## THE TIMES FLASHED NEWS AT 6:20 P. M.

way and Seventh Avenue for Election Merrymaking. NEW TRAFFIC ORDER ISSUED

Record Crowd Packed Broad-

Bonfires Few and Scattered—Large:

Throngs Out In Harlem

and in the Bronx.

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New Yorkers in every thoroughfare in

brightly last night surged and swayed

up and down, back and forth by the places. thousands, in some Times Square, by the tens of thousands. The apathy of the public toward the election this year had been generally no previous election remarked. but any New Year's Eve, inight, not even brought out more people than were on the streets last night. In the estimate of Police Inspector Myers, who has had many years' experience with Coney Island crowds, there were 100,000 persons at one time in Broadway and Seventh Avenue, between Fortieth and Fiftieth The good weather helped bring the The good weather helped bring the hosts out, and long after the election had been decided the crowds stayed in the streets. Indeed, the election lost importance an hour or two after the searchlight on the Times Building tower sent its beam of light north at 6:20 P. M., indicating the victory of Mr. Whit-

man. this early announcement was When flashed the streets had not filled, it being evident that the people did not expect the decisive returns so soon. As

expect the decisive returns so soon. As far as could be judged, the crowd was about evenly divided between the two principal candidates. At no time during the evening was there any general demonstration in favor of either.

And, save for those who held their places against the general pushing in front of The Times's bulletins in Broadway, both candidates seemed forgotten. The night became as New Year's Even after 9 o'clock. It was then that Broadway began to fill, and horns, cow bells, confetti, ticklers, and all the other noise and amusement makers appeared. noise and amusement makers appeared.

From then until after midnight the thoroughfare was a scene of revelry.
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merrymaking were at their height. Shortly afterward many had disappeared into restaurants and cafes, but they were hardly missed from the great throng that remained out.

But, though a minority, thousands were really interested in following the count of the votes, and these were packed in Broadway and Forty-second Street watching each announcement flashed on the screen on the Times Building. There was little cheering among them and little argument. They seemed only curiously interested. Now and then there were exclamations of surprise at Mr. Whitman's majorities, and "I told you so" was frequently heard, but there was little more than this to indicate that it was election night and not New Year's Eve.

Noticeable in the throng that moved in all directions about the Times Building was the group in front of the war bulletin board that did not move. The faithful followers of the war news remained faithful. Many of them were not voters. They were the friends and relatives of soldiers fighting where the names of Gov. Glynn and Mr. Whitman have never been heard. All night, after the merrymakers had tired and gone home, the group in front of the war bulletins remained, as usual, at its post. Election night seemed to have come and gone without their real-

have come and gone without their real-izing it The police arrangements were excellent. Inspector Myers was in charge of 125 men. whom he stretched out in Broadway and Seventh Avenue between Fortieth and Fiftieth Streets at short intervals of space. The movement of the crowds was facilitated by the Inspector's order requiring all persons on the east side of Broadway to move north and all on the west side south. Last night was the first time this had Last night was the first time this had been done, but the plan worked with distinct success, and much congestion and disorder were prevented. Also vehicular traffic was suspended in Fortyhicular traffic was suspended in Forty-second Street between Sixth and Sev-enth Avenues and in Broadway between Forty-second and Forty-third Streets,

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made greatly for safety and moving the crowds. And though the police were busy directing the movement of the people, they had little difficulty in maintaining order. No flagrant violation of the occurred, and there were scarcely arrests. Up to 10 o'clock there any arrests. Up to 10 o'clock there was none in Times Square. The good was none in Times Square. The good behavior of the people was commented upon by Inspector Myers several times during the night. "They are just out to have a good time and make a lot of noise." he said to a Times reporter, "and we don't care how much noise and fun they have."

Bonfires, in times past seemingly inevitable on election night, were noticeably few and scattered last night. Commissioner Woods took special precautions against them, for last year, ac-

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missioner woods took special precautions against them, for last year, according to his estimate. \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed through election bonfires. Two hundred mounted patrolmen were withdrawn from their regular service to patrol the streets in automobiles, all of the Police Department cars and as many as could be borrowed from other municipal departborrowed from other municipal departments being used. In addition lines of hose were laid at various corners, and as soon as a bonfire was started within reach a stream of water was turned reach a stream of water was upon it. One of the most enthusiastic crowds that ever gathered in Harlem on an election night drifted up and down 125th Street all the way from Third to St. Nicholas Avenue. Though not so large as the throngs of a Presidential year, the crowds were swelled by many visitors from Morningside and Washing-

ton Heights, and from the Jersey towns connecting with the Fort Lee Ferry. The dwellers of the Bronx also turned out in great numbers. At 149th Street and Third Avenue thousands passed in a steady stream for hours.

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More than fifty youths were arraigned in the Men's Night Court last night for starting bonfires, and about as many boys under sixteen years of age were taken to the Children's Society. In the court Magistrate Levy dismissed most of the offenders with a reprimand, and fined others \$1 cach. A dozen or so young men were arraigned in the court for using ticklers and each was fined One young woman who, in the opinion of the police, became too lively with her tickler was fined \$1. These minor offenses occupied almost the entire time of the court. There were no serious charges incident to election night.