

THE ARMY ATTACKS ON WILE FRONT

F. I.'S POPULAR VOTE MARGIN

Smallest Since Wilson Took 1916 Election

Roosevelt 2,873,124 Ahead Of Dewey With 41,400,910 Votes Counted

Party Gain Impressive

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The President's fourth term victory, sweeping in the electoral vote, was won by the smallest popular vote margin since 1916, the nearly complete returns indicated today. With 41,400,910 votes reported, the President's edge over Governor Thomas E. Dewey stood at 2,873,124; Roosevelt, 23,656,807 and Dewey 20,783,683.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Western Front: Great bulk of American heavy bombers have been sent to the new American Third Army... The German offensive in the Ardennes... Churchill elated by FDR's victory...



'THE CHAMP' IS ALL SMILES.—President Roosevelt, victorious in his bid for a fourth term in the White House, laughs heartily as he watches a torchlight parade from the porch of his Hyde Park, N. Y., home on election night. (AP Wirephoto.)

Sec. Iekes Quits Again

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Interior Secretary Iekes told his news conference today he had submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt...

The Election

Roosevelt ahead in 35 states with 413 electoral votes, Dewey in 13 with 118. Popular vote—116,837 of 130,810 million voters—Roosevelt 53,639,067, Dewey 20,783,683, total vote 44,400,910.

Dewey Lead In Michigan Sharply Cut Ahead By Only 1,657 Now

DETROIT (AP)—A check of 81 Wayne County precincts by the board of canvassers indicated today Governor Thomas E. Dewey's lead over President Roosevelt for Michigan's 19 electoral votes had been slashed to 1,657 votes.

1,300 Planes Blazing Path For Infantry

Germans Say Patton's Thrust Preclude To 'The Big Offensive'

LONDON (AP)—U. S. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army infantry lashed into a vicious Nazi line at four places along a snow 50-mile front today in an attack supported by 1,300 U. S. heavy bombers which laid a carpet of explosives on front line enemy positions in the Metz area.

Casualties Exceed Half Million Mark

WASHINGTON (AP)—American battle casualties have passed the half-million mark, Secretary of War Stimson said today that Army casualties reported through Nov. 8, 1944, give a grand total for both services of 509,195, the highest number ever reported.

Nicaragua Takes Off 2 Days For F.D.R.

MANAGUA (AP)—The Nicaraguan Government declared a two-day holiday today to celebrate the election of President Roosevelt.

British Author Awarded Nobel Literature Prize

NEW YORK (AP)—The Nobel prize in literature was awarded today to Johannes Villemoes Danish author.

Service Votes Pile Up For F. R.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt's popularity in the eyes of that part of the service vote which is counted separately and that reported by the regular vote has been maintained.

Churchill Elated By FDR's Victory

By THOMAS WYANT—LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today the outcome of the U. S. Presidential election had "vastly improved" the prospects of another World War conference and that no one could be blamed for hoping victory would come in 1945.

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Weather: Clear and mild with showers today and tonight, becoming warmer tonight, followed by clear and sunny tomorrow.