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SMITH PHONES TO MOTHER FIRST

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Finds Increased Responsibility as Vote Passes Expectations.

SONS BRING RETURNS

Act as Messengers While Family Dines at Biltmore Quarters.

DAD'S CIGAR GOES OUT

'Wonderful!' He Exclaims as He Hears He Carried Miller's District.

Alfred E. Smith received the returns in his headquarters on the second floor of the Hotel Biltmore, from which he has directed the greater part of his campaign. He had dinner there earlier in the evening with his wife and five children, Alfred E., Jr., Miss Emily Smith, Walter, Arthur and Catherine, and Miss Helen McNellis, a classmate of Miss Smith at Mount St. Vincent School, and Senator and Mrs. James J. Walker and Miss Rose Pedrick, Mr. Smith's secretary.

Mr. Smith is a veteran campaigner and received the returns which showed him to be winning a remarkable victory with less emotion than any one else in the party. But even he got enthusiastic when he learned that he had carried Gov. Miller's own election district in Syracuse, and when the New York city returns began to come in, he got into such an un-Smith-like attitude, in fact, that when he came out of the Biltmore dining room at 9 o'clock to go down to Tammany Hall the famous cigar that he usually has in a corner of his mouth had gone out and he had not thought to light it again.

A telegraph instrument was rigged up in a room adjoining the room in which the Smith party had their dinner, and the two younger boys, Walter and Arthur, acted as messengers and divided their attention between food and the bulletins that came in from the State Democratic headquarters at Syracuse, from Tammany Hall and from other parts of the city and State.

Sons in Scramble.

Food ran a very poor second when the two boys began getting bulletins that their father was running away ahead of Gov. Miller. They listened eagerly for the sound of the telegraph instrument, and every time it sounded they leaped from the table and scrambled madly across the floor and in the other room, each eager to be the one to hear the glad tidings to dad. Sometimes they got so enthusiastic that they fussed a bit over the messages, and two or three times the sheets got torn and each boy brought proudly into the dining room one-half of a message. And then there was much justification and a great deal of happiness, while Mr. Smith and Senator Walker fitted the torn parts together. And then away went the two boys for more.

Mr. Smith did not issue any prepared statements while he was at the Biltmore, but, between receiving messages from his sons, he went into the newspaper room and gossiped with the reporters, many of whom had followed his political fortunes for years.

Calls Up Mother.

He telephoned his mother, Mrs. Catherine Smith, at her home in Brooklyn, intending to give her the good news, but she had it before he gave it to her. "Al, my dear boy," she said, "you're elected. A reporter from the Eagle was just here and told me all about it." "Fine," said Mr. Smith. "Then I'll see you to-morrow."

"And I'll bet," he said to the reporters, "that my mother's dreams to-night are as pleasant as my own."

At 8 o'clock Mr. Smith, in response to a request for a statement, said this: "This vote is only carrying out my prediction, as I've had my hand on the pulse of the situation all the time."

When the returns from Syracuse showed that Miller strove hard was giving the Democratic candidate a record vote and that he had carried Gov. Miller's own election district by a vote of 191 to 192 Mr. Smith said just one word: "Wonderful!" He said it two or three times, and then went back to join his family, smiling the Al Smith smile and saying it some more. Then the Manhattan and Brooklyn returns began to come in. It had been expected, of course, that Mr. Smith would run away ahead in the Tammany stronghold of Manhattan, but even in the iron-bound Republican districts of Brooklyn he seemed to be getting a victory. That was the cause of much happiness among the members of the Smith family and party and their laughter and excited exclamations could be heard through the door of their dining room. And not the least happy, and by all odds the most excited, were the two little boys who were doing the most important work of their young lives—carrying messages to Dad telling that the people of New York State were again electing him with the greatest gift within their power. It seemed sometimes, in fact, as if the little boys would just naturally explode with the importance of their job.

'I've Got to Make Good.'

Along about 8:30, when Mr. Smith was preparing to leave the Biltmore and go down to Tammany Hall to receive the ovation that awaited him there, he was asked what he owed the tremendous vote for him. "That will develop as a matter of political history," he said. "All I know is what I think myself. It is impossible for me to have any other feeling than one of great gratitude to the people of the State who put this confidence in me and I hope that I can make good. That is all I have to say."

Election Classed One of the Most Orderly

As far as I have heard it has been one of the most quiet and orderly elections I know of," said Nathaniel Palzer of the Honest Ballot Association, 370 Seventh avenue, last night.

Mr. Palzer said the organization had 325 watchers distributed at polls throughout the city and that no report of any fraudulent voting detected by these watchers had been made to him. One of the association's watchers, he said, had been beaten in a polling place on the lower East Side. A detailed statement of the activities of the workers of the association during the voting will be given out to-day, he said.

And then he went to Tammany Hall. But even then he forgot to light his cigar.

Tammany Hall Ovation.

When the Governor-elect returned to the Biltmore from Tammany Hall he plunged into the midst of one of the wildest receptions of his career. Women straggled forward to kiss him and some succeeded, and whenever they did he nobly reciprocated.

His personal campaign committee and their guests were gathered in the Colony room on the first floor of the hotel—hundreds squeezed in so tightly that no one could move an elbow. Police men cleft a hole for Mr. Smith and his wife to drive through. This took them to the center of the room. A chair came from somewhere, hand over head, and Mr. Smith was lifted onto it to stand on it. The mob was singing "East Side, West Side, all around the town" which is the national anthem of Oliver Street. They broke off to cheer for "Al" Smith and then for "Mrs. Al Smith," at which he bent down and kissed his wife, whose blue eyes were shining over the roses that filled her arms. Next it was "Three cheers for our next President!" and a deprecatory laugh from "Al." Then they made him speak.

'Al's' Speech.

"I can only repeat," he said, "what I said a little while ago to the largest audience I ever saw in Tammany Hall. That is this: "While we are celebrating and feeling happy we cannot be mindful of the responsibility this wonderful victory carries with it. It is all right to shout and sing, but the greatest thing is this sense of responsibility. The vote means an expression of confidence to which we cannot be unworthy. I want to say that I expect the cooperation of every body, of the millions of people in the State, and I want to show myself worthy of it."

"As far as I'm concerned, I understand what this confidence means, and to the friends so dear to me who are gathered here I promise that I'll do my part right up to the hilt, 100 per cent, so that in the future nobody can regret having helped in my election."

The mob shouted for Mrs. Smith. She leaped at mounting the chair, but "I'll come to your aid," said her husband. Her speech consisted of a wave of the hand and an affectionate scrutiny of the Governor-elect, who was pumping hands poked at him from everywhere and bawled "Hello, Judge," or "Jimmy or Jake or Nelly, for they were all there. The policemen backed Mr. Smith and his group into a corner for breathing room. A gray haired woman started the kissing. She was an old friend from the East Side, and Mr. Smith gave her a great hug. "I'd kiss him myself if I was a woman," shouted a man near by. Younger women lined up and sang out: "You've got to kiss me too," and not one of them sang in vain. Mr. Smith ended this episode by planting a good one on the cheek of his beaming secretary, Miss Rose Pedrick, and throwing up his hands as a distress signal.

Shakes Head on '1924.'

Earlier in the evening Mr. Smith went into the press room adjoining his headquarters and lifting his gold bowled spectacles looked at an extra edition of an evening newspaper and said, "They gave me a whole paper, didn't they? Greatest thing I ever saw."

In the conversation some one asked, "How about 1924, Governor?" "The job I've just been elected to is big enough for any man," he said, shaking his head.

With that he shook hands with all the workers at his headquarters, including Mrs. Henry Reid, Miss Celeste Valadon, Jules Dryfus, Miss Catherine Moxley, Miss Lena Lechko, Miss Ida Goodale, Mrs. Henry Moskowitz, John Gluckstein, Joseph M. Proskauer, chairman of the Smith committee, Fred M. Adams, who handled the "press"; Barney Tomkins, Michael Volonino and others. By this time sympathetic news was in from all the other parts of Buffalo, New York, and the Biltmore idolaters were celebrating without mingling.

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TENNESSEE DEMOCRAT AHEAD FOR GOVERNOR

Peay's Election by Unexpected Majority Indicated.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 7.—Early reports from all sections of the State indicate the election of Austin Peay, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, by a larger majority than Democratic headquarters at first predicted.

In East Tennessee Peay has reversed a Republican majority of 400 in Sullivan county to a Democratic majority of 1,000.

In Davidson county Peay's gains over the Roberts 1920 vote were almost 40 per cent. in the county precincts. Twenty-five out of forty county precincts give Peay 1,023, Taylor 462.

In Maury county Peay has a lead of 585, with the towns yet to report. In Stewart county the city of Dover gave Peay 252, Taylor 12. In Wilson county eleven out of twenty-five precincts give Peay 662, Taylor 189, which is an enormous gain over the Roberts-Taylor 1920 contest.

Gov. Miller Congratulates Smith; Felt Sure of Result, Says Winner

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Albany, Nov. 7. Shortly after 9 o'clock to-night Gov. Miller conceded the election of Smith in a telegram congratulating the latter on his victory. The telegram follows: "Having tried both our brands of government, the people have decisively chosen yours. I cheerfully accept the result and heartily congratulate you on your victory." Asked by newspaper men to make a statement the Governor said: "For nearly two years I have given

'AL' SMITH'S MOTHER CASTS FIRST BALLOT

'Al' Jr., Also Starts In Voting Along With His Father at Polls.

CONFIDENCE RUNS HIGH

Governor at Syracuse Says Women Will Surprise Tammany Men.

CALDER EARLY IN LINE

Copeland Brings Along Cook; Depew Votes on Anniversary of Greeley Race.

Features of unusual interest marked the voting of the principal candidates and other notables. "Al" Smith, Mrs. "Al" and "Al" Jr., cast ballots while the cameras clicked at 10 A. M. in Public School 1, Henry and Oliver streets, and there was much joshing and jollifying as the confident ex-Governor quoted "Beef and" Dolan's historic quip, "There ain't no question about it." But the sentimental interest attached to the suffrage of the Smith family had to do with Mother Smith's vote more than with the vote of her son.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, 70 years old last Friday, cast her ballot yesterday afternoon at Public School 8, Hicks and Middagh streets, Brooklyn, not far from her home. It was her first vote, too, and when she appeared at the polling place a pretty big crowd saluted "Al's" mother with rousing cheers. This pleased her and led her to say in a quaint way, "Well, it seems to me that things look very promising for my boy."

The ex-Governor followed his wife who had ballot 23, while "Al" Jr., marking his first ticket, dropped ballot 235 into the box. There were 300 persons or so about the polling place to raise a merry to do and to watch the Smith family get their pictures taken fifteen or twenty times. After voting "Al" saw Mrs. Smith home to Olivet street, dropped in at the Downtown Tammany Club at 53 Madison street to say hello to "Tom" Foley and then went over to the Brooklyn Hospital to pay a visit to Stuart Crawford, a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD, who reported his upstart campaign and who is full of pneumonia. Then the ex-Governor went to lunch at his mother's house at 3 Middagh street, Brooklyn, and in the late afternoon headed for his headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore to get the earliest news.

Miller and Calder.

Syracuse is a long way from New York, but to keep Gov. Miller in the picture it may be said that he voted at 11 A. M. in the Fifth Ward up there and displayed the most impressive confidence of victory, saying that the upstate Republican vote was going to amaze the Tammany shouters, and that the women were going to support him. Senator William M. Calder voted at 9:45 A. M., walking from his home at 551 First street, Brooklyn, to the polling place at 183 Seventh avenue and casting Ballot 146. He thought that talk of a Democratic landslide was nonsense and that he would win by a substantial majority. Dr. Copeland, Democratic candidate for Senator, took not only Mrs. Copeland but the Copeland cook, Norval Moran, when he went to vote at 11 o'clock in a basement shop at 42 West Sixty-sixth street. The Copelands voted ballots 108 and 110, Mrs. Copeland first, and then Norval dropped III into the little box. It was Dr. Copeland's fifty-fourth birthday. He made a few remarks about the Smith committee, Fred M. Adams, who handled the "press"; Barney Tomkins, Michael Volonino and others. By this time sympathetic news was in from all the other parts of Buffalo, New York, and the Biltmore idolaters were celebrating without mingling.

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The Mayor Votes.

Mayor and Mrs. Hyman voted in a stationary in Greensboro avenue, Brooklyn, casting ballots 22 and 21, respectively, shortly after 9 A. M. The Mayor beamed on the populace and expressed the belief that the corporations were about to get a terrible slam from the common people. It is understood that the Mayor voted for Smith. John M. McCooey, Tammany leader of Brooklyn, was the earliest bird of his district, casting ballot 1 one minute after the polls opened at 8. Police Commissioner Enright was fairly early at 8 over in the same district.

Special interest attached to the vote of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., because he had been refused permission to vote by mail and had come all the way from Battle Creek, Mich., to get in one more vote for Miller. He voted with his wife and when the photographers got busy he warned them not to take two shots in the same place because he didn't want to look like a reporter.

The women's vote here was much lighter than had been anticipated, the falling off apparently being about two

Miller Declines Chance to Vote Ahead of Turn

Syracuse, Nov. 7.—Gov. and Mrs. Nathan L. Miller cast their ballots just before 10 o'clock this morning in the Clinton street school in the Fifth district of the Fourth ward.

When the Governor entered a long line of men and women were standing before the machines. All moved aside and offered spaces to the Governor and Mrs. Miller at the head of the line, but he refused. They went to the bottom and waited their turn.

Mrs. Miller voted first. She was followed by the Governor and the Governor's daughter, Mrs. W. G. McCarthy, and Mr. McCarthy.

to one as compared to the decrease in the male vote. Probably the oldest woman voter was Mrs. Rosa Roberhand, 82, formerly a concert singer, who added one to "Al" Smith's total.

The negro vote was heavy, and many of the dusky electors went to the polls with the obvious impression that "Al" Smith was going to help get their light wines, etc., back for them. Reports had it that the Italian vote was about 50-50 between Miller and Smith.

DEMOCRATS WIN MORE THAN THEY EXPECTED

Point to New York and Kansas as Examples of Sucep.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.

"We are cleaning up all over the country, judging from the early returns," said Richard Lintchman, at the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee at 8:30 P. M.

"The election of Al Smith as Governor of New York and the election of our candidate for Governor and four Democratic members of the House in Kansas indicate strongly how the wind is blowing. The victory will be more sweeping than we had anticipated."

Chairman Adams, of the Republican National Committee, would not say anything about the early returns.

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