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"With or without offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

—Byron

"As Maine Goes"

Apparently the democrats have made almost a clean sweep in the Maine elections, having elected a governor, two out of three congressmen, and made severe inroads on the republicans in state and county offices likewise. The democratic candidates stood for prohibition repeal, while the republicans were either non-committal or supported prohibition.

It is 22 years since the democrats had a majority in a Maine election, and 18 years since they had a plurality, the latter resulting from the Bull Moose revolt. In 1928, Hoover had a majority of 98,744, over Smith, and in 1924, Coolidge had a lead of 96,476 over Davis, which emphasizes the extent of the turnover.

We have often heard that "as Maine goes, so goes the nation" which statistics do not always confirm, but there is no reason to doubt, but that taken in conjunction with all recent elections elsewhere that the Maine results measure the popular revolt against the party in power which taking credit for prosperity and promising its continuance, delivered the depression in the midst of abundance.

Wall street's response to the election was a sharp drop in stock prices which had been recently artificially inflated by manipulation to convey the impression of returning prosperity. This inflation was based, not on increased earnings, but on the desire to re-elect Hoover and probably the present slump is also designed to convey the impression that democratic success will halt the program of recovery.

With Maine going democratic, the prospects are bright for an overwhelming democratic victory in November, for the electorate evidently is determined on a change and a new deal. It is high time, twelve years is too long for any party to be in power, especially one that heralded its return to office with the Harding scandals and concluded it with the Hoover hard times.

Same Tactics—In Reverse

Newspapers, and it is to be presumed the public generally, are in receipt of a scare-head pamphlet, in a plain envelope, captioned: "Governor Roosevelt joined Ku Klux Klan to secure Georgia vote", containing statements calculated to show that the democratic candidate secured his endorsement in that state through connivance with that almost forgotten secret order of religious intolerance.

The pamphlet is as anonymous as those sent out two years ago against Senator Norris in Nebraska accusing him of Catholicism and wet proclivities which were traced to Robert H. Lucas of Kentucky, executive director of the national republican committee, who also inspired the candidacy of a grocer bearing the name of Norris to confuse the electorate. In all likelihood, it probably emanates from the same source—it is the same political strategy in reverse. Lucas, despite the exposure of his infamy—kept on the job.

Four years ago every effort was made to appeal to religious prejudice against Al Smith because of his Catholicism, secretly financed by the Hoover campaign committee. This year the religious appeal is being made against Roosevelt because he is not a Catholic. The appeal was made to the Klan and similar organizations then, now it is made to the anti-Kluxers—and that without a shadow of substantiation or justification, all to promote the fortunes of the republican candidate, playing as it were, both ends against the middle.

Such tactics are contemptible and dispicable and show the debasement of politics under the existing regime.

A Curb Needed

The "flying Hutchinson family" have been rescued on a Greenland beach after being forced down by a leaking gasoline tank in the water of Intersak Ford, where their plane was wrecked on a reef. Thus another plane tragedy has been averted and eight persons saved from watery graves. The family and crew waded ashore and found shelter in an Eskimo village, and were taken aboard a British trawler.

These repeated experiences ought to convince even the foolhardy that airplanes, in their present state of development, are not safe for extended voyages across watery wastes and Arctic wilds. No matter how easy the "stages" the risk remains. It is bad enough for adventurers to stake their own lives, but to gamble with those of children is inexcusable.

There is little to be gained by these ocean flights. That they can be made successfully occasionally has already been demonstrated. The fleeting notoriety resulting is no compensation for the chances taken and the costly rescue work forced on humane governments. Nations should unite in refusing licenses, regulating and otherwise banning such fantastic flights.

Herman Bothorn, 67, Passes At Albany

Albany—Herman Bothorn, 67, a native of Holstein, Germany, died at his home in Albany early Monday, following a lingering illness. He had been a resident of Albany and vicinity since 1905. Mr. Bothorn is survived by his widow and a daughter, Frances of Albany.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon from the Fortmiller funeral home.

WENGER HURT

Waldo Hills—Allie Wenger was painfully injured while at work in the T. A. Reeling hop yard where he was cutting vine. The knife slipped, cutting the second finger of his left hand. Five stitches were necessary to close the wound.

FROM SALEM

Dayton—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson and the latter's mother, Mrs. Mollie Hurst of Salem, were Sunday dinner guests of Thompson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Johnson.

FRENCH HAVE WAR GAME BY MACHINE AID

Paris (AP)—An army on wheels, the most modern fighting machinery in the world chugging along on gasoline motors, will stage the great autumn maneuvers of the French army during September near Mauby.

Mourmelon in the first real test of the mechanical fighting force which the French staff has perfected.

Foot soldiers will be obsolete. Every soldier will ride into battle, some in tanks, others in armored cars, blinded automobile trucks, motorized artillery and a few still on horseback, while airplanes hum overhead and a mechanical minecreeper digs underground strongholds.

The maneuvers will be technically for the purpose of studying the employment of mechanical fighting detachments in turning an enemy wing. Several fighting machines, which have been built in the utmost secrecy, will be shown for the first time before the military attaches of the world powers.

These include a new type of small, fast automobiles intended to keep the advancing columns stocked with food, water, ammunition and supplies. There also will be six-wheel automobiles, others with caterpillar treads and tanks ranging in size from a one-man tank which can run at 100 miles an hour to a monster tank which can carry a platoon of soldiers.

The motorized cavalry will take part as well as the horse cavalry and motorized units of pioneers, telegraphers, engineers, machine-gunners and anti-aircraft gunners. In all 40,000 men will participate. The maneuvers will last from September 29 to 30.

General Gamelin, chief of the general staff and a member of the supreme war council, will direct the war games in the presence of Generals Weygand, Maurin, Herin, Besson and Boucher. The United States will be represented by General Stanley H. Ford and his staff.

The National Whirligig

News Behind the News

By Paul Mallon

Mr. Hoover personally arranged to keep the dregs on the sidelines. He had some of his dry friends in for a soft-soap luncheon before the neutrality decision was made. He was afraid they might follow Dr. Clarence True Wilson in opposing him.

That was why Col. Raymond Robins was on his way to the White House when he disappeared. Also why Bishop McDowell and Hughes were luncheon guests. Level-headed Bishop McDowell has been Mr. Hoover's go-between with the moderate dregs for some time.

The administration has almost given up hope of 65 cent wheat by mid-October despite Everett, Spedden and power among the handlers. There is still a good chance of 14 cent cotton regardless of the latest government report. However, there are no republican votes in cotton prices. There are plenty in wheat.

The wheat situation is being influenced by news from abroad. The R. F. C. will probably try to combat that by using its funds for export loans. It seems too big a task. The crop report may change the situation but no one can see it now.

They figure the cotton report last week was overly pessimistic.

Cautious observers are recommending bullet-proof vests for the home loan mortgage board. They are afraid of what will happen when the mortgagees find out about this thing.

The fact is every mortgage holder must work through his local institutions. You can apply for a loan to any who are members of the national setup. They are mortgage banks, building and loan associations and insurance companies. Your case is largely in their hands. If they turn you down you have the right of appeal to the national board in Washington.

This national board is going to be run on banking lines. It is only fair to say that the board will see with the local institutions in 99 cases out of 100.

Gov. Franklin Roosevelt takes the \$2,000,000 estimate of his fortune as a compliment.

Straight from one who has close insight at Albany and Hyde Park comes private word that our estimate was "exactly correct on a 10 per cent basis." That would indicate a competency but not wealth which is no compliment to our pre-