

## Nation Cannot Get True Line Yet on Result of Presidential Election

### BIGGEST VOTE EVER POLLED IS BROUGHT OUT BY IDEAL WEATHER IN EVERY PART OF COUNTRY; FIRST PRECINCT REPORTS

Massachusetts Box of 25 Registered Polls Gives Hughes Majority—New York, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, Upon Whose Silent Vote May Depend Everything, Running Up Tremendous Total of Ballots—Wall Street Forecasts Nothing, for Betting There Is Even—Wilson Favorite in Interior Places—Both Organizations Openly Claim Everything and at Heart Are Extremely Anxious—Women Puzzle Politicians

#### Never Was There An Election So Uncertain.

New York, Nov. 7.—The flood of ballots which will sweep either Wilson or Hughes into the presidency on March 4, began rising today, while publicly, the Republicans and Democrats both declare entire confidence, but privately are very much at sea. In no previous election has there been such lack of indication as to which way the straw will blow. The "silent" vote is more silent than ever.

Half a dozen "trends" of public sentiment have cropped out during the campaign. Both are claiming the benefit of these. There was a most unusual eleventh hour development in betting. Wall Street prides itself that it always picks the winner. Up to midnight the odds favored Hughes, but today the betting opened at almost even money. If the odds slightly favor Hughes here, the situation is reversed in Middle Western cities, where Wilson is reported to be the favorite.

The American people may expect the first complete returns from two or three small hamlets in Massachusetts which are renowned for being the first mentioned in half a dozen elections. The New York State returns will commence shortly after the polls close at Buffalo at 5 o'clock. Clear weather prevails in practically all sections.

## LAST MEETING OF CAMPAIGN IN EAST AND WEST KINSTON

The last rallies of the campaign were held in East Kinston and West Kinston Monday night. At Sparrow's store in the former section G. V. Cowper and J. M. Mewborne, chairmen of the Democratic and Republican organizations in the county respectively, engaged in a "joint debate." There was a big crowd present. Both men made able talks, but Cowper had the "right on his side," according to partisan hearers.

Dr. J. M. Parrott reviewed the administration's conduct of government, in fact, the records of all the administrations, to a fair-sized audience in the western end of the city.

## FINE MALE QUARTET HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

From time immemorial, certainly as far back as the memory of man runneth, the male voice has made a strong appeal to popular fancy. When the voices properly blend and the harmony is perfect, there is not any kind of singing that quite equals a male quartet.

The Meistersingers Male Quartet, which is announced to appear in Kinston on Thursday night next, the 9th is a quartet of this character—four splendid young men with four splendid voices, presenting a program of standard popular music, interspersed with the humorous and classical. These young men have sung their way into thousands of hearts in the Middle West during the past several years.

The Meistersingers will be here as a number of the lyceum course being given under the auspices of the Mothers' Club for a playground benefit.

## HUSBAND TRANSFUSION SUBJECT, SAVED LIFE OF WIFE IN HOSPITAL

(Special to The Free Press)  
Washington, N. C., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Reta Harrington of Greenville has been rescued from the grasp of death which held her by means of transfusion, her husband being the donor of the necessary blood. The Harringtons are well-known. Mrs. Harrington had been in a local hospital for some time. Her complexion turned to the color of gold, which afterwards became a shade closely resembling mahogany. She grew weaker constantly, until toward the last a change was perceptible every few moments. Her husband volunteered, as did other relatives, and blood was pumped from the former into the woman's almost lifeless body. It is believed Mrs. Harrington will recover.

## WELL, YOU CAN'T HAVE IT, FREE NOR OTHERWISE

"We want free whisky in North Carolina," read one ballot on the tables at the local voting places Tuesday. Rather vague about paying for it.

The thing was called to the attention of Democratic County Chairman G. V. Cowper. It was reported that the ballots came from a Republican source. Mr. Cowper said they should not be voted, although they counted for nothing. Prohibition isn't being voted upon in North Carolina; whether it shall be had depends altogether upon the sheriffs and police and W. O. Davis and the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League, and the revenue officers and others. No action was taken that might be offensive to the very few folks who seemed to get a pleasure in voting it. It is presumed that it was an "indignation" vote, or a bit of "policy" on the part of some misled party or parties.

## OTH CANDIDATES UP EARLY TO VOTE

Shadow Lawn, Nov. 7.—President Wilson arose at 5 o'clock, breakfasted, motored to Princeton and voted, number 50.

New York, Nov. 7.—Hughes' ballot was No. 13 in his precinct. He voted at 7 o'clock.

## THIS HITS THE CASE OF KINSTON, MAYBE

St. Paul, Nov. 7.—"And so you are going to have a new union depot in East Kinston to replace the one condemned by the state fire marshal, well, when will it be complete?" asked Matt O'Donoghue of Objimay, Minn., of a Kinston hotel porter here. "In October, there isn't any such thing as October." "I know, that's when the building will be ready," said the yawner.



PRESIDENT WILSON

Voters of the Nation Are Endorsing His Administration.

## THE COMMITTEE OF SEVENTEEN WILL BE CALLED IN MEETING

To Help Settle Matter Free  
Lighting for Caswell  
Training School

## COUNCIL CANNOT AGREE

As to Whether Five Years  
Expired in October of  
This Year or Does Not  
End for Many Months  
From Now

The Caswell Training School lighting question was again before City Council Monday night at the regular session for November. After long deliberation, no agreement having

been reached, it was decided to try to arrive at some settlement on November 13th, when a special session will be held. Dr. C. B. McNairy, the superintendent; Dr. I. M. Hardy, a former superintendent; Mr. D. F. Wooten and Dr. J. M. Parrott appeared before Council in the interest of the school. Whether the five years in which the city guaranteed to light the institution free of charge expired last month or should not expire until five years from July of 1914, when all the buildings were put into use, is the question. Prior to the actual opening of the school for the State's feeble-minded one or two small buildings on the site drew illumination from the municipality. Members of the administration, professing to be willing to do "the right thing" should their contention be proved wrong, claim that the records show that the time stipulated was five years from October, 1911, when the first "junks" was received at the school property.

A motion was introduced at the meeting to furnish free illumination for five years from the time the institution was opened, but a tie vote resulted, Aldermen Happer, Douglas and Webb voting aye, and Mayor Sut-

## Ideal Weather and Well Informed Electorate Polling Big Vote Here

### ALLIES DEVELOPING STRONG OFFENSIVE ON ALL THE FRONTS

#### Activity General—Severe Combat—French Continue Rid Wood of Teutons. Heavy Big Gun Fighting. British Solidify

London, Nov. 7.—Continued activity on practically all fronts and severe fighting at some points, marked the past 24 hours. At most points the Allies are developing a strong offensive. In the St. Pierre Vaast wood, the French last night continued pushing out the Germans who were not expelled during the first rushes. There was heavy artillery on the Somme front, but no infantry operations.

#### British Improve Positions.

London, Nov. 7.—British positions south of Bapaume, about Butte de Warcourt, where terrific fighting has centered, were improved last night, General Halg reports.

## WOULD ABOLISH THE GLASS MILK BOTTLE

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 7.—The death knell of the glass milk bottle in Pennsylvania has been sounded.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the state commissioner of health, says that "it will have to give way in the near future to the destructible bottle that will never be used a second time."

This is taken to mean that within a few weeks the Health department advisory board will rule that the glass bottles must go.

Such rulings have all the effect of a law. Commissioner Dixon does not like the danger of infection through the promiscuous distribution and gathering of bottles, no matter how cleanly the dairy or creamery may be.

## NATIONAL DEMOCRACY IS SHORT A BIG SUM

New York, Nov. 7.—The Democratic National Committee is facing a \$200,000 deficit, according to Henry Morgenthau. He is confident the amount will be raised, however, regardless of the result of the election.

and Aldermen Tapp and Fortney. Finally, it was agreed to call a joint meeting of the full Committee of Seventeen who landed the school for Kinston, the members of the administration which granted the free lights and the present Council, to be held on November 13 and thresh the matter out thoroughly. Whatever is agreed upon, it is expected, will be accepted by Council.

Some other business was before Council, including the granting of a petition for one block of asphalt paving on West Bright street between Heritage and Queen, a petition which was held up because of some flaw or other having been presented for the paving before notice was served that no other petitions would be accepted. Several other petitions were received but no action was taken on them. Council decided to contest two suits against the city—one for \$500, instituted by E. R. Waller, claiming damages for injury to an automobile driven into a railroad track alleged to have been higher than the street level, and the other by J. A. Taylor, asking damages for the loss of two mules scalded in a ditch in East Kinston, into which hot water from manufacturing plants was allowed to escape. It was agreed to pay Miss Tiffany West, \$1,000 for property for the connecting up of Chestnut street with North street at Tower Hill road.

### DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES IN LENOIR IN NO DANGER OF BEING REDUCED IN TODAY'S ELECTIONS--OTHER RETURNS--BIG VOTE

A warm autumn sun, reflecting his cheering rays upon a prosperous people, ushered in "Election Day" in Kinston. There was every indication of a strong vote about the booths at the Courthouse and the Eagle Warehouse, where the voters of Kinston township cast their ballots. At the courthouse a hundred and forty of a probable poll of four hundred to four-fifty had been cast before ten-thirty; while at the Eagle box two hundred had voted before ten o'clock. Nine hundred and fifty votes is the estimate of the number that will be cast at the two city boxes before the day is gone. The number may be swelled to one thousand. The Democratic poll will probably reach seven hundred and fifty to eight hundred, while the Republican strength, it is estimated, will be about two hundred.

In early voting scratching was in evidence. Some voters at the Courthouse box cast a ballot for the Republican National ticket and voted the straight Democratic state and county ticket; while others, and more numerous were the latter, cast the straight Republican ticket in state and county affairs, and voted for Woodrow Wilson and the national Democratic ticket.

The non-partisan issues, viz.: The four constitutional amendments and the county hospital came in for their share of interest. Friends of the hospital were working hard, and the opposition to the plan was more in evidence at the Courthouse box than at the Eagle. Some scratching was done on the amendment ticket, but there was early indication of an endorsement of the proposed and most necessary changes in the State's constitution.

#### GOOD VOTE BEING POLLED.

At 2 p. m. four hundred and forty votes had been cast at the Eagle Warehouse box, and by 2:30 the poll at the Courthouse showed three hundred. The vote at the Eagle will probably run above earlier estimates, and the Courthouse will reach the mark.

Opposition to the county hospital, and the amendments was more in evidence at the Courthouse than at the Eagle, and early afternoon estimates indicated that the vote at the Courthouse for the two non-partisan measures would be close if, indeed, a majority was not against. The Eagle vote was heavily in favor of both, it appeared, and will overcome any handicap at the Courthouse. At the latter place at 2 o'clock only a few ballot forms covering the amendments were on hand and on the Republican table none were in evidence. This shortage of ballots will do more damage to the amendment cause than real opposition, and the workers at the polls would have easily turned the tide, if indeed, it proves to be adverse, to the favorable column, had the ballots been available.

#### Onslow Safely Democratic.

F. P. Yopp, Register of Deeds of Onslow county, told The Free Press over long distance telephons Tuesday afternoon that that county was safely Democratic. It was a certainty at 1 p. m., he said, that the majority party was holding its own and would possibly turn up a slight increase. The Republicans had striven strenuously to carry Onslow, taking advantage of overestimated local dissensions.

#### Greene True Blue.

A heavier vote will make the Democratic majority in Greene county a little larger, Mayor J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill told The Free Press Tuesday afternoon. He expects the majority to be about 500, against 450 last election.

## BRITISH SUBS. ARE GETTING IN BLOWS AT GERMAN FLEET

London, Nov. 7.—Further reports of British submarines operating off the Danish coast are had. It is claimed they have scored hits on two German dreadnaughts of the Kaiser class, the admiralty announces. Yesterday it was reported that a dreadnaught had been torpedoed.

## AND THE HEN GETS THE BLAME MOSTLY

New York, Nov. 7.—A nation-wide war on the price of storage eggs was inaugurated by the National Housewives' League in an attempt to hold the retail price down to 35 cents a dozen. They charge that egg barons are holding a million and a quarter eggs.

## LANAC WAS FLYING AMERICAN FLAG AT TIME OF TORPEDOING

London, Nov. 7.—Captain Henry Mainland was the only American on board the steamer Lanac, sunk by a German submarine on October 28. Mainland declared the ship was under Philippine registry, and flew the American ensign when scuttled after the crew had been removed.

## BULLETINS

London, Nov. 7.—Recent German losses in the Jull Valley of Roumania exceeded thirty thousand, says a wireless report from Bucharest.

#### BEAUFORT COUNTY

#### REPUBLICANS GAIN

The Democratic majority in Beaufort county will be only between 700 and 900. It is admitted there that the Republicans have made gains. Local issues of some sort or another—probably a protest against a factory, are responsible.