

Sun's Associate Editor Disagrees--He's for F. R.

(Editor's Note: A few weeks ago the Baltimore Sun, directed by Frank Kent, decided to oppose Roosevelt. Gerald W. Johnson, associate editor of the paper, disagreed with the decision, and in the following convincing article gives his reasons):

I am for Roosevelt. The Sun has declared that it cannot support him, and has stated its reasons. They seem to me wholly inadequate, because they omit all reference to the greatest service that Roosevelt has rendered to the country, to-wit, the introduction of intelligence into the conduct of the country's affairs.

I am not against Landon. I am for Roosevelt. The governor of Kansas seems to be a very decent citizen. Doubtless he is a good administrator. Certainly he has exhibited a certain appreciation of some things the Roosevelt administration has done and has intimated that he will continue them if he is elected. But he has uttered no word that evidences an understanding of Roosevelt's great achievement, which is the establishment of contact between statecraft and reality.

I am not for Roosevelt the man, I am for Roosevelt the statesman. I am for Roosevelt precisely because I, like the Sun, believe in a free competitive system under capitalism governed democratically. I believe that Roosevelt is the great bulwark of capitalism, conservatism and democracy.

The most dreadful failure of which any form of government can be guilty is simply to lose touch with reality, because out of this failure all imaginable forms of evil grow. Every empire that has crashed has come down primarily because its rulers didn't know what was going on in the world and were incapable of learning.

That was the catastrophic failure of the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover regime. Have we forgotten how Coolidge and his man Mellon repeatedly assured us that all was well at the very moment when they were plunging toward the edge of the abyss? They were probably sincere enough; they simply didn't know what was going on.

Then, when the crash came, they were incapable of learning. We had to sweat through four years of depression under Hoover, although every single thing that Roosevelt has done might just as well have been done years earlier. The banking situation might have been cleaned up in 1930 or 1931 just as well as in 1933. The public works program

might have been started years earlier. The problem of social security might have been tackled long ago. Something intelligent might have been about the tariff while Cordell Hull was still merely a congressman.

I say that these things might have been done, but in truth they couldn't have been done, because Washington at that time had not the brains and the courage necessary to do them. The politicians then in power could not think, or act, or even feel otherwise than in the old traditional, political way.

I am for Roosevelt because he, alone, demonstrated that he knew what it was all about. Any man not an utter fool knows that new conditions demand new methods; but a great many men who are far from being fools are not aware that the conditions are new. With all respect, I am bound to say that the Sun itself is guilty of ignoring this factor. It says:

"Let us restore and preserve the system which produces in abundance the wealth with which we support the fortunate and unfortunate alike."

Nobody can quarrel with that, but that isn't the question at all. The very system which produces wealth has failed calamitously to distribute wealth. The New Deal, far from interfering with the system which produces, apparently has stimulated it, at any rate, production for the month of July was 108 per cent of the average of the same month in 1924-'28. Since it had dropped, under the old regime, to about 55, it is pretty clear that the New Deal has not prevented the resumption of production.

Has it, then, facilitated distribution, except by the violent means of distributing through taxation? I do not know. I doubt that anybody knows, as yet. But I do know that it has brought all its energies to bear on the problem; and I do know that none of the old, purely political minded regimes had made any effective effort to solve this problem. Yet I am convinced that this, and not the problem of production, is the one that we must solve, or suffer disruption of our economic life indefinitely.

I do not believe that this question is susceptible of solution by any of

Organizes 'Vigilantes'



Charles Francis Coe (above), the writer, announced plans for organizing a group of "vigilantes" in 17 eastern states "to assure a fair count of the vote on election day." (Associated Press Photo)

the old formulae because it contains some entirely new factors. Yet I do not believe that the sort of politicians who were in power from 1921 to 1933 are capable of applying anything but the old formulae. It isn't a question of honesty. They are just too set in their ways.

Will Landon, if he is elected, surround himself with men who are as sharply aware of what is going on in the world and as little trammelled by political traditionalism as the men close to Roosevelt? Why expect it? A president, no matter how honest, cannot utterly ignore his debts to the men who supported him, and Landon is supported by every political traditionalist in the country.

Democratic as well as Republican. He is bound to bring back to Washington at least a few of the Feasting, Doak type. He will be lucky if he escapes bringing in one of two of the Fall-Demby type. Why take the risk?

I am for Roosevelt because he is not extravagant. Extravagance is spending money without getting anything worth while for it. Hoover's farm board was a gross extravagance, because it spent money on a hopeless project. The RFC was extravagant, because it spent money attacking the depression without making a dent in it.

During the war the country spent \$30,000,000,000 in a year and a half, and all it got in return was 350,000 corpses and a lot of bad notes. Since 1933—that is to say in twice the same time—the New Deal has spent a third as much and for it we have thousands of miles of roads and streets, countless school houses, bridges, dams, canals, power plants, forests, sewer and water mains. But, above it all, we have avoided getting a lot of corpses. Troops are not fighting milk farmers in the Middle West as they were just before Hoover went out. That fire, instead of spreading, has been quenched, and quenching it was worth all the money if we had received none of the public benefits.

NEW CONTESTANT APPEARS IN RACE FOR STORK PRIZE

Mrs. Annie Smith, 31, Mother Of Ten, Is Dark Horse Entrant—Prospective Mother Seriously Ill.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 22.—(UP)—A "dark horse" entrant was discovered today in the stork race which started October 31, 1926, on the death of wealthy Charles Vance Millar, and ends in 10 more days. Mrs. Annie Smith, 31, mother of 10 children and previously unmentioned as contender for the \$750,000 prize, established in Millar's will, has registered the births of nine children born since Millar's death, the Toronto Star said in a copyrighted story.

World Divide Prize The Star said Mrs. Smith and her firm's husband, Alfred, were opposed to the race until the paper interviewed them. Both agreed the prize should be divided among the first 10 mothers with the largest number of children born during the last 10 years.

Mrs. Smith said her husband, 35, a Canadian war veteran and a member of the Toronto fire department for 17 years, would continue his job should she win. Their only ambition, she said, is to visit England.

Meanwhile, among other contestants in the race a prospective mother was in critical condition, the 18th child of another was seriously ill and a third said she would not divide the \$750,000 prize should she win.

Mrs. Arthur H. Timlock said the illness of her six-month old baby, Blanche, who is suffering from intestinal influenza, has made her "forget all about the Millar business." The child was given a blood transfusion with her father as donor.

Mother Very Ill Mrs. Gus Graziano, mother of nine and expecting another before the deadline October 31, may not live to finish the race, it was learned. Suffering from "debilitation" brought on by the strain of childbirth, she also was receiving blood transfusions.

Mrs. Matthew Kenny, apparent leader in the race, announced flatly that if she won with 12 of her 17 children born within the 10 contest years, she would not divide the money.

Mrs. Timlock, 37, mother of 17 children with 14 living, claims 10

Pear Market Yesterday

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 11 cars arrived, 2 California, 5 Oregon, 7 Washington, unloaded; 24 cars on track. California Co-mice, 744 boxes \$2.45@2.90, average \$2.2; Oregon Boxes, 330 boxes extra fancy \$2.10@2.85, average \$2.36; 387 boxes fancy \$2.00@2.70, average \$2.37; 3624 boxes No. 1, \$2.00@2.80, average \$2.32; Co-mice, 200 boxes \$2.15@2.40, average \$2.29; Washington Flemish, 2207 boxes extra fancy \$1.45@2.15, average \$1.87; 123 boxes fancy \$1.50@1.85, average \$1.62; Anjou, 369 boxes extra fancy \$2.10@2.90, average \$2.44; 300 boxes fancy \$2.05@2.80; average \$2.29; 684 boxes unclassified \$1.85@2.15, average \$1.99. Boxes, 69; boxes fancy \$1.67@2.30, average \$1.95.

NURSE LOSES LIFE IN MYSTERY WALK

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(AP)—A 36-year-old trained nurse, Mrs. Margaret Thaanum, today took a mysterious walk on a three-inch ledge outside her third-story hotel window and plunged to her death.

John C. Boldt, sitting at the window of a nearby apartment building, saw the woman crawl from her open window, walk slowly along the narrow ledge and fall when she attempted to return.

Walter Thaanum, her husband, was unable to give a motive for a possible suicide. He insisted his wife was happy over their reunion upon his return from a trip to Alaska waters with the coast guard.

Thaanum was across the street buying sandwiches when his wife fell. The agents reported they found a

200 SHEEP KILLED BY EATING ORCHARD WOOD

WENATCHEE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(UP)—More than 200 sheep being driven from Wenatchee national forest grazing grounds to Yakima and Quincy, died last night after grazing in an orchard near Orondo.

The sheep were believed to have eaten some poisonous weed. The death of the animals puzzled sheep men who called a chemist to analyze the stomachs of some of the animals. More sheep were dying, according to a late report.

LEMKE CONFIDENT WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 22.—(UP)—William Lemke, union nominee for the presidency, spoke here today, and stated that he would be the next president of the United States. He said the only wasted votes would be those cast for Roosevelt or Landon.

In his optimistic prediction he further added that he had "more friends in the house of representatives than Landon and Roosevelt put together."

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COAST DOPE RING PAIR ARRESTED IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(UP)—Treasury operatives last night captured two alleged leaders of an extensive Pacific coast dope ring and confiscated a large quantity of morphine in a downtown apartment.

The agents reported they found a

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ROME, Oct. 22.—(UP)—The representatives of 17 nations today formally signed an international convention—for the unification of methods of keeping the pedigrees of cattle, horses, pigs and sheep. The ceremony, at the International Institute of Agriculture, was designed to promote inter-nation trade in livestock.

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'QUEER' BOY GIVEN 199 YEARS IN PEN

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—(UP)—A criminal court jury last night fixed at 199 years imprisonment the punishment of Roland Munroe, 15-year old "queer" youth who beat to death Mrs. Agnes Roffels, 65, for approximately \$8 worth of cheap jewelry.

The jury, which was not asked by the state to return a death penalty, brought in its verdict in a little less than three hours.

Munroe, who appeared impassive during the brief trial, showed no emotion when the verdict was read. As court bailiffs polled the jury on its verdict, Munroe grinned at each juror but made no comment. He sat in his chair during the whole proceeding.

Judge John Prustalski announced he would hear arguments on motion for a new trial November 6.

Only three witnesses testified for the 15-year old boy, who confessed that he beat to death Mrs. Agnes Roffels with her own gold headed cane and a small hammer when she called him into her apartment for a chat the night of August 29. All stressed that Roland was "queer."

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