ASSOCIATED PRESS ELECTION SERVICE

Flash Verdict of 16,000,000 Voters Few Minutes After Last Ballet is Cast -How it is Accomplished.

New York, Oct. 28 .- F-L-A-S-H! - is elected! On the night of Tuesday, November 7, the missing name in the foregoing sentence will be supplied by the Associated Press.

In the business of news-gathering as developed by this world-wide organization, the first word sent over the wires telling of any extraordinary event is "Flash!" It is the signal of a thrill. The ordinary routine of the Associated Press bureaus and their hundreds of newspaper-members is often punctuated with the "F-l-a-s-h!" Operators from Bangor to San Diego. from Tampa to Tacoma, tighten their lagging nerves, and editors come scurrying to the wires to hear a Pope is dead, a Titanic sunk, another country at war, a Lusitania torpedoed, a battle won, a king deposed, or a President elected.

Like a Comet.

This latter thrill has a recognized periodicity, like the passage of a comet, and the experience of it is again imminent. Within a few hours after you have scratched your ballot. The Associated Press will have flashed the verdict which you and sixteen million fellow voters have rendered-will have flashed it perhaps within a few minutes after the last of these sixteen million ballots has been dropped in its box in some of the Western States, where three hours difference in time makes late the closing of the polls.

How, in this brief time, anything approximating an accurate accounting of these sixteen million votes can be achieved, the returns assembled, and all of these sixteen million votes are not counted, but when The Associated Press announces the election, that announcement will be as trustworthy as if they were.

Cooperative Effort. The gathering and distribution of returns this year will mark one of the on election night. Equally remarkable State Legislature. ciated Press' figures has been such that men to serve as tabulators. Previous came those hundreds of telegrams, day after in tribute to the "compre- in the morning. hensiveness," "speed," and "accuracy with which the work has been done.

Press has for the coming election en- variably from some of t he upstate cilisted the cooperation of its members ties where voting machines are emfrom coast to coast in a more con- ployed. There are, however some locerted effort than ever before.

tions were begun, under the direction vote. In such small places the law of the general manager of The Asso- permits the opening of the ballot ciated Press, to "cover" the news boxes as soonas it has been made which will b served to the public on certain that the full vote of the place the night of November 7. Election ex-illus been polled, and the result is perts of the organization have during then made known. these two years can assed every State in the Union and arranged with the figures come in, ut once the avapapers of each State to work togeth- lanche is started there is no let-up er on a cooperative establishedbgkq to the tick of the telegraph sounders er on a cooperative basis under the su- and a swarm of the colored blanks pervision of the established Associat- is kept flying from the receiving oped Press bureaus. Thousands of spec- erators to the tabulators. The figial forms have been prepared for the ures are first entered by the tabulators systematic conduct of the service, and passed along to the designated thousands of typewritten sheets dis- chief who keeps a "Doomsday Book" tributed listing candidates and showing votes four years as a basis of comparison, special correspondents minutes the busines of tabulation is

arranged for this particular work. In the collection of returns, the county is everywhere made the unit, and it is the purpose of the system to hear definitely from every election district of the more important States. In New York State alone these districts number 5,700. In Illinois there are over 5,000 and in other States a proportionately large number of districts to be heard from., Taking New York State as typical or the system that will be followed in painciple at least by other States, the service there is worked out broadly as follows:

Competent Men.

Having arranged for some competent man to take charge of each county upstate and for cooperative the result made known throughout effort with the New York City News the land is a process both simple and Association for the collection of the marvellous. It is true, of course, that metropolitan returns, the New York head quarters of the Associated Press is made the center of tabulation. The upstate county man is stationed at the most convenient center, usually the county seat, from which he throws cut his net for the gathering of his local returns.

For the special work in hand, twengreatest cooperative efforts that has ty-five extra wires are strung into been made on any similar occasion to the Associated Press offices in New accomplish this purpose. In previous York, giving direct and exclusive conelections The Associated Press, relying nection with the principal cities. Bemore largely on its own resources, has fore the operators is stacked a vadone notable work in the prompt and ried assortment of printed forms, accurate reporting of the election fig- whose blank spaces await the figures ures. In the Roosevelt-Parker con- that tell the story. There are pink test of 1904, the organization was able forms, green, yellow and white to make not only definitely to announce the re- the various compilations of the vote

service has been rendered in other. In an adjoining room there have ties, where they are immediately elections, and the value of The Asso- been assembled a staff of a hundred available for recount. Off the hooks defeated candidates themselves have to the election the Associated Press on the strength of them, sent their has arranged with some of the best entire State vote was recounted. The telegrams of congratulations to their banks in the city to furnish expert head tablator forgetting for the movictorious opponents. The service has accountants for this work. They work ment that he was in a newspaper ofbeen such that it has invariably in relays, the first crew reporting at fice instead of a bank exclaimed: brought to the executives of the or- the close of the polls at 5 o, clock, ganization a flood of telegrams on the compiling the figures until 2 o'clock

The Work Begins Less than ten minutes after the clo-

Two Years Ago. More than two yeears ago prepara- themselves in being first in with their

It is only by driblets that the first showing the running total of the vote throughout the night. Every tifteen appointed and special wire facilities punctuated by the issue of a bulletin on New York State, which is rushed to the leased wires of the Associated Press-and over these main arteries and secondary ones-some 47,000

Form of Bulletins

The form of these bulletins is known to thousands who have seen them flashed on the election screens: "506 election districts out of 5,700

miles of them, some eighty different

circuits-the news circulates, keep-

ing all the nine hundred and forty

newspaper members of the associa-

tion posted on how the country is

give Wilson .....; Hughes ......"

or another will concede somebody's concedes nothing. It must know.

the heavy vote of Odell upstate was tem itself, is almost doubled on electrod for stirring. The lime will be when they return to Washington next overlooked by many of the newspapers tion night, and the telegraph com lumpy if the water is added freely month. figures wtre right. The general man- head. ager had an abiding confidence in his men and figures, but in the face of concessions that some of the papers thing must be done to check the matter He ordered a recount. The system and this Odell-Coler year is the only large rack of hooks, classified by counand in just fifteen minutes time the "Mr. Stone, we check up to a penny!" The recount tallied exactly with the figures the Associated Press had previously given out and the papers which, independently of the Associated Press figures, had conceded Coler's election had eventually to armit their

### Accuracy

The accuracy of The Associated Press figures has seldom since been recent New York State primary, in handle any emergency, in the election the fight between Calder and Bacon for or out of it. the Republican nomination as candidate for a seat in the United States Senate, the majority given by the Associated Press was only 79 votes at variance with the official count. In a Massachusetts State election last year the Boston bureau scored a record by announcing the returns only three votes off from the official figures.

The election machinery of the Associated Press is at work in all the States, but it is developed to its.highest efficiency in the States having the largest electorial votes and the smallest average of consistency in Presiden-

tial years. A Definite Line

Given a definite line on New York State, on Massachusetts, which is invariably prompt, and a reflection of the vote in the Central and Western States, where a difference in time is a handicap to early returns, the result of the Presidential election may be pretty definitely announced at an early hour and often the full extent of the victory indicated, so accurately has the gauge of election figures been fixed by previous expehience.

Knowing with a near certainty whether it is Wilson or Hughes will be sufficient for the throngs at the bulletin boards on election night, but the Associated Press goes on to a still bigger task than the mere announcement of the result. That would not go far to complete the morning paper. There are colums to fill with State tabulations, with lists of Governors elected, the detailed constitution of the next United States Senate and tabels for each State, locally handled, on the constitution of tht State Legislature. There are comprehensive "leads" to write in summary of the States to e explained.

The Paul Revere.

There is one human cog in the election night machine that is even more interesting than the general manager nearest telegraph station. There are still some remote regions- a great many of them where the polling of stopped. a Presidential vote is almost a game of

This yar it is possible that all rec- ing of the polls, the work begins solitaire, and from some of them BARBER POLES ords will be broken, for The Associated The first returns in New York are in- couriers must ride twenty miles be fore they can release by wire to a waiting nation the fact that a plurality calities on Cape Cod and down in of one for \_\_\_\_ (it would be par-Maine which for years have prided tisan to anticipate the name) had been cast at ranch 49. There are several Pole' signs have been painted on all the Democrats are successful at the such remote districts even in New Southern Rtilway crossings gates in polls next Wednesday and continue York State, whence news leaks almost a further effort to attract the atten- to hold the house, electing the speakas slowly as in Montana or Idaho tion of reckless automobile drivers And there is no deprecating the impor- and so prevent accidents at chossings. tance of the vote that is cast at Clover. Experience has shown that many Four-Corners. It is the will of the automobile drivers dash across railpeople that rules and the Associated way tracks without regarding the Press can know no distinction when "Stop Look, and Listen" signs and it comes to the counting of honest some of them have even crashed ballots. Otherwise it would not pay through gates provided for the profor that twenty-mile ride.

> New Jersey has been a thorn in the flesh of the election tabulators for many years. In the first place it re- standard recommended by the Amerifuses to close its polls until 7 o'clock, can Railway association and conand its law requires that the count-sists of alternate black and white ing of the entire ballot from top to stripes eight inches wide, running at bottom shall be completed before an angle of forty-five degrees, which other ballot is taken up. There are gives the familiar "barber pole" upwards of 240 names on the Jersey fect. ballot this year in some of the cities, asd it is doubtful whether on election night Presidest Wilson will know how gates it will become recognized as method is employed in some of the a danger sign, so as to command the his own State has gone. The Jersey respect of even the most heedless Central asd Western States, adding a driver of a motor. further handicap to the difference in time, but New York and a majority of the Eastern States put the Presidential electors on a seperate ballot to faciliate the count.

If the foregoing has not helped you to visualize the process by which the farm that it is advisable to know greatest news-gathering organization just how to make it properly. The in New York State, for President, tries to satiate your election curiosity fellowing receipt for a cement whiteand furnish masses of figures to back wash is made use of by owners of So, district by district, these bulle- up its announcement of the victory, cold-storage warehouses who desire last spring. He, too, it is assumed. tins grow until it looks so certain to picture to yourself this one fact: a snowy white wash that dries quicksome of the experts that one paper On election night the facilities for ly adheres strongly to cement, brick wire communications overpractically or wood, and does not rub off on the election. But the Associated Press the entire country are for the mo- clothes. ment devoted almost exclusively In the year of the Odell-Coler fight to the collection and distribution of re- boiling water, adding the water for Governor in New York in 1909, its turns. The miliage of those wires slowly and stirring constantly until system had a severe test. Coler ran you will find runs up into the millions. a thin paste results. A 5-foot piece up a big vote in New York city, and The Associated Press leased wire sys- of 3-4 inch iron pipe makes a good bers of the South Carolina delegation which conceded Coler's election. The panies in their own way are cooper- and the mass is not properly stirred. Associated Press, in the midst of this ating directly or indirectly in the Add one-half peck of salt to the line confusion was led to wonder if its great effort to bring the figures to L paste; stir thoroughly; add water

### Human Factiors

Consider also the human factor =thousands tf operators at the key and were making of Coler's election, some- telephone transmitters, newspaper reporters and editors at work on local situations, while the army of trained provided for just such an emergency, Associated Press men are assembling isg all their mater, and you arrive at time it has ever been called into something like a general glimpse of sult, but also to indicate the full ex- for President, Governor, Senate, Con- play. All of the country returns, af- all their matter, and you arrive at the grayish color of the cement and edible. Probable, though, this has no tent of the victory as early as 8 o'clock gress, and the two houses of the ter being tabulated, are hung on a the efforts that will be made on electrosults in a white appearance. eion night to supply the missing name in the first sentence of this article.

Surpassing it though it will public interest in the great war or in the multitudinous events that the world daily contributes to the excitement of he breakfast table, the news of a Presidentoial election will by no means atthact all of the orgus-eyes of a or. ginazation whose field is the world. So elastic is the system of this clearing house for news, that its correspondent in Peking may come in at the height of the excitement ovxer the election with a new revoltuion in China, its representative in Panama with a disastrous slide in Culebra cut. its bureau in Petrograd with a stirring speech in Duma, or its men at the front with a great victory. The questioned. In conneccion with the usual designated men are on deck to

### METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS OCTOBER 1916.

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Mean	Minimum5	1.8
Mean		3.4
Maxim	um 87:date	.8
Minim	um, 37:date	22
Greate	est daily ranger	36
	Procinitations	1

Greatest in 24 hours, 79, date 19th. Number of days with .01 or more precipitation 6.

Clear 14, Fair 10; cloudy 7. There has been a few light frosts but no killing frosts. Total rainfall 10 months, 37.50

W. G. Peterson.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Selling of Diseased Chickens Should Be Stopped.

To the editor of the State:

A dangerous practice was called to the attention of the writer yesterday afternoon that should be stamped out in the most vigorous manner if there is any way to reach offenders of this kind. A negro farmer was selling House of Representativs, and similar chickens to housewives on Sumter street, and was in all probability doing a thriving business. As he was about he sell a lady a number of figures, and contests in particular chickens, she was told by a passerby, after looking in the coop, that the fowls were suffering with the sore head. If it is not without the jurisdiction of the board of health to inof the Associated Press. He is the spect all kinds of fowls offered for Paul Revere of the backwoods district sale on the streets of Columbia the who gallops his horse or drives his matter should be looked into at once, motorcycle on election night to the as the habit of selling diseased chickens is a dangerous one and should be

Columbian.

FOR DANGER SIGNALS

Have Been Painted on Southern Railway Crossing Gates.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 26.—"Barber

tection of crossings.

The new device painted on crossing gates is in accordance with the

It is hoped that by making this device the standard for all crossing

#### A WHITEWASH THAT WON'T RUB OFF

Clemson College, Oct. 26 .- Whitewash it so common used around the

Slake one-half bushel of lime with consistency. Throw a good handful enter into a joint debate with someof Portland cement in each pail of body. whitewash, and a teaspoonful of ultramarine blue. Add the cement

streaked. The cement makes the

whitewash adhere strongly to any

NEW JOBS TO BE OPEN

Chance for Bright Young Man in Seventh.

The State.

Washington, Nov. 3 -In the event er and the other officials, the larger part of the federal patronage of that body now going to the represenatives from the different districts will remain with them.

While it is quite likely that the same men who now carry on the work of the nouse will be continued, there is always more or less patronage to be distributed here and there as the result of a new congress be-

In this connection Representative Lever will probably remain chairman of the house committee on agriculture. He has four clerks under him-and two of these places will so acant this winter.

W. D. Aiken is Mr. Lever's secretary and his salary is \$1,500 a year. The clerk to the committee is D. S. Murph, and he draws the usual compensation for such service, ranging \$2,000 or \$2,500 a year.

Morris Lumpkin, who was assistant clerk to the committee, was paid \$1,800 a year, and as he is now a nember of the South Carolina legislature, it is assumed that some ene else will be named for his position in

Clarence Wertz recently messenger to the committee at a salary of somehing like \$1 000 a ; or is in the Columpia postoffice, having gone there will give up his Watshington position with the beginning of the coming session of congress. This will permit Mr. Lever to award two places to young men in the Seventh district, worth together about \$3,000 a year.

It is not yet known what changes will take place among the other mem-

P. H. McGowan.

Soon as a man begins to like the to bring the whitewash to the proper sound of his own voice, he wants to

Whenever we see a beautiful young and the blue powder just before the girl kissing a dog we think she ought wash is to be used and stir well, to tell her beau to get the license or, otherwise the whitewash will be get out.

It is reported that a German sciensurface, and the bluing counteracts tist has found a means of making crow special significance.

# The Boll Weevil Is Coming

If it isn't here next year the chances are that it will be here the year after and it is just good business, it is just common prudence on the part of every farmer to raise his own food stuffs for man and beast at home. The farmer who has his wheat and oats, corn, hogs, and molasses cane at home will not be hurt so much by the boll weevil.

The man who has these things to buy and pay for them out of a crop of cotton will be in trouble when the boli weevil

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