

Twenty Million Votes Or More Are Predicted

LARGE INCREASE IN PER CAPITA WEALTH OF STATE

Biggest Vote in the History of the State is Being Polled Today on Account of the Women.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—In seven years the percapita wealth of North Carolina has increased \$1,057.10, statistics compiled today by the state department of agriculture based on the 1920 population show that the per capita wealth is \$1,381, an increase per year of 60 per cent.

Ranking 14th in population North Carolina supplants Kentucky. The total value of North Carolina property as reported by the state corporation commission is \$3,644,175. Of this amount \$1,981,563,494 is listed as real property while personal property values approximate \$813,552,925. Banks, cotton mills and power companies, representing corporations is valued at \$486,940,956. Railroad property within the state totals \$250,897,158.

Internal revenue receipts paid into the federal treasury this year amounts to \$182,667,320, placing North Carolina eighth in the list of states, New York leading with over one million dollars. Adding to this enormous sum in federal taxes paid by the state the tariff or import taxes, which amount to \$2,778,980, North Carolina in taxes \$165,446,300.

Governor Bickett will not call a special session of the North Carolina general assembly as requested by John S. Wannamaker of the American cotton association for the purpose of passing a law curtailing the cotton acreage in the state 33 1-3 per cent next year.

The governor is expected to issue a statement concerning the Wannamaker requests later in the week. He does not believe in legislative enactment as a means of raising the price of farm products.

The biggest vote is being polled in North Carolina today in the state's history by reason of the entrance of women into the political field.

Chairman Warren of the Democratic executive committee in his pre-election statement predicts that the state will go Democratic by not less than 50,000 and that the Republicans will be beaten in every congressional district. Representation in the legislature will not be materially changed, he thinks.

The Republican leaders predict victory in three congressional districts, the seventh, ninth and tenth. Seaboard railway machinists and helpers in the road's shops here who were laid off last week are today departing the city for points further north where they go in search of employment.

More than 100 of the railroaders are affected by the order which lays them off without any first hand information, they say, as to the reason. Shopmen in Virginia are similarly affected which is believed to indicate that the policy of the system is to curtail the repair facilities in the South.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWELVE Two New Transformers at Niagara Short Circuit and Blow Up.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Twelve men were killed early this morning in an explosion and fire at the distributing tower of the Niagara Falls Power Company here.

The explosion occurred a few minutes after two new transformers had been cut in at the distributing tower of the power company's plant. Thirteen men were crowded in the room watching the work of the new machinery when there was an explosion, apparently caused by a short circuit. The force of the blast burst a steel barrel of lubricating oil which formed part of the new equipment and the flash of the electricity ignited this oil, which was thrown over the men in the room.

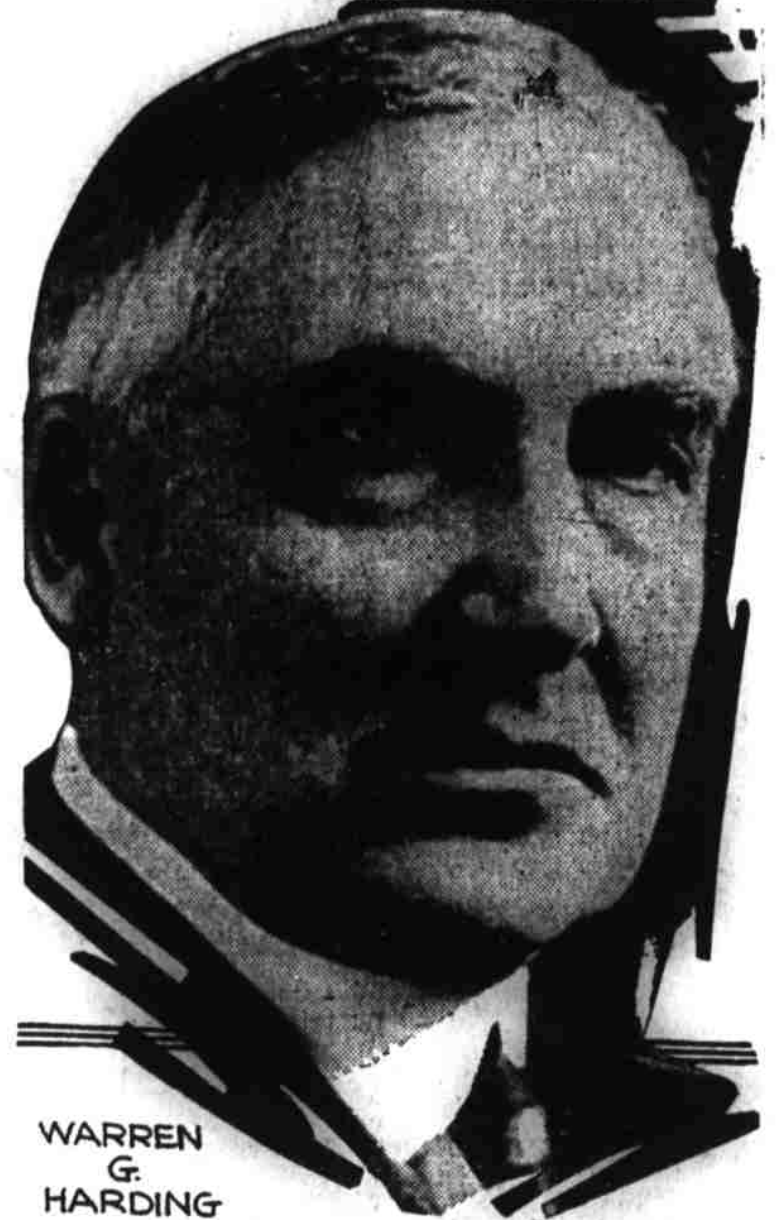
Four men were instantly killed. One escaped serious burns by jumping through a window. The other eight escaped from the flame-filled room, but all were so badly burned that they died in the hospital today and tonight.

GUARD ELOPES WITH GIRL INMATE OF PENITENTIARY

Milledgeville, Ga., Nov. 2.—Announcement was made here today by officials at the state penitentiary that J. W. Gans, a day guard at the female building, and Juanita Weaver, an inmate, "quietly" eloped late Saturday night for parts unknown.

Juanita was serving a sentence of one year for shoplifting, being convicted in Atlanta last May. She is described as being about 21 years of age, a blonde and beautiful. Her mother, Mrs. Hilton, is also serving a similar sentence at this prison.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



WARREN G. HARDING

MARION PREPARES TO CELEBRATE

(By Associated Press.) MARION, OHIO, Nov. 2.—While the nation was recording its decision today on his candidacy for president Senator Harding put politics out of his attention and gave over a great part of his time to a game of golf.

Arranging to visit the polls, and cast his own vote early in the forenoon Senator Harding chose to spend all of the remainder of the day away from Marion. Tonight, with Mrs. Harding and a circle of relatives and friends, he will learn the result of the balloting at his home where local Republican leaders have planned a red fire celebration in his honor.

Senator and Mrs. Harding reached their voting place shortly after 10 o'clock. They were cheered when they entered the building and several of those who were waiting ahead of them offered to give up their places. The senator refused, however, and took his place, 13, in line with Mrs. Harding just ahead of him.

A half dozen spotlights concentrated on them and a battery of cameras clicked away as the nominee and his wife voted.

WOMEN SWELLING THE BALLOTING IN SALISBURY

Shortly After Noon Heaviest Vote in History of City Had Been Cast—More 5,000 Registered.

Salisbury is today, along with many other places in the United States, witnessing its first election in which the women are participating, and they have taken a great interest in the same. Women workers were at the polls early and some of them have remained there all thru the day, while others began their pilgrimage to the voting places shortly after the polls opened and began to exercise their right of franchise for the first time. Automobiles have been constantly plying forth about the city conveying the women to the polls.

The men, too, have been voting heavily beginning early and the vote will be by far and large the biggest ever cast in Salisbury. There is a total registration of over 5,000 and this, together with the vote cast in each of the four wards up to 1:30 o'clock was as follows, only two wards having kept any tab on the number of women voting, these being the North and South:

Table with 2 columns: Ward Name and Total Registration. Includes North, East, South, and West wards.

Neighboring Counties. In talking over the telephone with representatives of the Statesville Daily, Concord Tribune, Hick-

HEAVIEST VOTE EVER CAST IS INDICATION FROM ENTIRE COUNTRY

HEAVY VOTE IN N. C. Raleigh, Nov. 2.—Weather predictions of showers apparently had no effect on early voting in North Carolina today which is reported as unusually heavy. A feature of the early voting was the large number of women in line at the opening of the polls waiting to cast their ballots. The polls opened at 6:58 a. m. and will close at 5:18 this afternoon. Besides the presidential ticket the entire set of state and county officials are to be chosen. Reports at noon from various sections of the State, especially in Eastern North Carolina, it is indicated that the vote cast is the heaviest in history and that women in all parts of the state are voting in great numbers. It was reported unofficially from Wilson that 452 of the 1,088 votes cast there up to noon were by women.

WICHITA, KANSAS, VOTE Wichita, Kan., Nov. 2.—The first 258 ballots counted in six of the 29 precincts in this city gave Harding 269; Cox 90; Allen, Republican, for governor, 132; Davis, Democrat, 108.

SOME MASS. RESULTS Boston, Mass., Nov. 2.—The town of Mashpee, on Cape Cod, gave for president, Cox 4; Harding 43. For governor, Cox, Republican, 44; Walsh, Democrat, 2. Four years ago the vote of Mashpee for president was, Wilson 21; Hughes 12.

The town of Norwell in Plymouth county voted as follows for president and governor: For president, Cox 48; Harding 409; for governor, Cox, Republican, 405; Walsh, Democrat, 30.

HEAVY VOTING IN OHIO

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2.—Notwithstanding the steady downpour of rain during the first hours of voting the re-

ports from over the state were that the voting was exceptionally heavy and that in most cities two-thirds of the total vote would probably be in the ballot boxes by noon.

CLOSE IN TOPEKA.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 2.—The first election returns here, reported at 10:30 a. m., from three city precincts and two in the second ward, gave Harding 54, Cox 81, and Debs 1. At 11 o'clock incomplete returns from four precincts out of 35 in Topeka gave Harding 109, Cox 99. Under the double elections system the counting began at 10 a. m.

MASS. TOWN REPORTS

Boston, Mass., Nov. 2.—The town of New Ashford in Berkshire county was the first in Massachusetts to report its vote for the presidency today. The tabulation of the vote was completed at 7:30 this morning as follows: Harding and Coolidge 28; Cox and Roosevelt 6. Four years ago New Ashford gave Hughes, Republican, 16 votes and Wilson, Democrat, 7.

HEAVY VOTING THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—Heavy voting throughout the South with thousands of women casting their first ballots was predicted by election officials when the polls opened today. Favorable weather conditions were expected to prevail today in most localities, although showers had been forecast for the state along the Atlantic seaboard. Rain, election officials said, would keep many voters at home, particularly in the rural districts. The Republicans, however, claimed they would be able to elect their congressional candidates in at least a half dozen scattered districts.

SHOOTING MARKS SUNDAY IN CHICAGO

One Man is Dead and Three Others Are Seriously Wounded in Windy City.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Harry Maders, chief of police of Elmhurst, a suburb of Chicago, was near death today following a battle with three bandits. Maders engaged in a light single-handed with the bandits, following a series of hold-ups and robberies during yesterday.

Charles Madder, 34, a chemist, and relative of a Chicago Alderman was found dead this morning in a vacant lot near his home here. A bullet wound was found in Mader's forehead. There was no trace of a struggle. Police were of the opinion that he was shot from ambush.

William Sanderson was mysteriously shot through the breast and seriously wounded in his home here early today. It was believed he would die. Thomas Sanderson, a brother, with John Simons and John Ralston, are arrested.

FOUR SECTION TO PROPAGANDA BUREAU

Amsterdam, Holland, Oct. 15.—The Russian bolshevik propaganda bureau, formerly centralized here, has now been divided into four sections, the Dutch newspapers say. One is in South America, one in Berlin, one at Amsterdam and the other at Lisbon, between them handling bolshevik campaigns for all the world.

ONLY TWO CONFEDERATE GENERALS NOW REMAIN

Washington, Nov. 1.—The death of General E. M. Law, at Bartow, Fla., Sunday leaves Brigadier Generals Marcus J. Wright of Washington, and Felix Robertson, of Waco, Texas, as the only survivors of those who held the rank of general officers in the Confederate army, according to records in possession of General Wright's family here.

REDS NEARING PERKOP WRANGLER'S LINE PIERCED

Sebastopol, Nov. 1.—(By The Associated Press).—The bolsheviks have broken General Wrangel's center and the wings of his army apparently have been crushed. The town of Melitopol, and other points have been abandoned and the reds are nearing Perkop.

The red wave is flooding the Taurida region. Wrangel is preparing a gallant defense. He is prepared to withdraw to the Crimea across the Siwach sea. The reds already claim the capture of Perkop.

MUTANOUS CHINESE WOUNDED BY GUARD

New Orleans, Nov. 2.—Eleven Chinese members of the crew of the British steamship Elm Leaf were wounded early today when a guard resorted to pistol fire to quell a mutiny aboard the vessel.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



JAMES M. COX

MRS. COX MARKS BALLOT FASTER THAN THE GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press.) DAYTON, OHIO, Nov. 2.—Governor Cox, the Democratic presidential nominee was an early voter today but on arriving at the polls he found that more than 200 of his neighbors had cast their ballots ahead of him.

Accompanied by Mrs. Cox, the governor reached the polling place at 10 o'clock but a line of waiting voters delayed the deposit of his ballot until 10:17. The polls were in Carrrmonte, a suburb of Dayton.

The vote cast by Mrs. Cox was not her first, she having lived in Illinois and had voted in the State election there a few years ago. In the voting booth she showed she knew the Australian system of balloting, marking four different forms and completed it in two minutes and beat her husband thirty seconds.

This afternoon the Governor went to his farm at Jacksonburg and plans to return here tonight to get returns.

As a parting shot to the campaign the Governor issued an election day statement in which he declared:

"I am confident that the cause for which I have stood during the campaign will be victorious today. The campaign has been based entirely upon a great moral issue and in all the history of the world wherever a great moral issue was presented to the people, it has not failed. It will not fail today."

SOME PRECINCTS USING BARRELS FOR BALLOT BOX

New York, Nov. 2.—The use of barrels for ballot boxes was one of the expedients adopted at some of the polling places in New Jersey today as a result of the greatly increased vote due to suffrage. It was indicated that owing to the large number of women registrants throughout the United States the same congestion prevailed elsewhere. In Boston the polls were kept open until 5 p. m., instead of at 4 o'clock. In Georgia except at 4 o'clock, the county seats the polls were to close at 3 p. m., and in the county seats at 6 o'clock.

Voting is going on today in more than 100,000 election precincts in the 48 states, in three of which, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia polls close at sunset.

The hours at which the polls will close in the various states is as follows: Alabama, 6 p. m. cities; (5 p. m. towns and country); Arizona 6 p. m.; Arkansas 6:30 p. m.; California 7 p. m.; Colorado 7 p. m.; Connecticut 6 p. m.; (certain towns 8 p. m. by special legislation). Delaware 6 p. m.; Florida 5:40

NEXT PRESIDENT BEING CHOSEN BY 48 STATES

Campaign Kept Up 'Till Nearly Dawn—Leaders Are Confident in Fight for Presidency.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Nov. 2.—Men and women voters of forty eight sovereign states of the nation went to the polls today to elect a new president for the next four years beginning March 4 next.

Before the dawn of another day breaks the country in all likelihood will know whether Warren G. Harding, republican or James M. Cox, democrat has been elected to succeed Woodrow Wilson, for it is generally agreed barring a miracle none of the other five candidates has a chance.

This choice, it is estimated will be recorded by a record vote of between twenty million and thirty million persons, many of whom are women who have been franchised since the last presidential election and are voting today for the first time.

Second only in interest to the contest for the presidency is the fight between the two major parties for control of the next congress. Thirty four United States senators are being elected, thirty-two to fill seats now held by seventeen democrats and fifteen republicans and two to fill the unexpired terms caused by the death of Senator Bankhead, of Alabama and senator Martin, of Virginia, both democrats are being chosen as well as an entirely new house of representatives composed of 495 members.

The present senate is composed of forty seven democrats and forty eight republicans and one republican progressive. The present house consists of 190 democrats, 232 republicans, two independents and one prohibitionist. There are also vacancies.

Chairmen Confident. Will Hayes and George White, republican and democratic national chairmen each continue confident of victory when the polls opened. Mr. Hayes has reiterated his prediction that the republican ticket was "certain to obtain 368 electoral votes" and that there was a strong probability that the total might reach the 400 mark. A total of 268 is necessary to elect.

Mr. White gave out no last minute prediction on the electoral vote but renewed his expression of confidence in the election of Cox. Each chairman also predicted control of the next congress by his party.

The campaign itself has been waged principally around the league of nations did not come to an early this morning. Senator Harding spent election eve quietly at his home in Marion, Ohio, while Governor Cox wound up his campaign at a big meeting at Toledo, Ohio, last night. State and local campaigns throughout the country kept up the quest for votes into the dark hours of the night.

Unsettled weather with a possibility of rain faced early voters in the Eastern States as they trudged to the polls to cast their ballots, while those of the upper Mississippi valley and New England and New York prepared for the weather man's prediction of snow. The rest of the country generally expected to vote under clear skies.

POINTS TO GET ELECTION RETURNS

Number of Places in Salisbury Where Election Returns Will Be Received Tonight

Courthouse, Peoples Drug store, Evening Post, Elks club and Old Hickory club, these are the points where election returns will be received tonight.

The returns received at the courthouse and those by the Peoples drug store, the latter to be thrown on a screen on the Pa. cafe wall, and the Evening Post's bulletin board will be for the general public. The Old Hickory club and the Elks will take the news over special wires in their club rooms especially for members. The Elks have arranged to have Brunswick stew and and barbecue to serve during the night.

With all of the above places taking reports, at least three of these over special wires, the people will have ample opportunity to keep in touch with the news as it develops and is sent out.

Jazz Music For Voters

New York, Nov. 1.—"Music while you vote!" is the slogan of the Thirty-four election district of the Tenth Assembly district here today. Miss Laura Skinner, election district captain, has obtained a phonograph. Musical entertainment will be offered the voters, who will be allowed to do a little fox trot or a waltz in the dull moments.