

ELECTION SOUNDS FINAL KNELL FOR G.O.P. OLD GUARD

Four Successive Democratic Victories Wipe Out Once Powerful Bloc — Independents More Successful

By NATHAN ROBERTSON
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—(AP)—Four successive Democratic victories at the polls have virtually wiped out the Republican "Old Guard" which ruled the senate during the Hoover administration under such leaders as Watson, Moses, Reed and Smoot. The once powerful Republican

membership, which in 1930 numbered 56 compared to a Democratic total of 39, has been cut down to less than 20, but most striking has been the elimination of the Republican regulars.
Most of the survivors of the repeated Democratic hurricanes are original members of that little band of western independents who refused to follow the regular Republican leadership, or senators who frequently voted with the independent bloc.
Independents Fare Well.
While the old guard leaders have gone down almost as fast as they faced the voters, most of the independents such as Borah, Johnson, Prazier, Nye and Norbeck have kept their seats. Senators LaFollette and Norris, original members of the western independent group, have remained but have changed their party labels.
The first massacre of Republicans, giving only a hint of what was ahead, came in the 1930 congressional elections when the Democrats gained control of the house and almost balanced the party division in the senate.
Among those who went down to

defeat or dropped out that year were Senators Deneen of Illinois, Goff of West Virginia, Gillett of Massachusetts, Phipps of Colorado, and Robinson of Kentucky.
Hit Hard in 1932.
The big slaughter came with the Roosevelt landslide of 1932, when Democrats replaced Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader; Smoot of Utah, Moses of New Hampshire, Glenn of Illinois, Bingham of Connecticut, Allen of Kansas, and Shortridge of California, among others.
There was another Republican carnage in 1934, when Fess of Ohio, Goldsborough of Maryland, Hatfield of West Virginia, Kean of New Jersey, Reed of Pennsylvania, Robinson of Indiana, and Walcott of Connecticut were beaten or dropped out.
Tuesday's election completed the job. Down went Metcalf of Rhode Island, Hastings of Delaware, Barbour of New Jersey, Carey of Wyoming, and apparently Dickinson of Iowa. Another Senator Keyes of New Hampshire, did not run.
No Old-Timers Left.
None of the old-time regulars is left. The closest approximation is a small band composed of Senators

White of Maine, Davis of Pennsylvania, Austin of Vermont, Hale of Maine, and Townsend of Delaware.
The other Republicans still on the job in the senate are the old independents, and a group of "in-betweeners," who in the past have voted more independently than the old-time regulars. This group includes Senator McNary of Oregon, the leader; Senator Vandenberg of Michigan; Senator Gibson of Vermont, and Senator Capper of Kansas.
Once out, the old-time regulars have little luck getting back into the famous debating society. Few have even tried. But two of them did this year, and both were beaten—Moses of New Hampshire in the primaries, and Glenn of Illinois, in the election Tuesday.
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BUSINESS TRENDS CONTINUE UPWARD ON PACIFIC COAST

All Indices Show Commerce Forging Forward To New High Levels — Farmers Are In Better Position.

By Walter Warren
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—(AP)—Business has been going ahead along the Pacific slope during the recent political show. While election news has absorbed public interest, the economic machine has ground out a number of significant items which

have been pushed into the background.
The position of the western farmers has been strengthened financially. Official estimates place current incomes around 20 percent higher than last year. This provides continued strong buying power in the hands of a large portion of the west's people.
Weather has favored harvest, extended the tomato season and added considerable income there and in other vegetable lines. Rains have expedited soil preparations.
Inventories Reduced
The commerce department reports stocks of canned goods moved to market in better style than last year, with supplies on hand reduced about 14 percent in principal packs of fruits and vegetables.
The important oil industry maintains high activity. Sales hold around record levels and drilling of wells is about 10 percent ahead of last year to date.
Southern Pacific carloadings amounting to 32,785 cars last week, and cars handled totaling 41,852, were up 17 and 18 percent respectively over the 1935 week, indicating heavier freight movement and a sub-

stantially greater volume of consumer-bound goods.
At Los Angeles, Lockheed Aircraft has completed plant expansions and has 900 men at work; at San Diego gas and electric sales are up; at San Francisco Farnsworth Television Inc. has received a permit for a broadcast.
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