

Pres. Coolidge Leads as Nation-wide Poll Closes

If This Voting Indicates November Results, Election May Go to House for Settlement. Surprises of Straw Vote Is Ohio for La Follette and Oklahoma for Coolidge.

Herewith is published the final vote in the Springfield News' nation-wide presidential poll. It furnishes some very interesting figures for political dogsters. With approximately one million votes cast in 45 states, the popu-

lar vote shows Coolidge leading with 375,940 to La Follette's 283,703 and Davis' 280,582.

In electoral votes—Coolidge leads with 15 states for a total of 245 electoral votes. Davis is second with 17 states, or 150 electoral votes, and La Follette third with 10 states or 90 electoral votes.

There are 531 votes in the electoral college. 266 are necessary for election. If this poll correctly indicates

the way the election will go, then Coolidge will be shy some 21 votes of election and the choice will be made in Congress.

However, there are many factors to be considered. First in the fact that three states, Maine with 6 votes, Arizona with 3 and Delaware with 3, have not voted in this Presidential poll. Second is the very surprising situation shown in this poll, whereby Ohio with 24 votes is in the La Follette column and Oklahoma with 10 votes is in the Coolidge column.

Republican leaders believe firmly that they will carry Ohio. It is what is known as a "Republican state." Were La Follette not in the race there is little doubt but that Coolidge

would carry it. However La Follette has the support of the six strong Scripps-Howard newspapers in Ohio so there is the possibility of the state going to the third party candidate.

In Oklahoma, Coolidge is as likely to lose as he is to win. Oklahoma is a southern border state and usually goes Democratic. So if Coolidge should win Ohio, lose Oklahoma—and maybe Utah—credited to him in this poll, he would still be shy votes in the electoral college for election.

This Presidential poll shows, as do other leading straw votes now being taken, such as the "Literary Digest," and Hearst Newspapers polls, that there is a strong possibility of the election being thrown into congress for a final naming of

our next President. Every day now political leaders and writers are openly announcing their conviction that the election will go to Congress for settlement.

The votes in this Presidential poll express the sentiment of voters in the smaller cities, towns and rural districts. More than seven thousand newspapers published in towns throughout the country have co-operated with this newspaper in taking this poll. The Published Autocaster Service, in New York City, which serves this newspaper, has been the National Headquarters for the poll. It has been conducted in an impartial manner.

This Presidential poll is particularly interesting inasmuch as it is the only vote taken which indicates the

small town and community sentiment. Both the "Literary Digest" and the Hearst's Newspaper polls is more representative of the big city and the large town sentiment.

The tabulation of the votes by states and the arrangement in the electoral column, as published below, furnish many points for discussion—none of which, of course, can be proved until the final official votes on November 4 have been counted.

Davis gains on La Follette in the popular vote during the last two weeks of this vote, can be accounted for in the number of Southern states which sent in returns. The "Solid South" is voting true to form and there seems to be no spot where the Third Party ticket cut in to take Democratic votes. Missouri has come out classed as a "Border State." Here La Follette seems to be making quite a showing.

Of the three states which did not vote, Maine—as indicated in the recent primaries—will go to Coolidge. The Democrats think they will carry Delaware, How Arizona will go, no one seems to know.

The vote by states: (Coolidge first, La Follette second, Davis third.)

New York	18,645	10,908	5,908
Maryland	10,547	8,129	11,811
Illinois	28,018	9,943	8,891
Wisconsin	13,478	20,364	5,632
Washington	4,359	8,974	2,605
Massachusetts	5,592	4,369	4,609
California	17,225	20,568	8,622
Texas	11,192	7,314	15,092
Georgia	5,321	3,707	13,106
N. Hampshire	15,309	1,393	6,109
Missouri	8,515	1,399	11,757
Kansas	11,505	1,667	6,476
Virginia	3,109	1,134	4,664
W. Virginia	3,066	1,935	6,511
Penn.	28,231	19,654	12,684
Montana	1,857	4,543	1,579
Wyoming	2,389	2,959	2,269
S. Dakota	17,163	19,264	4,653
Nevada	2,434	1,715	3,815
Indiana	16,925	10,988	9,218
Michigan	11,822	7,977	5,317
Oklahoma	12,726	8,128	12,425
Connecticut	12,442	4,534	9,419
Nebraska	8,316	8,825	9,727
Minnesota	3,325	5,153	1,756
Ohio	15,992	16,415	8,331
Arkansas	5,631	1,268	9,092
Tennessee	9,417	6,227	12,547
Utah	4,643	2,401	3,601
N. Jersey	10,804	7,372	6,415
Iowa	13,525	14,497	9,717
Oregon	2,895	2,642	1,961
Colorado	2,560	2,146	1,855
Louisiana	1,187	1,254	1,387
Idaho	2,643	2,688	2,412
Rhode Island	1,062	1,792	1,812
Florida	7,011	4,078	12,904
Kentucky	8,379	1,976	3,582
N. Dakota	1,782	4,471	1,277
Vermont	4,822	651	1,718
N. Carolina	1,716	239	2,715
Alabama	872	479	1,228
N. Mexico	1,597	782	1,293
Mississippi	879	167	1,228
S. Carolina	1,233	681	3,452
Total	375,940	283,703	280,582

Assuming that the different states will vote as indicated in the News' nationwide Presidential poll, the electoral votes will be won as follows:

COOLIDGE: New York, 45; Illinois, 29; Massachusetts, 18; New Hampshire, 4; Kansas, 10; Iowa, 13; Pennsylvania, 38; Indiana, 15; Michigan, 15; Oklahoma, 10; Connecticut, 7; Utah, 4; New Jersey, 14; Oregon, 5; Colorado, 6; Rhode Island, 5; Vermont, 4; New Mexico, 3.

LA FOLLETTE: Wisconsin, 13; Washington, 7; California, 13; Montana, 4; Wyoming, 3; South Dakota, 5; Minnesota, 12; Ohio, 24; Idaho, 4; North Dakota, 5.

DAVIS: Maryland, 8; Texas, 20; Georgia, 14; Missouri, 18; Virginia, 12; West Virginia, 8; Nevada, 3; Nebraska, 8; Arkansas, 9; Tennessee, 12; Louisiana, 10; Florida, 6; Kentucky, 13; North Carolina, 12; Alabama, 12; Mississippi, 10; South Carolina, 9.

Total 184
Necessary for election: 266 Electoral Votes.
Three states unheard from: Maine, 6; Arizona, 3; Delaware, 3.

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