

HEAVY VOTE IS BEING CAST THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

WOMEN VOTERS WILL DECIDE WINNER TODAY

Million and a Half Hold Balance of Power and Have Election Dopesters Far at Sea.

700,000 ARE CASTING BALLOTS IN ILLINOIS

Arrive at Booths Before Breakfast - Rival Managers Claim Fair Voters Are "With Us."

International News Service: CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The algebraic "Xs" on this hectic day—the 1,500,000 women voters—trekked to the polls in large numbers this morning with the politically dreaded "balance of power" in their handbags.

They went about their work very seriously and with every indication of earnestness—at least in Chicago—while campaign managers, district captains, precinct bosses and common wa. leers looked on with doubt and misgiving.

"They can't be figured on!" wailed one captain, down in the first ward—the famous first—made so by the political perennations of "Bath House John" and "Hinky Dink."

The wall seemed general. The women were the political thorns in the side of the dopesters. And there are 1,500,000 of these thorns scattered throughout 12 states.

700,000 Women in Illinois. In Illinois alone, approximately 700,000 women are voting for president today. These figures are based on the registration, and allowances made for the many who undoubtedly will not cast their ballots.

In Chicago alone there are more than 300,000. Publicly campaign managers on both sides are proclaiming to the high heavens that the women are "with us." Privately they admit they don't know any more about how the women are voting than their questioners.

The wall of the precinct captain, "They can't be figured on!" seemed to fit the case perfectly. The balloting of the women in Chicago early was heavy. There were only a few in line when the polls opened at 5 a. m., but starting a half hour later they came in seemingly never ending numbers, and by 8 o'clock thousands had voted.

Go to Polls Early. Mrs. and Miss Chicago went to the voting booths this morning without powdering her nose, judging from the early balloting. Fair weather and the hot campaigns which have been conducted in Chicago were largely responsible for this, politicians said. Chicago and Illinois have just passed through city, state and national campaigns that for bitterness have never been equalled, veterans say. The women vote has been the main bone of contention. Political managers have in a general way counseled women voters to follow the male voters. But they very frankly admit they don't know whether they have succeeded or not.

Charges that women were being misled by scheming hangers-on into voting opposite to their convictions appeared early. In several wards it was reported to the police that women had asked how to mark their ballots for either democratic or republican candidates and had been told wrongly. The charges became thicker as the day progressed and promised to make some 11th hour fireworks.

As reports continued to sift into the various headquarters during the forenoon, it became increasingly evident that the early balloting would break all records for both men and women. The greatest rush of women came between 7 and 10 o'clock, and from then on it slumped perceptibly until 2 o'clock when it was figured the greater mass of them would descend on the booths.

But never again can it be laid on the doorstep of femininity that it is indifferent to the slings and arrows of political fortune. Illinois women demonstrated today by going to the polls—many of them without their breakfasts and the usual morning coiffure—that they are in this old political game from bell to bell, and they voted.

Reports from other states where women were voting today indicated generally the same condition of affairs.

FIRST TOWN IN U. S. TO SEND IN VOTE.

International News Service: SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 7.—The first town in the United States to send in complete election returns today was New Ashford, in Berkshire county. The result was: Hughes 16, Wilson 7.

RUSSIANS START DOBRUDJA DRIVE

Great Battle Developing North of Hirzova—Allies' Progress is Slow.

International News Service: PETROGRAD, Nov. 7.—The attempt of the Russo-Romanian army to win back the Rumanian province of Dobrudja from von Mackensen's German allies is now in full swing.

North of Hirzova a great battle is developing. Von Mackensen's forces have been compelled to withdraw their advanced posts, but their main positions still are intact. The fighting is proceeding in cold, stormy weather.

Powerful attacks by the Austro-German forces in the Transylvanian Alps and in the lower Carpathians were repulsed by the Russians. Bulgarian troops holding Mackensen's left wing, have been defeated and compelled to retreat, according to a telegram from Bucharest this morning.

This makes it impossible for the German allies to attack the towns of Braila and Galatz for the purpose of cutting communication between Rumania and Russia by the way of the Danube delta.

PROGRESS IS SLOW. International News Service: LONDON, Nov. 7.—The encircling movement of the Anglo-French troops in the sector of Bapaume, on the Somme front, is meeting with heavy obstacles. The offensive of the allies is now drawing into its fifth month, but Bapaume and Peronne, the chief two objectives of the allies on this front are still in German hands.

The heights of Warlencourt, which were captured by the Germans yesterday were violently shelled all night by British guns. On other parts of the front there were severe artillery duels, it is reported in official dispatches to the war office today.

REPULSE BRITISH. International News Service: BERLIN, via Sayville, Nov. 7.—In an unsuccessful attempt to renew the offensive on the Somme front yesterday, the English succeeded in leaving their trenches only at one point and were immediately driven back it was officially announced today.

TAKE BRIDGEHEAD. International News Service: BERLIN, via Sayville, Nov. 7.—Teutonic forces captured a small Russian bridgehead position on the left bank of the Stokhod yesterday, bringing in a number of prisoners. It was officially announced today. The war office also reported the development of heavy artillery activity on the northern front.

The official statement said: "Eastern war theater—Prince Leopold's front—Russian artillery displayed activity beyond usual measure. Between Dubnary (Dninsk) and Narva lake, feeble hostile attacks northeast of Godziahki and south of the Moscow road, were easily repulsed.

Northeast of Verchay, we captured without losses to ourselves a small Russian bridgehead on the left bank of the Stokhod and brought in a number of prisoners."

Dumba, Former Ambassador, Dies. International News Service: GENEVA, Nov. 7.—Dr. Constantin Dumba, former Austrian ambassador to the United States, died today, Dr. Dumba was named Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States in 1912 and served until September, 1915, when his recall was asked by Pres't Wilson. The demand for the diplomatic recall followed revelations that he was engaged in a propaganda to cripple the output of American munitions factories by fomenting strikes.

On Saturday it was announced in Vienna that Emperor Francis Joseph had accepted Dr. Dumba's resignation from the diplomatic service of Austro-Hungary.

SET TRAPS TO STOP ILLEGAL VOTERS IN U. S.

Department of Justice Withdraws Men From Other Cases to Use Them at the Election Polls.

ALL BOOTHS IN OHIO ARE CLOSELY WATCHED

Heavy Vote is Being Cast in New Jersey and Returns Will Not be Available Till a Late Hour.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Traps were set in practically all parts of the United States today to catch perpetrators of election frauds. The department of justice announced that its agents have been withdrawn from other cases, including Mexican border investigations, and extra men have been sworn into service for co-operation with local authorities in nearly all jurisdictions to prevent fraudulent voting.

The principal states being watched are New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri. In these states hundreds of arrests are expected to be made.

VOTE IS HEAVY. International News Service: COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 7.—The heaviest early vote in the history of the state was recorded today both in the cities and townships, and there was every indication of fulfillment of Sec'y of State Hildebrand's prediction that a million and a quarter ballots would be cast.

Two years ago the total vote in Ohio was 1,141,870; four years ago it was 1,027,094, and the previous high water mark was 1,121,552 in 1908.

The threats of Democratic State Chairman W. L. Finley and Republican State Chairman C. S. Hatfield to watch each other for illegal voting evidently was being carried out today, for party scouts were on watch outside the red flag zones in all precincts in most cities today. The voting began today with democratic claims of 100,000 plurality for Wilson, and republican assurances that Hughes and Willis will carry Ohio by between 60,000 and 100,000.

KEEP OPEN TILL 7. International News Service: TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 7.—Reports from all parts of New Jersey indicated that a heavy vote was being cast in the early hours.

Many workmen already have been shut out by the crowds at the polling place and will not vote until tonight. The result from this state will be very late, as the polls do not close until 7 o'clock and under the system of counting it probably will be midnight before a definite line on the state will be possible. Pres't Wilson voted early in Princeton and Sec'y Tumulty in Jersey City.

EXPECT BIG VOTE. International News Service: DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 7.—Ideal weather prevailed all over Michigan today and leaders of both parties were sure a record vote would be polled everywhere.

The state, normally republican, is in extreme doubt as to which it will go for president. Disruptions in the republican party, state, county and city leaders, has caused many defections and the republicans admit that Pres't Wilson will make great inroads on their normal vote. Prohibition is a very important issue in the state too, and liquor interests concede that there will be a close fight.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Bribery, illegal voting, intimidation and attempted fraud were prevalent in Chicago during the voting today, according to reports made to Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the local bureau of the federal investigation department.

Confession of bribes from workers for both parties had been obtained from the recipients, he said. Prices paid for votes according to these confessions, ranged from 50 cents to \$2. It also was charged that colonization schemes whereby "floaters" were voted had been carried out.

"If conditions are as bad as they have been reported to me they are worse than they were in Terre Haute, Ind., four years ago," said Clabaugh. "When we have gathered all the evidence together it will be presented to a federal grand jury."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL BAG

Out 23 1516 Dear Mrs. Wilson \*\*\* at night when I come home and find my family all together the boys and mother: around the table I kind of feel that we owe something to the man in the white house who is responsible for the peace that we enjoy I feel that it is my duty to support such a man as you and while I am not a democrat and never have voted for a democrat before I am for four more years of Wilson J. W. Wasson [A Farmer of Felca, N. D.]

HUGHES' BALLOT IS NUMBER 13

International News Service: NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential nominee, voted at 7:05 o'clock this morning. His ballot was No. 13.

Mr. Hughes was one of the first voters to arrive at the polling place in the third election district, which is a laundry at 734 Eighth av. He left the Hotel Astor, his legal New York residence, at five minutes to seven and walked briskly to the polling place.

There were a number of men waiting at the laundry and Mr. Hughes was greeted with cheers and handclapping.

Maj. Crossett, his former military aide; Joseph Tyree, a secret service man; Robert Deterton, a detective; and several reporters accompanied the republican candidate to the polls.

"I have always voted early," he explained. "My father taught me to vote before breakfast."

Some one suggested that if he felt superstitious, Mr. Hughes might hand the No. 13 ballot to one of the two voters in line behind him. "Oh, no," he replied with a smile. "I'm not afraid of No. 13. I am not at all superstitious. If I were, I would consider this a lucky omen."

"But 13 is supposed to be Pres't Wilson's lucky number," one of the party remarked.

"Well, it is mine, too," Mr. Hughes laughed. "You see I was born on Friday."

BIG VOTE CAST. International News Service: PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 7.—State officers and a United States senator are being elected today in addition to the presidential electors. A big vote is being cast.

WILSON LEADING. International News Service: WICHITA, Kas., Nov. 7.—Wilson had 55 votes and Hughes 26 in the first counting of ballots here today. The count was in the first precinct of the third ward, heretofore a republican precinct.

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HOTEL BURNS. International News Service: ATHOL, Mass., Nov. 7.—Fire destroyed the Commercial house, one of the largest hotels in town, today, causing \$20,000 loss. Forty guests escaped in their night clothes.

PRESIDENT VOTES IN FIRE HOUSE

International News Service: PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 7.—Surrounded by cheering Princeton students, Pres't Wilson cast his ballot in a fire house here today at 9:15 a. m.

The president and Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by several secret service men and newspaper men, left Shadow Lawn at 7:30 and motored to Princeton in the cool and bracing air. He told members of his party that he regarded the clear weather as "more welcome luck."

Arriving at Princeton he found fire house No. 3, his polling place, surrounded by students. They set up a cheer. Republican Election Judge R. H. Rose handed the president ballot No. 50. He was behind the curtain barely a minute.

The students boomed out a "locomotive" yell as Pres't Wilson left the fire house and shouted: "Speech! Speech!"

He smiled and shook his head. Rose had accompanied the president to the curb and shook hands with him as he stepped into the waiting automobile.

Quite a crowd had gathered by this time and Pres't Wilson was whisked away amid cheers. His chauffeur drove up a blind street, and was forced to pull back through the cheering crowd.

GERMANY GETS SILVER. International News Service: NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 7.—Six express wagons carried \$142,000 worth of silver to the German submarine, Deutschland. The silver had arrived from New York early this morning, having been mailed at San Francisco. There were 172 bars of 72 pounds each.

LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

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TORREON FALLS. International News Service: SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 7.—Reports that Torreón has fallen into the hands of Pancho Villa were transmitted to Gen. Funston today by Gen. Bell at El Paso.

TAKE 72,781 MEN. International News Service: PARIS, Nov. 7.—From the beginning of the allies' offensive on the Somme front on July 1 up to Nov. 1 the Anglo-French forces captured 72,781 German officers and men, 163 field guns, 139 heavy guns, 215 trench mortars and 381 machine guns, the war office announced today.

SHIPS SUNK? LONDON, Nov. 7.—Two German dreadnoughts were attacked in the North sea by a submarine on Monday, says a report issued by the admiralty today. Both dreadnoughts are believed to have been sunk.

WILSON MONEY PLENTIFUL ON ELECTION EVE

Both Sides Are Confident When Actual Voting Begins—National Chairmen Predict Victory.

M'CORMICK SAYS HE GAVE G. O. P. TOO MANY

Hughes is One of the Early Birds and Draws Number 13—Wilson Votes at Princeton.

International News Service: NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The jury is arriving at its verdict. In every state in the Union, the performances of the Wilson administration today are being passed upon by the supreme tribunal—the people. On the decision will determine whether there is to be a continuance in power in the nation of the democracy, headed by Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, and Thomas R. Marshall Indiana, or whether republicanism is to place it in the persons of Charles Evans Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks as president and vice president.

The actual voting began today with both sides supremely confident. At the last moment a wealth of Wilson money drove the betting odds in New York and Chicago down to 9 to 10, with Hughes still favorite, and even money in many instances.

New York voters are casting their ballots rapidly, according to reports received at both national headquarters this morning.

Chairmen Talk. The two national chairmen made the following statements while the votes are being cast: "Mr. Hughes will have at least 100 votes to spare in the electoral college."

Vance McCormick, democrat: "Late reports from the west indicate that I gave Mr. Hughes too many votes when I allotted him 70 in the electoral college. We are going to carry every one of the so-called doubtful states."

The influx of Wilson money in the closing hours of the campaign gladdened the Wilson followers. They saw in it an effort on the part of the professional betting element to "hedge" their bets in the light of the latest reports of increasing sentiment in the west. Singularly enough the Hughes supporters also seemed well pleased with the change in the betting odds. They agreed that the Wilson followers had utilized every available dollar in a last minute to swing the betting for the effect it would have upon the voters, and they argued that this action had come too late, while the money tied up could not be used against them.

Two Candidates Vote. The republican presidential candidate was one of the early birds at the polls today. By drawing ballot No. 13—the lucky number of Pres't Wilson—his followers declared that he merely emphasized that he was to replace the president in his job. He was in excellent form when he reached the laundry which served as a polling place, and smilingly posed for the photographers and exchanged jests with his newspaper bodyguard.

WHERE THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VOTED TODAY. Pres't Wilson—in a fire engine house at Princeton, N. J. Charles Evans Hughes—in a laundry on 44th st., New York city. J. Frank Hanly, (prohibitionist)—in a vacant house on N. Meridan st., Indianapolis, Ind. Allan L. Benson, (socialist)—Failed to register, but was hopeful he would be allowed to vote at Yonkers, N. Y.

USE MUCH MONEY TO SWING OHIO. Western Banks Send Funds to Cincinnati—Negroes Arrested at St. Louis.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Charges that huge sums of money have been sent to Cincinnati for use in helping the republican ticket at the polls today were made in a statement issued from democratic western headquarters here today. The statement: "Information from a source of unquestioned reliability reached the western headquarters of the democratic national committee today that banks in St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville and Pittsburgh have sent thousands of dollars in republican money to a leading bank in Cincinnati, O., to be used at the polls today."

The informant states that one St. Louis bank sent \$50,000 and another St. Louis bank sent \$25,000, all in \$1 bills. Banks in other large cities sent similar large sums."

ARREST 53 NEGROES. International News Service: ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 7.—The election opened in St. Louis today with charges of wholesale fraud being made by both republicans and democrats. Democratic challengers were so active in protecting the votes of Negroes that in many precincts the voting was tied up. By 10 o'clock 53 Negroes had been placed under arrest. Precinct officials almost swamped the board of election commissioners with appeals for help in handling matters where so many challenges were made that it was impossible to proceed with the balloting.

NAVAL LOSS IS GREAT. British Battleships Reduced 14 Percent, Says Berlin.

International News Service: BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Nov. 7.—Since the war began England has lost 14 per cent of her battleships, 20 per cent of her armored cruisers and 14 per cent of her protected cruisers. It was announced today through the official Overseas News agency.

The announcement says that with the sinking of the small British cruiser off the Irish coast by a German submarine, the British naval losses now aggregate 306,793 tons, not including auxiliary cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines. It is known, says the statement, that England has lost 50 torpedo boats and 75 submarines.

SINKS AUSTRIAN SUB. Diver Was Trying to Wreck an Italian Troop Ship.

International News Service: ROME, Nov. 7.—The destruction of an Austrian submarine and an Italian torpedo boat was announced today by the Italian ministry of marine. The submarine tried to attack a troop ship that was being conveyed by the torpedo boat. The transport escaped undamaged. Italian torpedo boats have mined the Adriatic at the mouth of Durazzo (Albania) harbor.

RECORD VOTE FOR COUNTY IS EXPECTED

More Than Half of Registered Vote Was Reported in by Noon in the City Precincts.

MANY ARE PREVENTED FROM CASTING BALLOT

Hundred and Thirteen Vote in the First Hour in the Fourth Precinct in Seventh Ward.

South Bend and St. Joseph county, along with cities and counties throughout the country, today are piling up one of the largest votes in their history. Voting in the city was unusually heavy during the morning and by noon at least half of the vote was in.

An actual count of the vote taken in all but one precinct in South Bend between 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock this morning showed that 5,583 citizens already had cast their ballots. Many of the precincts that were visited early in the morning increased the number of their votes, causing the figures at noon to be higher by probably 2,000. The total registration in the precincts that were visited was 14,413.

Taking these figures as an average it is probable that half of the 23,700 throughout the county had voted by 12 o'clock. Reports from the rural districts were that the balloting was unusually heavy and that the entire vote was expected to be brought out.

Up to noon today no trouble as the result of the election had been reported. In most of the precincts the voting was quiet and orderly with no more than the usual amount of challenges for various reasons.

Many Refused Ballot. The election board of the third precinct of the sixth ward probably had more trouble than any other along this line. Fifty-eight foreign voters, about half of whom were republicans and the remainder democrats, were kept from voting on the grounds that they had not taken out naturalization papers before registration day, Oct. 9.

Two republican officials at the voting place in this ward were challenged by the democrats. The republican sheriff and the g. o. p. poll book holder were prevented from voting, neither of them having made his declaration of intention to become a citizen before registration day. Seventy-two were refused the ballot in the fifth ward.

Voting was exceptionally heavy during the early morning hours in practically every precinct. In the second precinct of the first ward 74 voted during the first hour. In the fourth precinct the same ward 96 citizens balloted in the first 55 minutes, showing that practically every one of this number voted a straight ticket for one party or another.

Fourth Holds the Record. The fourth precinct of the seventh ward holds the record for heavy voting during the first hour. From 8 o'clock until 7 o'clock 112 men voted and by one hour and 25 minutes, 174 ballots were cast.

Returns at 1 o'clock from the second precinct of the fifth ward show that 312 votes out of a total of 479 registered voters had been cast. At 12 o'clock 566 citizens had voted 631 of a registration of 625.

The usual activity of the party workers marked the day's voting. At all of the precinct voting places workers were stationed, merely to see that the entire strength was brought out. Candidates of both parties made the rounds of the various voting places in an effort to get lines on their chance for election.

Following is the vote by ward and precincts up to early this afternoon: First ward—First precinct, 2152 second precinct, 395; third precinct, 254; fourth precinct, 395; fifth precinct, 189. Total—1,326.

Second ward—First precinct, 205; second precinct, 265; third precinct, 194; fourth precinct, 270. Total—934.

Third ward—First precinct, 239; second precinct, 188; third precinct, 86. Total—517.

Fourth ward—First precinct, 904; second precinct, 280; third precinct, 170. Total—674.

Fifth ward—First precinct, 500;

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Election Returns

For telephone reports of the election Tuesday call

Bel 4720, 4721, 4722, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4726, 4727, 4728, 4729, 4730.

Home 1153, 1196, 1101.

The News-Times will also present stereopticon bulletins in front of the office, 210 W. Colfax av. You are invited.

Expenditures in Excess of Fund

International News Service: NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Donations to the democratic national campaign fund are \$290,000 short of the expenditures. Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the finance committee, announced today.

The contributions total \$1,550,000 and the expenditures \$1,840,000. The finance committee believes that checks now in the mail will help wipe out the deficit.

Morgenthau will give a dinner at the hotel Biltmore tonight to persons who contributed more than \$5,000 to the democratic campaign fund and are now in New York. He will have about 100 guests and has arranged for the party to receive the election returns by private wire.