

### Socialist Party Hopes For Great Things This Year

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The Socialist party hopes for great things this year. Its presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, will make a nation-wide campaign. Headquarters in Chicago is turning out copious publicity.

Discontented Republicans and Democrats will be welcomed, whoever they believe in Socialism or not. Some are reckoning the 1932 Socialist vote in millions. The party polled 94,708 in 1920 and climbed to 919,797 by 1928, the last year Eugene V. Dennis was the nominee. Then the total dropped, and in 1928 was 267,420.

Before election day, the voters may be asked to brush up on international politics in the Far East. The league of nations commission investigating the Manchurian muddle will report this autumn, and its findings promise to put the Hoover policy toward Japan back into the headlines.

### Chic Negligee



An indoor gown of white, trimmed with poses of red and white roses and a green sash, is worn over a straight pleated slip. The costume is by Chantal.

**Silent Coolidge**  
A long-time friend of Calvin Coolidge, who has just visited him, thinks the former president will be little heard from during the campaign. No one questions his support of the Republican ticket, but he has ideas of his own about the golden qualities of silence, particularly for ex-occupants of the White House. Probably the record of Coolidge campaign speeches will approximate that of the other campaign years since Mr. Coolidge retired from party leadership, to wit: In 1928, none; in 1930, one.

The recently-formed non-partisan committee which is parading such names as Coolidge, Baker and Pershing in the interest of governmental economy is attempting one of the world's most difficult jobs. Governmental reorganization has been advocated for years by President Hoover. It probably will be made a prominent issue by Governor Roosevelt. It is one of those things everybody is for, but nobody ever seems able to do much about.

**Strange Ways Of Politics**  
The strange ways of New York Democratic politics appear to have thrown Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith once more into a sort of alliance against the old guard of the party. They both are counted supporters of Herbert H. Lehman for governor, while the candidacy of John Boyd Thacher is mustering support from various county leaders of the old school who saw their power wane when Smith introduced at Albany the non-organization regime perpetuated by Roosevelt. The result will be worth watching.

**Vic Donahay's Promised Return**  
to the political wars in Ohio whets the curiosity of those who would like to know whether champions really ever come back. At the peak of his popularity, Donahay probably had as large an independent following as any man in the history of Ohio politics. A militant dry, three times elected governor on the Democratic ticket, he kept very, very still in 1928. Now he emerges from retirement to support the Democratic state and national tickets. He is credited with 1934 senatorial ambitions.

**Eyes On Oklahoma**  
Add Oklahoma to the list of battle sectors where the political cannonading will be heaviest this year. Just as New York and Ohio promise to be special storm-centers of east and middle west, Oklahoma probably will see the hardest campaigning of the

border strip. The state has been Democratic oftener than Republican in presidential elections but this time the Democrats are divided over "Alfalfa Bill" and his policies and there has been much editorial protest at the Democratic repeal plank.

### POLICY ON SUNDAY RAIN INSURES PASTOR'S PAY

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A country minister in Victoria backs his faith in his congregation with rain insurance.

If rain falls between 8 a. m. and noon on Sundays he collects \$25. He pays \$125 a week for the protection. The church service starts at 11 o'clock. Then if a storm breaks before 12 the pastor makes two collections — one from the insurance company and one from the congregation.

### PLAYING MANAGERS QUITTING

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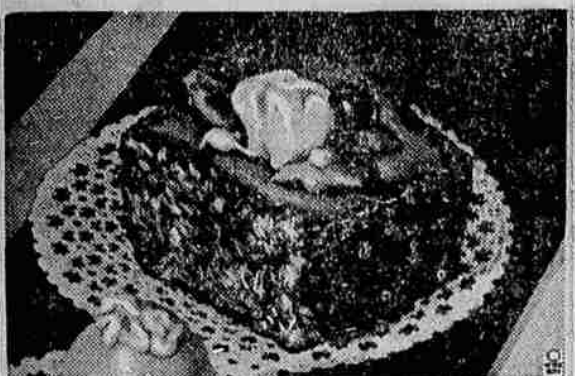
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