went home on Tuesday night quite satisfied that Charles H. Hughes, the republican candidate, had been elected. They were greatly surprised this morning to discover that great uncertainty existed, that of the votes then recorded Mr. Wilson had a slight advantage.

Canadians would be better satisfied with the election of Mr. Hughes. They would have in him one who could not be trifled with by the German ambassador, and by his masters, the Kaiser and Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg. Mr. Wilson has undoubtedly wobbled in his diplomatic correspondence. He seemed to be emphatic enough in the note he wrote following the Lusitania disaster, but Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who is not the man to make rash or reckless charges, declares that there was a foot note, or subsequent note, by Mr. Wilson which took the edge off the peremptory deliverance. There was a feeling, too, that Mr. Wilson had been quietly angling for the German vote, and the appearance is that he got it. Mr. Hughes had no claim upon it, and it would have been remarkable had he received it in the face of what he said about the Hun and the hyphenate on several occasions. At the same time he lost strength or prestige by his evident restraint in public speaking and throughout the campaign. He was not as aggressive or outspoken as in the election which he conducted when a candidate for the governorship of New York, and he lost votes accordingly.

Early this afternoon the appearances were that Mr. Wilson would be elected. There had been several changes in the election results during the morning, and of the five doubtful states either California or Minnesota, one with thirteen votes and one with twelve, would establish Wilson's success beyond peradventure.

There has been no experience similar to that accompanying this presidential election since the celebrated contest in which Mr. Hayes and Mr. Tilden participated. The preponderance in the popular vote was on the side of Mr. Tilden, but the electoral college gave the majority to Mr. Hayes.

GERMANS RACED TO SURRENDER

Officers and All Ran Madly From German to French Lines.

With the French army on the Somme front, Nov. 8.—The battle on Sunday in the district between Sailly and St. Pierre wood was fought without the assistance of aeroplanes. The wind blowing 80 miles an hour prevented the planes from ascending and consequently the artillery fire from 100 German batteries, as well as from the French and British was uncontrolled aerially. Every inch of the battle ground was a danger spot and the correspondent of the Associated Press and other correspondents were compelled to take shelter in a dugout.

When the French infantry attacked a powerfully defended series of trenches with trench mortars and grenades they found a strong surrender, which in one portion surrendered, in a body, with their officers, more than 500, running at a racing pace into the French lines and for two miles and a half to the rear, accompanied by only half a dozen French guards. It was a strange sight when they ran the gauntlet of the German barrage fire.

BEGGED DUKE TO REMAIN

But He Gives Up Chairmanship of Poor Law Board.

London, Nov. 8.—The Duke of Devonshire has resigned the chairmanship of the Bakerswell Poor Law Board. His fellow-members begged him not to do so, as some member of the House of Cavendish has been chairman since the board's foundation in 1525. The Duke pointed out, though, that he would probably be absent from England for five years.

WERE UNSUCCESSFUL

German Shelled and Raid British Lines in Ypres.

(Special to the Whig.)
London, Nov. 8.—Hostile shelling of the British lines west of Beaumont and Hamel and an unsuccessful raid by German forces in that region marked last night's operations. Gen. Haig reported to the War Office today.

Baker Heirs Could's Agree

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 8.—Members of the Baker Heirs' Association met here last summer. It was announced when their meeting closed that nothing was accomplished. Inability to agree upon a tentative division of the "estate" was said to have been responsible. It is understood that the association has had several other meetings in various parts of the country.

CITIZENS STORMED THE CHILDREN'S AID

And Ousted the Old Directors From Office in Order to Put An End to the Society's Lawsuit Against the City.

As a protest against the action of the Children's Aid Society in entering a suit against the city for \$717 for the keep of wards of the society, and the proposition to put the city to a large expenditure for the erection of a shelter, a large number of citizens stormed the annual meeting of the society, held in the City Council chamber on Tuesday afternoon, and succeeded in putting through a resolution calling for the appointment of new officers. The management of the society came in for some sharp criticism, and the discussion waxed quite warm at times. Mayor Richardson was elected president, City Clerk W. W. Sands was elected secretary, and City Treasurer O. V. Bartels was elected treasurer.

Rev. Douglas Laing, the president, occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting stated that he was pleased to see such a large crowd of citizens present, thereby manifesting their interest in the work of the society.

Every business was taken up. D. A. Givens announced that the citizens present desired to become members of the society, so they could take part in the proceedings. He understood that the fee was \$1 a year for each member and he was informed by the President that such was the case. Mr. Givens then stated that the fees of the citizens would be handed in to the meeting later on.

The society then proceeded with business, the Inspector, W. H. Wylie, being called upon to present his report for October, and also his annual report.

Inspector's Report

The report of the inspector for the month of October, among other things, showed that sixty-two children had been involved, one had been made a ward of the society, and two had been sent to the Industrial school. Four children were placed on parole, and seven returned to parole. Two sent to the Industrial school were former wards of the society, and were sent back for violating their parole. The Inspector gave a detailed statement of all the cases, and how they were dealt with.

The annual report showed that 977 children had been involved, five had been made wards, ten sent to the Industrial school. There were 259 complaints, 339 investigations, and 163 children returned to parents.

The report of the treasurer, George E. Hague, showed the total expenditure to be \$1,572.93 and the receipts including a balance on hand of \$252.25, to be \$1,622.49, leaving a balance now on hand of \$49.56.

After the financial report had been received and adopted, the treasurer read a letter from J. F. Lesslie, in which he stated that he had audited the books of the society. He pointed out that there had been a slight discrepancy when compared with the bank statement, but that this could easily be accounted for in the fact that the Inspector had, on several occasions, been called upon to leave the city hurriedly on business for the society, and used the moneys of the society for travelling expenses. The amount was small and could easily be accounted for.

At this stage of the proceedings D. A. Givens handed over \$62 to the president, collected in fees for the new members of the society.

The citizens who had stormed the meeting were then registered as members of the society. Mr. Givens handed over the names. The money was handed over to the treasurer and G. M. Macdonnell made the remark that the money would help pay the expenses of the society.

The next order of business was the election of officers. Archdeacon Dobbs had a "slate" drawn up, which included some of the old officers and moved that it be adopted. D. A. Givens wanted to know if it was the rule of the society to elect officers in this way. The president said that this had been the practice.

Protest From Citizens.
W. R. Givens said that in view of the fact that sixty-two new members had been enrolled it must be taken that the citizens were not pleased with the management of the affairs of the Society. He wanted to be quite frank, and would say that he regarded the gathering more as an indignation meeting. There was no doubt that the citizens had been aroused over some of the recent workings of the Society. He explained that the citizens did not wish to enter a complaint merely as criticism; they wished to join hands with the members to promote the interests of the Society, but when action taken by the Society conflicted with the welfare of the city as a whole, he felt that the city must receive the first consideration. Recent happenings had aroused the feelings of citizens, and the speaker referred to the proposition to sue the city for \$717 for the keep of the wards of the society, and the proposition to put the city to the expense of erecting a shelter, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. In view of the feelings of

the citizens he moved that a new nominating committee be appointed, to report on the selection of officers. G. M. Macdonnell said that Mr. Givens' motion was in order, and that it should be acted on. He stated that for twenty-three years the work of the Society had been conducted by a half-dozen or so citizens. A bunch of business men would be gladly welcomed.

The president said that for the past two years the members had been endeavoring to get citizens to take more interest in the work of the Society.

Mr. Macdonnell said the old members would be glad to resign and give the work over to the new members.

New List of Officers

W. R. Givens presented the following slate of new officers and board of management, and his resolution was seconded by Ex-Mayor C. J. Graham:

President—Mayor Richardson.
Vice-Presidents—Ald. N. E. O'Connor and James Halliday, Reeve of Portmouth.
Secretary—Dr. W. W. Sands.
Treasurer—O. V. Bartels.
Honorary Solicitor—D. A. Givens.
Physicians—Dr. A. R. E. Williamson, Dr. W. Gibson, Dr. C. E. MacCallum, Dr. W. McCarthy.

Board of Management—Ald. Hughes, Dr. William Spankie, J. W. Bradshaw, W. J. Franklin, S. R. Bailey, John McEwen, William Graham, J. A. Kennedy, D. Murray, Mrs. R. M. F. McFarlane, Mrs. W. G. Jordan, Mrs. H. Buck, Mrs. J. M. Strange, Miss Ida Ronan, Mrs. G. A. McGowan, Miss Buchtel, Mrs. D. Laidlaw, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mrs. (Dr.) Torrance.

Gospel of Peace

W. F. Nickle, M.P., said that there was no doubt that matters had reached a crisis, and that there should be diplomacy and tact, in an endeavor to bring about a satisfactory settlement. The citizens complained that the Society was endeavoring to burden the city with an expenditure of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for the erection of a shelter. He was present to preach the gospel of peace between the Society and the citizens. Every citizen was interested in the work the Society was carrying on, and it was most unfortunate that there should be a split. He believed that a settlement satisfactory to all concerned could be reached. They would be glad to get together and think the Society wanted to do the city with an expenditure of 0,000 or \$40,000. With so many charitable institutions of the city surely (Continued on page 5.)

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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Remember N. K. Rowell's address to Women's Canadian Club Thursday at 4 p. m.—Convocation Hall.
Queen's Alumni Conference, Convocation Hall 8 p. m. Address by Prof. A. L. Clark, Ph.D., "A Dutch University" illustrated—Open to all students and the public.

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McAuley's Book Store, 49 Princess
McGee's Clear Store, Cor. Prin. & King
McLeod's Grocery, 11 Oden St. W.
Medley's Drug Store, 250 University
Paine's Clear Store, 103 Princess
Pronse's Drug Store, 103 Princess
Southcott's Grocery, Portmouth

DEATHS

LAWSON—To Capt. and Mrs. H. H. Lawson, 54 Wellington St., on Nov. 7th, 1916, a daughter.
DIED.
GALLOWAY—In Kingston, at 75 Pine street, on Nov. 7th, 1916, John W. Galloway.
Funeral Thursday at 2 o'clock.

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They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.
—SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.