

Women Voters' Early to Polls and Stand in Line for Hours

Women Stand Patiently in Line at Polls

Laughingly Tell One Another That Suffrage Is Worth the Trouble; Many Bring Along Camp Stools

Girl Scouts Tend Babies

Some Feminine Watchers at Voting Places Before the Doors Are Unlocked

The largest woman's vote in the history of New York City was cast yesterday. Women showed an intense interest in the Presidential election, which they had not manifested in the two minor elections since they won the ballot in 1917. The polling places were crowded during the morning with women voters and the election boards were entirely unprepared for the congestion.

No exact count of the woman's vote was made, but Miss Helen Varick Boswell, chairman of the New York County Women's Republican Committee, estimated that more than one-third of the total city vote was cast by women. There are 1,875,835 registered voters in the city, Miss Boswell said, and the woman's vote probably aggregated more than 400,000.

"In many election districts in the better residential sections, the woman's vote equals that of the men," she said, "and in some districts there are more women than men. This is offset, however, by the fact that many women, especially of foreign birth, do not vote."

o'clock. While the policemen tramped up and down perplexed, Miss Skinner marched out into the middle of the road and, throwing back her head, cried to the upper story:

Woman Gets the Key

"Eh! Throw down the key!" Presently a couple of heads appeared at the window and the key clattered down. Later Miss Skinner entertained the voters with the newest records from Mr. Ep's stock.

Edward Hardy, the twelve-year-old prodigy of Columbia University, escorted his mother to the polling place at 80 Morningside Drive, but was not allowed to vote himself.

His presence was an inspiration to the women voters, who had been standing in line for more than an hour, this being one of the districts where the congestion was particularly noticeable.

His presence was particularly noticeable for the whole district. He got more brains than all the rest of us put together," snapped a school teacher who wanted to go to the matinee.

One of the election officials reuked her with the information that Edward was a valuable aid to the Republican captain, and last year endeared himself by taking messages to voters in the 4th Election District. He had been working had been forbidden entrance.

which Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard is chairman, were on duty at many polling places and district headquarters for similar service. The school for voters of the Republican Women's State Executive Committee was open all day in the Vanderbilt Hotel.

Watch Counting of Vote

Many women volunteered for duty as watchers at the polls while the vote was being counted, acting through a committee organized by Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch and other suffragists. Among the volunteers was Mrs. Blatch's daughter, Nora Blatch Barney, and two women friends.

"Send us to a tough district," they demanded. Miss Boswell sent them to the 1st Assembly District to serve from 2 p. m. to 6 a. m.

Watchers were provided by the League of Women Voters for many other districts where the vote was expected to be close. Among them were Democratic wardens, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. L. Draper, Miss Anna Maxwell, Mrs. Robert Adamson and Miss Sally Peters.

The Democratic women's headquarters, like the Republicans, were open all day for the information of voters. Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the mail, her home being in Chicago. Miss Elizabeth Marbury, state Democratic leader, voted early and predicted a Democratic victory through the omen of a large apple crop upstate.

"When there is a big crop of apples the Democrats always win," she said.

Two-thirds of City's Ballots Cast by Noon

Average New Yorker Marked Ticket in One Minute and Twenty-five Seconds, J. R. Voorhis Reports

Complaints of Fraud

Smoothest and Speediest Presidential Election, Is the Verdict of Official

It took the average New Yorker just one minute and twenty-five seconds to mark and cast his or her ballot, and two-thirds of all the ballots cast were in the boxes by noon, according to estimates made by John R. Voorhis, president of the Board of Elections.

Mr. Voorhis, whose experience as an election official began in 1874, declared that this was the smoothest and speediest Presidential election he had ever known. In some election districts the average balloting was at the rate of forty an hour, but others recorded balloting as rapidly as 100 an hour. The latter were in districts known to be strongly Republican, where the voters required on an average of less than forty-five seconds to mark a straight ticket.

Complain of Long Waits

The early morning rush of voters to the polls caused many complaints to be sent to the Board of Elections that not enough booths had been provided. Long lines of voters in districts populated chiefly by workers, who had been given a forenoon half-holiday, formed in front of some of the polling places in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn. In many instances the lines contained 200 to 300 men and women. Some of them had to wait from one to two hours before receiving their ballot and a place in a booth. Chief Clerk William C. Baxter, of the Board of Elections, sent hurry-up orders to provide more booths and ballot boxes at these places.

He explained that each polling place had been provided with one booth for each seventy-five registered voters and that there would have been no undue waiting were it not for the eagerness of voters to cast their ballots early. By noon, Mr. Baxter said, so many persons had voted that the problem of congestion had solved itself. During the late hours voters found little waiting before them.

"I never in all my experience knew of a Presidential election to be handled so smoothly and speedily," said Mr. Voorhis. "The complaints were only minor and were quickly adjusted. By noon two-thirds of all the votes had been cast and it looked to me that New Yorkers did a thorough job of it, so far as not neglecting to go to the polls was concerned. It is the rule in elections that an average of only 6 or 7 per cent of registered persons fail to vote. I am sure that even this average has been cut down."

A speed record for early and rapid voting was reported from all the polling places in the 1st Assembly District. One hundred votes an hour were cast there during the first four hours after the polls opened. In other districts the average was about sixty an hour. The average time taken by a voter for the whole city, however, was a little more than one minute. In the 25th and 26th election districts of the 1st Assembly District out of a total registration of 441, had voted 341 by 1 p. m. The balloting was

virtually completed there half an hour before the polls closed.

Women were conspicuous among early voters. The election clerks reported that generally less confusion over how to mark the ballot prevailed among the women than among the men. Concentration was reported among some of the women voters in Greenwich Village when it was learned that several of them had registered under their maiden names. Those who challenged such voters were sustained, and the women were not given ballots.

Even actors, actresses and stage hands, who are known as late sleepers, were among the early voters. The polling place of the 44th Election District at Public School 67, 120 West Forty-sixth Street, which is in the heart of the theatrical district, was crowded with voters in the first hour.

By 10 a. m. one-third of the 138,744 registered voters in the Bronx had cast their ballots. The first rush swamped the election machinery, so that many voters complained of the length of time they had to remain in line.

Many who had already cast ballots in the 42d Election District of the 10th Assembly District, at 934 Sixth Avenue, lingered to witness the arrival of Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt. The general was accompanied by Mrs. W. D. Sloane, his sister. Later Colonel Charles B. McCallan, formerly Mayor; Dr. Robert Abbe, a noted surgeon; Bernard M. Baruch and Dr. John C. Erdman voted. In the 48th Election District, same Assembly district, at 36 East Forty-eighth Street, Frank A. Munsey and Simon Guggenheim were early voters.

Alderman A. Beckerman, of the 6th Assembly District, and Samuel E. Boardley, Socialist candidate for State Senator in the 14th Senatorial District, appeared before Mr. Voorhis to complain that the election officers of the 17th Election District of the 6th Assembly District had refused to allow an illiterate woman to mark her ballot unassisted. The woman, unable to write, they represented, had registered by mark, and when she appeared at Ninth Street, near Avenue B, to vote the officers are said to have insisted that inspectors accompany her into the booth and assist her in marking her ballot. Commissioner Voorhis directed that the officers allow the woman to enter the booth alone and mark her ballot.

Alderman Beckerman and Mr. Boardley declared that votes were being bought in the 14th Assembly District. They said they anticipate election frauds through the mutilation of ballots. Julius Gerber, of the Socialist County Committee, telephoned Commissioner Voorhis that an election board of the 6th Assembly District was treating voters discourteously and interrupting the orderly process of voting by asking unnecessary questions calculated to delay the vote. The Commissioner sent a representative to the board requesting that it treat all voters courteously.

Roosevelt Loses In His Own Home; Pins Hopes on West

Hyde Park Goes Republican by the Biggest Margin in Its History; Statement Deferred

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Though early returns, particularly from Poughkeepsie and his voting place, Hyde Park, were plainly disappointing, Franklin D. Roosevelt declined to make any statement to-night admitting defeat. Hyde Park went Republican by the heaviest majority in its history, according to the first returns brought to Mr. Roosevelt.

Hyde Park helped elect the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate twice to the State Senate.

His Western trips imbued Mr. Roosevelt with the idea that prophets had been making a great mistake in setting down anything as final from that part of the country.

"The situation has been so complicated, for instance, in the Dakotas, Montana, Colorado and Idaho by the Nonpartisan League that all prophecy seems futile there," said Mr. Roosevelt. "The Nonpartisan League seems to have made a great mistake in setting down anything as final from that part of the country."

Mr. Roosevelt voted at Hyde Park at 10 o'clock. When he arrived 150 ballots had been cast. Motion picture men were present and Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt were photographed as they voted.

Following the casting of his ballot Mr. Roosevelt drove over to the home of the Wilbur family and of Larry Mincey, and, following a time-honored custom, took those aged voters to the polling place. There are three in the Wilbur family whose ages range from eighty-five upward. Mr. Mincey is eighty-nine, and he started voting the Democratic ticket some time ago.

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Women Crowd Out Hyman

The women were blamed by Mayor Hyman for his failure to vote before going to the City Hall. So many thrifty Brooklyn housewives on their way to market were lined up at the Mayor's polling place that Hizzoner had to stand in line twenty-five minutes, after which he lost patience and gave it up, promising his Democratic captain, however, that he would return.

The women bore the annoyance of standing in line for long periods with amused fortitude, laughingly saying to one another that the privilege of voting was well worth standing in line for. The president had provided themselves with camp stools and reading matter. Many a school teacher corrected her papers and many a housewife flashed an enquiring smile while awaiting her turn at the little white door. Home-makers bled while away the hour for some women, and others had brought their children along to talk to them from the sidewalk.

Girl scouts were active at many polling places, assisting the mothers by holding the babies. All Scouts were guaranteed baby experts.

Father Brings Baby, Too

At the polling place at Amsterdam Avenue and 123d Street a Girl Scout was called upon to assist a male voter in the performance of nursery duty. He was John McCulloch, whose wife is He said, and had asked him to take the baby out for its airing when he went to vote. Mr. McCulloch had left the matter of watching the baby to fate, thinking that some woman probably would come to the rescue. When he found the competent little Scout, adorned with a Baby Badge, ready to hold the child, he voted with an easy mind.

Many picturesque incidents marked women's appearance at the polling places. A procession of nineteen sisters from the Church of Our Lady of Angels, at 292 East Thirtieth Street, was led to the polling place at 57 East Fourteenth Street by Mrs. Margaret Ryan, the Democratic district leader. From the St. Luke's Home for Aged Women, at Broadway and 114th Street, a resolute voter in black shawl and prim grey curls hurried to the polling place before 7 o'clock.

Explains Vote Before Breakfast

"I just couldn't resist my breakfast until I had voted," she explained to the astonished clerk. "I wanted to get it off my mind."

Later in the morning, Mrs. Howard McCadden, the Republican district leader, provided automobiles for the entire voting population of the home to visit the polls in comfort.

Many women watchers and district leaders were on the job before the owners of the polling places had arrived or the ballots had been delivered.

Miss Laura Skinner, campaign chairman for the New York State Women's Executive Committee, and a hustler in the Tenth Assembly District, was able to start things moving at the polling place at 65 West Thirty-ninth Street. The owner of the place, a musician named Ep, was not in evidence at 6

Debs Says Result Will Not Disappoint Him

People Will Get What They Think They Want, He Asserts; Gets Returns in Prison

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist nominee for President, in a final campaign statement to-day said: "I shall not be disappointed over the results of the election, as the people will get what they think they want insofar as they think at all."

Mr. Debs received election returns to-night in the Federal penitentiary, where he is a prisoner.

No special wire arrangements have been made for his benefit, but Warden Zerbst has arranged to obtain the returns from Atlanta newspapers and convey them to Mr. Debs.

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