

**23,000,000 WILL VOTE; POLLS MAY PROVE INADEQUATE**

It is estimated that approximately 23,000,000 men and women will vote in the elections next Tuesday. Granting the usual five minutes to each voter to mark his or her ballot, the time to be consumed in voting for candidates will approximate 117,500,000 minutes, or 1,958,333 hours, the equivalent of approximately 23 1/2 years. If the voters were stood up toe to heel in single file they would form a line approximately 4375 miles long, or from New York to San Francisco and back to Kansas City. Assuming that the crosses made by each voter totaled 10 inches, the pencil marks, if straitened out end to end, would extend 6,388,888 yards, or from New York to Manchester, England.

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Chicago, Oct. 29.—Election day this year, if the public turn out to vote as may well be expected, will witness the greatest confusion that has ever marked a similar event in American history.

Because of the belated ratification of the women's suffrage amendment, which ratification is expected to add, conservatively, at least 5,000,000 voters to the lists, a majority of states have been unable to enlarge their election machinery to meet the increased volume of business. As a result, almost the same facilities for handling the election this year are in use as were used in the last election, and with the prospect of from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 more voters that must be accommodated.

**"VOTE EARLY," SLOGAN**  
There is a great danger, therefore, of thousands of people not being able to cast their ballots in the limited time allotted for the work. Because of this, there has been started now a tremendous movement in all states to have the people vote early.

Nevertheless, it may be expected that the results in all states will be delayed and the final conclusive vote unavailable for a period longer than has been the case in elections of the past. Generally speaking, five minutes is the time that the average voter requires to fill out his or her ballot. Some, of course, require less and some more. But there are so many different candidates and so many factional fights on in the country that this year it would seem doubtful if the average time required to make out the ballot would prove less than five minutes.

**BALLOT BROAD AND WIDE**  
Incidentally, the number of parties has so increased the size of the ballots that hundreds of thousands of dollars must be spent this year above previous ballot printing costs.

Take, for example, the Chicago ballot. It measures 30 by 36 inches. There are complete tickets for the Democratic, Republican, Socialist, Socialist-Labor, Prohibition, Farmer-Labor and Single Tax parties. In addition there is the space for John Harlan, candidate for governor on the "Harrison-Coolidge Republican" ticket, apart from the regular Republican ticket. Harrison Parker is listed as candidate for governor on the "Cooperative Party of America" ticket. There is a candidate for governor, also on the "Liberal" ticket, and a candidate for congressman at large on the "Independent" ticket.

It is estimated by Chief Clerk Sullivan of the election board that, in Chicago alone, the cost of printing and handling the ballots this year will be \$75,000 over that of previous elections.  
**LONGER TIME NEEDED**  
Six tons of paper will be required to print the 4,000,000 big ballots for distribution to the voters, and 46 trucks have been secured to convey these ballots to the polls in Chicago.

A similar situation, varying in degrees according to the size of the cities, exists in almost every state in the union. And to study and vote such ballots will require more time than has been needed in previous campaigns. This is particularly true in view of the fact that the women generally and the men to a less degree are manifesting intention of voting independently of party. Hundreds of thousands, for example, are voting for a presidential candidate of one party and a senator of another party. In addition, governors are being elected this year in a majority of states and here again the voting independent of strict party lines is a feature of many of the contests.

**NOT TIME ENOUGH**  
In an attempt to meet the situation, election boards throughout this section have adopted the slogan: "Vote before 10 a. m. if you don't wish to lose your vote."

In Indiana and Ohio, where the fight has taken on unusual intensity, the district leaders are voting thousands of people who are old or ailing at their homes, in order to save time. In fact, I found in Indiana that in some districts the leaders are applying for ballots to be voted at home by some one who could go to the polls, but because of the heavy registration in certain districts were being voted at home to insure all people registered getting in during the established hours.

In scores of precincts in the East and Middle West it has been discovered that the registration is such that if even an average of three minutes were given each voter registered, all could not vote within the period established by law.

**ABOUT 23,000,000 VOTES**  
In 1912 the total vote on the presidency was 15,031,169. In 1916 this vote had increased to 18,528,743, but in anticipation of the increased vote many states made provision for extra election machinery. This year it is estimated that the total presidential vote will range around 23,000,000, which increase has not been generally provided for by the states.

In 1916 there were premature celebrations of victories by many, from presidential candidates down, only to have the final vote a day or so later reveal that in many instances, including the presidency, the early indicated results proved erroneous.

This year, as a result of the condition of the election machinery, the vote count probably will be delayed beyond the time required in 1916—with similar possibility of a change in result when the final results are in.

"I think things would have been very much better in the past if the women had had more to do with what was being done."—Governor James M. Cox.

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