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HOW ABOUT THE WET-DRY MEASURE?

IF Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor-elect of New York, should be the presidential candidate of the Democratic party in 1932, will he run on a wet platform?

Here is a nice cross-word puzzle for those inveterate political dopsters who like to tackle political problems, between campaigns as well as during them.

The answer at the present moment is: No. The fact that the Democratic party will not have a wet candidate four years hence is as certain as anything in politics can be.

Professional politicians, above all other people, are slaves to precedent. The leaders of the Democratic party tried the experiment of a wet candidate this year; they are not going to repeat the experiment for many years to come.

Even if the public feeling against prohibition should increase during the Hoover administration, this would still be true. For the Democratic party is essentially the dry party. Its political foundation, resting in the Solid South, its devotion to prohibition, is founded upon principle and conviction.

The Democratic party, as at present constituted, must disappear before Franklin D. Roosevelt or any other anti-Republican candidate could run for the presidency on a wet platform.

In fact, there is good reason to believe that prohibition will be no more of an issue in the presidential election of 1932 than it was in the election of 1924,—which means it will be no issue at all. Both major political parties will be—nominally at least—dry.

HOW HOOVER AIDE ENDED BALKAN WAR

A YOUNG American lieutenant, acting with no authority whatever, brought to an end the civil war in Montenegro which followed the World War and accepted the surrender of the two opposing armies "in the name of the United States Food Administration!"

This funniest chapter of post-war history, heretofore unpublished, has just been revealed by no less an authority than Herbert Hoover.

The story, recounted by Bruce Barton, the writer, in the current issue of Cosmopolitan, was brought to light, Barton relates, when he commented casually on an ivory-handled dagger lying on a table in Hoover's Washington home.

Mr. Hoover, telling how he came into possession of the dagger, related the story of the unique Montenegrin surrender which Barton retells in the Cosmopolitan as follows:

Montenegro, which had fought the Allies in the World War, quickly split into two armed camps after the peace of Versailles to settle an ancient dispute which existed between the clans of the little mountain kingdom. Within a few days the men who had fought side by side were engaged in a bitter civil strife.

The only neutral was a young American lieutenant who represented the United States Food Administration. He wired to Hoover in Brussels that the country was starving, and Hoover dispatched a shipload of food. The difficulty was to arrange with the warring Montenegrins to unload it. The lieutenant called a conference of the opposing generals, and after a long discussion it was agreed that Army A should unload during the day; then there would follow a one-hour truce during which Army B would come on as the night shift.

The young officer took occasion at the conference to point out the folly of the war.

"You ought to be plowing and getting in your crops," he told them. "This food will soon be exhausted and if you don't raise enough to carry you through next winter, then God help you; the United States won't."

They agreed with him but said there was no hope.

"Because a war can only end when one side has been defeated. A compromise would be contrary to all precedent in Montenegrin history."

But after another parley, when the ship was unloaded, the chief of Army A advanced a brilliant suggestion. "We could both surrender to the United States. That would end the war and save our honor," he offered. The other general agreed, and the lieutenant agreed to accept the surrenders with both armies drawn up in the main street at 4 o'clock the next afternoon.

It seemed a happy solution. But the ambitious subaltern was awakened in the night by a horrible thought. "I am only a lieutenant," he considered. "What right have I to accept the surrender of two armies in the name of the United States? Suppose Pershing should hear about it; how do I know I shouldn't be shot?"

But before the time for surrender a happy thought had come to him. He would accept the surrenders and end the war—but not in the name of the United States!

At 4 o'clock the rival forces were drawn up, scowling at each other. The commanders advanced, each bearing an ivory-handled dagger and sword. Between the two ranks rode the lieutenant to accept the arms, then, in a voice that echoed in the nearby mountains, he cried:

"I accept the surrender of these armies in the name of the United States Food Administration!"

The first that Hoover learned of how the peace was accomplished was when the lieutenant showed up in Brussels with the ivory-handled daggers and the story. The then food administrator gave the young officer one set of the arms, keeping the other among his most prized mementos.

MRS. WILLEBRANDT DIDN'T INVESTIGATE NEW YORK RAIDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A statement headed "Poor Mrs. Willebrandt" has been issued by Prohibition Administrator McGuire Campbell in denying the ever ordered or directed raids on New York night clubs.

were ever ordered or directed by Mrs. Willebrandt nor anyone other than myself."

He said the drive against night clubs was started by him more than a year ago when he realized their "terrible menace." He asserted they were "the hangouts for crooks and criminals, that patrons were constantly being robbed and assaulted, that vice and immorality were rampant" and that he felt obligated to rid the city of them.

Mrs. Willebrandt, he said, knew nothing of this and was not consulted in the matter. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Widespread adoption of the cooperative principle by the agricultural industry is advocated by President Coolidge as the most effective means of solving the farmers' marketing problems.

DIAMOND LOST IN MAIL PLANE CRASH REMAINS MISSING

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 17.—(AP)—A diamond valued at \$18,640, the largest and most valuable gem lost in the wrecking of an airmail plane near Polk, Pa., last month, still is missing, according to Postal Inspector Wm. H. Tafel.

The diamond was a part of the ship's \$10,000 registered mail cargo. More than 700 other pieces have been recovered, either from the ground or from souvenir hunters who visited the scene of the wreck and picked up diamonds before a guard could be stationed about the plane.

Inspector Tafel has had charge of the recovery of the gems. The Franklin postoffice basement, according to his description, resembles a placer mining camp. Dirt has been carried on horseback from the mountain side where the mail ship fell and then transported to Franklin. The dirt has been placed in boiling water and then strained and examined carefully. Tafel said that 62 stones were recovered by this method.

A jewel which the inspector said was the Alexandrite, named after Czar Alexander II of Russia, and valued at \$7000, was among those recovered. Tafel said it was not a diamond. It was discovered in 1833 in the Ural mountains, he stated.

The mail plane crashed on October 18 while flying from New York to Cleveland. The pilot, Wm. C. Hopson, was killed.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Olin Armpacker of Medford, manager of the Talent Irrigation district, was re-elected president and Dr. W. L. Powers of Oregon State college was re-elected secretary of the Oregon Reclamation congress at its closing session yesterday.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The death toll of a southwesterly gale that swept over Wales, England, France and Belgium yesterday stood at 19 today with several scores of persons injured.

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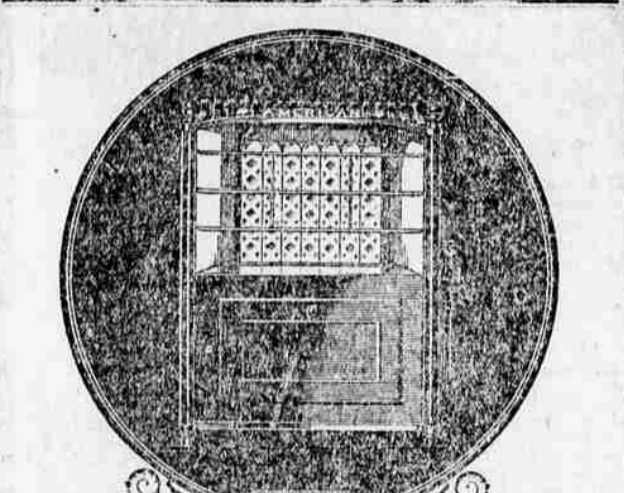
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KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Cooler weather today, followed 24 hours of nearly continuous rainfall by traffic accidents in Oregon during October, according to the monthly report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector. The number of injuries was 476 and the number of accidents 2780.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17.—Twenty-seven persons were killed by traffic accidents in Oregon during October, according to the monthly report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector. The number of injuries was 476 and the number of accidents 2780.

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