

POLITICAL SETUP TODAY PARALLELS SITUATION IN '12

Hitler Replaces Kaiser As World's Disturbing Element — Same Names Dot Scene in United States

By Preston Grover
 WASHINGTON—There is an amazing parallel of names and circumstances between the present political hour and 1912; and some possibility that the names and circumstances will continue parallel, or at least continue related.

In 1912 William Howard Taft was president and candidate for re-election. Now his son, Robert Taft of Ohio, is freshly elected United States senator and suddenly given presidential glamor.

In 1912, Champ Clark of Illinois was speaker of the house and a presidential aspirant who was defeated for his party's nomination by an abrupt last-minute shift of votes to Woodrow Wilson. A generation later his son, Senator Bennett Champ Clark, is freshly re-elected and, like Taft, given presidential glamor.

In those days an important left wing liberal was the elder Senator Bob LaFollette. Now his son, young Bob, has his place in the senate as an important left wing liberal.

Roosevelitian Counterpart
 In the White House is a Roosevelt, who, to a certain degree, has his counterpart in the earlier Theodore Roosevelt. The 1938 Roosevelt has just suffered something of a setback in his effort to build around him a solid liberal party. The earlier Roosevelt in 1912 made an even more exciting effort, going to the extent of splitting the Republican party wide open, pulling the Progressive elements with him. It permitted election of Woodrow Wilson who drew a decided minority of the total popular vote.

There has been talk that the 1938 Roosevelt might not hesitate to split his party in 1940 in an effort to carry into office the part of it he considers Progressive.

Overseas there is another parallel, which may bring on conditions having a tremendous bearing on the type of president this country wishes in power. In 1912, it was Kaiser Wilhelm who was looked upon as the disturbing influence, with his demands for a "place in the sun" to be had at the price of rivalry with Britain for naval supremacy, and rivalry with half of continental Europe for command of the land.

Hitler Furnishes Parallel
 In 1938, Fuhrer Hitler, dictator of a later Germany, is pushing toward the east, like Wilhelm, and is demanding a place in the sun. He demands return of the colonies which Germany obtained years ago by Kaiser Wilhelm's bluff and bluster.

It is a great game, this paralleling business, but should not be carried too far, nor should too much be read into it. Wisely or not, this country is presuming that within the next few years it will have to fight, or at least be ready to fight. No such thought troubled 1912 America. It rested secure in its feeling of complete isolation from foreign fighting—and built nothing for fighting or threatening.

CLERGYMAN HELD AS EXTORTIONIST

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Rev. Peter Schmidt, missionary worker for a Lutheran church here, faced arraignment today in a federal commissioner's court on a charge of extortion.

Inspector Paul Bentley of the postal department said Schmidt had confessed to writing a series of extortion letters to the Misses Dorothy and Gertrude Bruggemeier, savings and loan employees, demanding \$1,000 under threat of exposure of purported misconduct.

He was taken into custody last night as he attempted to obtain part of the money.

Bentley said Schmidt asked that \$1,000 in \$100 bills be left at one spot and \$500 in unspecified denominations at another.

Schmidt obtained the first package as officers watched from concealment, Bentley said, but passing pedestrians worried him and he abandoned his search for the second. He was arrested a few minutes later.

DOG STANDS GUARD WHILE HOME BURNS

EUGENE, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. John Carrier's weekend day is a thorough crisis but a trifle simple. The Carrier home on Smith river caught fire during their absence. Neighbors rushed over to save some of the furniture and household goods but were held at bay by the dog while flames consumed the house.

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Health Association Mourns Mildred Carlton's Passing

The following resolution, honoring the late Miss Mildred Carlton, president of the Jackson County Public Health Association, was passed by the executive board of the association, and copies sent to the members of her family and to the press.

The executive board of the Jackson County Public Health Association, in special meeting this tenth day of December, 1938, wishes to express its feeling of loss in the death of its beloved leader and friend, Miss Mildred Carlton.

During the twelve years that she was president of the association, Miss Carlton gave her unfaltering interest and devotion to its work and its aims, refusing to yield to any obstacle from without or from within herself. Her personal vitality, courage, unceasing energy and vision were mellowed by a friendly humor and understanding of people, which gave her that rare ability to forget self and bring from those, with whom she worked, the best that they had to give.

To write of her only proves the weakness of words to express the things that are in the heart. Therefore, let this board be resolved today to perpetuate those certain things, which each member feels, in an effort to pay a lasting tribute to Mildred Carlton.

JOSEPHINE B. WEILLS, Acting President.
EVA NEALON HAMILTON,
MARGARET E. SCHULER,
RUTH W. SPARROW, Committee.

How to Help China.
 PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fu Young, student at the University of Shanghai and chairman of the World Youth Congress, suggested a way the United States might help end their war in China. "Give the money you're collecting for China to your munition makers in exchange for a promise to stop shipping war materials to Japan," he said.

INITIATE MABLE MACK IN EXTENSION SOCIETY

CORVALLIS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Episcopal Sigma Phi, extension service society at Oregon State college, awarded Frank L. Ballard, vice director of extension, a certificate for outstanding achievement. Among those initiated into the organization were Mrs. Mable Mack, home demonstration agent for Jackson county, and five county agents, Le Roy Wright, Sherman, A. L. Marble, Hood River; Walter Holt, Umatilla; Vic Johnson, Lake, and Robert Knox, Curry.

Co-Ed Finds True Love Through Lie Detector

TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—If this becomes popular, campus romances may boom the lie detector manufacturing business.

A freshman girl went to a psychology professor at the University of Tulsa who had demonstrated the effectiveness of a lie detector.

"I have two boy friends, Bob and Joe," she told him, "and I can't decide between them. Would the lie detector tell me which is my true love and which is the false?"

"Well," said the professor, "it would if we could get both boys here so you could look at them while we made the test."

"I can't do that but I'll bring their pictures," said the freshman and she dashed home after them.

Then she took the experimental test, placed two fingers on the electrodes and the test began.

She looked at Bob's picture. The needle shot to 25. Six was the highest the needle could do when she looked at Joe. Four more tries brought identical results.

"You aren't going to tell Joe about it, are you?" asked the professor.

"Of course," said the girl. "I'm going to tell them both. But I'll tell each one that he won."

WET YEARS AHEAD BUREAU PREDICTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The weather bureau forecast today the next few years would be relatively wet if the climate pattern of the last century continues.

Explaining weather history is a succession of dry and wet cycles interspersed with periods of average rainfall, the bureau said records "suggest very strongly the recent long drought period has about spent itself and immediate future years will have more abundant rainfall."

In its annual report the bureau declared, however, that any long time agricultural program which does not take into account wet and dry cycles is "inherently weak."

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Marie Louise Castaneda, film actress, filed notice here today of intention to wed.

Miss Castaneda is better known as Movita, Arizona-born Mexican girl, whose most prominent part in the movies was in "Mutiny on the Bounty."

The pair announced their engagement in Hollywood only yesterday.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS BLIND COMMISSIONER
 SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—John G. Edwards, Portland, was appointed by Governor Martin today to the state commission for the blind and the prevention of blindness. Edwards will serve until March 23, 1943.

Verne McKinney of Hillsboro was reappointed a state library trustee, his term ending June 1, 1943.

Drs. W. M. DeVeny and Thomas H. Chambers, both of Portland, were reappointed to two-year terms on the state chiropractors' examining board.

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