

## 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

(By PERRY ARNOLD)

New York, Nov. 7.—America is casting a record vote for President, if an unusually heavy early run of balloting is any indication. United Press reports from all sections show the vote up to noon was heavier than ever before in that period, in many instances aggregating half of the total registration. Ideal weather aided in bringing out the balloters.

In the "pivotal" states of New York, Illinois and Indiana and Ohio the morning balloting showed a big "silent" vote on whose word depends the election, speaking very loudly.

New Ashford, Mass., with a total voting population of 25, gained the proud distinction of being the first to render a complete return. The polls closed there at 10 a. m. Hughes 16, Wilson 7, not voting, 2. Big Crowd Greeted Wilson at Princeton.

(By R. J. BENDER.)

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 7.—It required sixteen men, three automobiles, four hours and 54 gallons of gasoline to deliver President Wilson's single vote here. The President with a bodyguard of secret service men and a retinue of newspapermen, reached the polls at 9 o'clock. A big crowd of cheering Princeton students greeted him. The President and the entire official family are supremely confident. Returning to Shadow Lawn, the President expects to while away the time this afternoon with golf. Tonight he will receive returns by private wire at Shadow Lawn, remaining up until the decision of the American electorate is indicated.

#### Women Voting Lively.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Party managers are up in the air over the woman's vote in Illinois. In this first election of equal suffrage, the women are expected to poll 650,000 votes.

#### 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 dropped 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.

## LANAO WAS FLYING BRITISH SUBS. ARE AMERICAN FLAG AT GETTING IN BLOWS TIME OF TORPEDOING AT GERMAN FLEET

London, Nov. 7.—Captain Henry Mainland was the only American on board the steamer Lanao, 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.

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.

### BOTH CANDIDATES UP EARLY TO VOTE

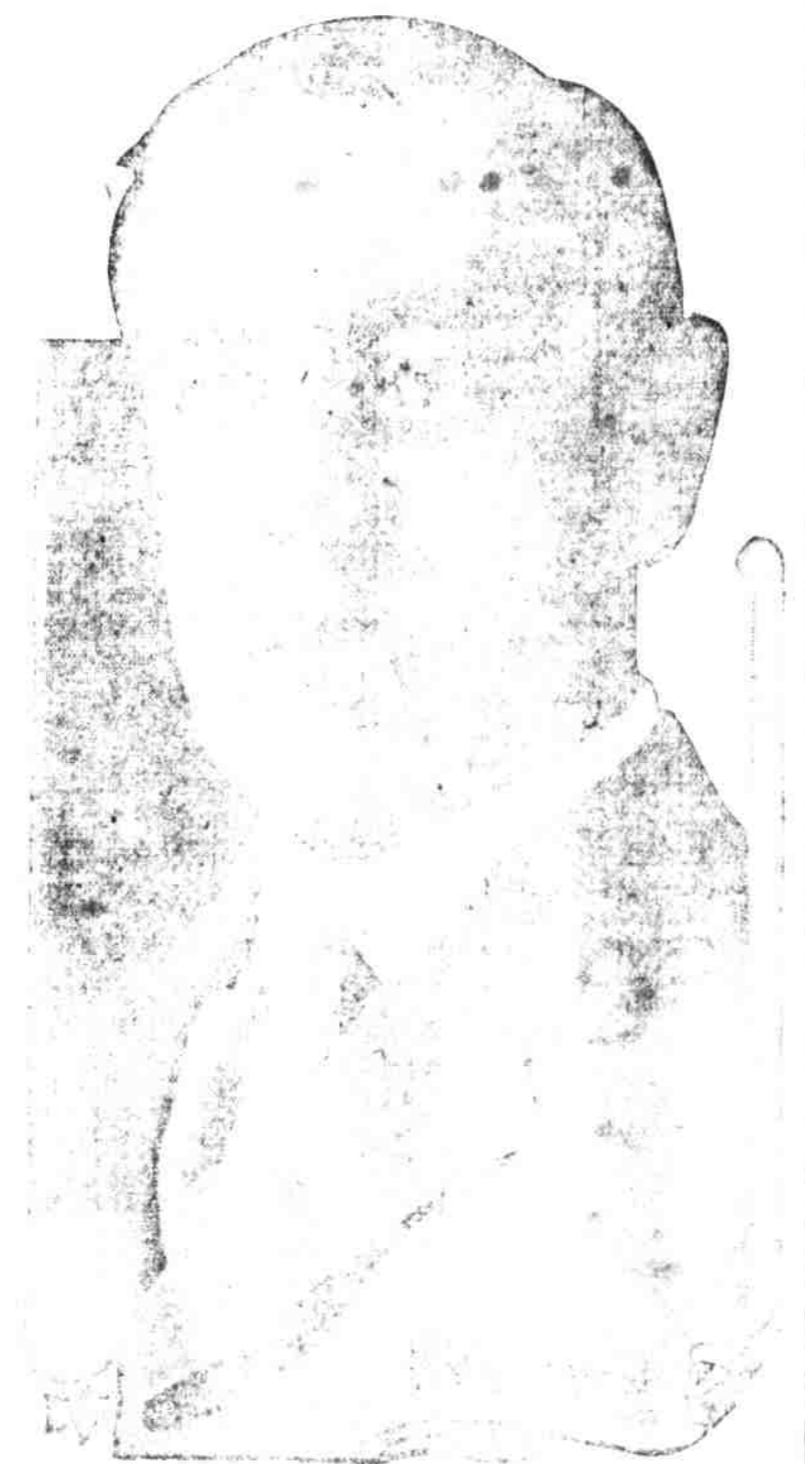
Shadow Lawn, Nov. 7.—President Wilson arose at 5 o'clock, breakfasted, motored to Princeton and voted, number 50.  
New York, Nov. 7.—Hughes' ballot was No. 13 in his precinct. He voted at 7 o'clock.

### DAUGHTERS CONFEDERACY OPEN CONVENT'N DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 7.—When the Daughters of the Confederacy met their general convention today, President-General Mrs. Frank G. Oberheimer will deliver the chief address. Business sessions will run all day. Officers will be elected tomorrow. Next session is scheduled for next year in New Orleans. Mrs. Oberheimer is one of the 25,000 members of the organization. The convention is a full day of the most important of the kind. It is the largest of its kind in the world. The convention will be held at the Dallas Convention hall. The general session will be held at the Dallas Convention hall.

### THIS HITS THE CASE OF KINSTON MAYBE

London, Nov. 7.—"And so you are going to have a new milk bottle?" asked a member of the House of Commons, when the House was discussing the proposed abolition of the glass milk bottle. "The House of Commons," he said, "is not the only body that can do this. You have the Milk Board, and they are the ones who will decide whether or not to abolish the glass milk bottle." The House of Commons is the only body that can do this.



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

### 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 sector the French last night continued their offensive against the Germans who were expelled during the first rushes. There was heavy artillery fighting on the same front, but no infantry engagements.

British Improve Positions.  
London, Nov. 7.—British positions such as Epauonne, about Bapaume, were improved during the night. Fighting was more active and more improved last night, General Hald reports.

### WOULD ABOLISH THE GLASS MILK BOTTLE

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 7.—The abolition of the glass milk bottle in Pennsylvania has been sounded. Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the state health commissioner, says that "it will have to give way in the near future to the destructible bottle that can be used a second time." This is taken to mean that within a few weeks the Health department advisory board will vote that the glass bottle must go. The change will have all the effect of the law. Commissioner Dixon does not like the danger of infection through the promiscuous distribution of the gathering of bottles, no matter how cleanly the dairy or creamery is kept.

### NATIONAL DEMOCRACY IS SHORT A BIG SUM

New York, Nov. 7.—The Democratic National Committee is facing a financial deficit, according to Henry J. Morgan, its treasurer. It is evident the deficit will be raised, however, at the close of the result of the election.

City Aldermen Tappan and Fort may, it was agreed to call a joint meeting of the full Committee of Organization who headed the school for Kinston, the members of the administration which granted the free lights and the present Council, to be held on November 15 and through the matter set thoroughly. Whatever is agreed upon, it is expected, will be accepted by Council.

Some other business was before Council, including the granting of a permit for one block of asphalt paving on West Blight street between Heritage and Queen a petition which was held up because of a flaw or other having been presented for the paving. A free petition 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 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.

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

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

Reports From Duplin, Onslow and Greene Show That  
The Democracy Is Safe—Heavy Vote Being Polled  
Throughout the Section—Wilson and Hughes Running  
Close In Contentnea Neck—Sand Hill Votes Strong for  
Hospital—Amendments Being Endorsed In Duplin—  
Amendments Suffering In Some Precincts for Lack of  
Information

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 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 4:30 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.

P. P. Vapp, 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 4 p. m., he said, that the majority party was holding its own and would possibly turn up a slight increase. The Republicans had shown strenuous activity in Onslow, taking advantage of over-estimated local dissensions.

#### Three to One In Vance.

Reports from Vance township about 4 o'clock indicated that a heavy poll was being made, and it was estimated that Wilson was leading by three to one.

#### Contentnea Neck Township Running Close.

Early afternoon reports from Contentnea Neck township indicated a rather nip and tuck vote. It was estimated that 85 to 90 per cent. of the vote had been polled and Wilson was leading Hughes by only six votes. Further township reports were unobtainable because of remoteness from telephons at press time.

#### Report From Sand Hill.

In Sand Hill township about 80 per cent. of the registered voters had cast their ballots at 3 o'clock. A good Democratic lead was being maintained. The hospital issue was being favored, the informant stating that not a single vote had been cast against it. The amendment issue was not getting much attention for lack of information on the part of the average voter.

#### Greene True Blue.

A heavy 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.

#### Good Vote In Duplin.

Long distance reports from Kenansville at press time indicated that a good vote was being polled at that point. About 250 ballots had been cast and the Democratic strength was being well maintained. The vote on the amendments was estimated to be most favorable.