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Electoral College

DISSATISFACTION with the electoral college has been in evidence in popular discussions since the general election. This newspaper has received inquiries and comments from a number of readers, indicating the interest now directed at this subject.

For an informative discussion of the situation, we have selected an editorial from the Sacramento Bee, and re-print it here in full:

Voting for president was greatly simplified in California this year by the disappearance from the ballot of the names of the twenty-two presidential electors of each party and the substitution of the names of the various candidates for president and vice president of the United States.

It would be a step forward in practical Democracy if before four more years have passed the whole electoral college system were abolished and the election of president and vice president determined—as it should be—by a direct vote of the people.

The present setup is an anachronism—as out of date as the horse and buggy mode of transportation.

Statisticians, who have been giving some study to the results of last Tuesday's election, discovered that a change of some 1 per cent of the vote in ten of the larger states would have resulted in the election of Wendell Willkie over President Roosevelt.

But President Roosevelt still would have led Willkie by approximately 3,000,000 popular votes. What would have been the temper of the country had one candidate succeeded in scraping up a bare majority in the electoral college, while the other so emphatically received the popular endorsement?

In such an outcome the voice of the people then would have been gagged by the peculiar method set up in the constitution for registering the result of a presidential election.

Those who have studied American history know that in two elections since the Civil War the popular choice of the people was denied the presidency.

In 1876, Samuel J. Tilden received a popular plurality of 250,000 votes over Rutherford B. Hayes but he was not inaugurated president. And had he taken a belligerent attitude, the country again might have been plunged into civil war.

Again in 1888, Grover Cleveland lost to Benjamin Harrison in the electoral college after having proved himself the choice of the majority of the people at the polls.

In each of these cases the electoral college system made a man president of the United States whom the voters there of had rejected at the polls.

Why should the country longer put up with a system which makes such things possible?

The whole theory upon which the electoral college system was devised—that the states would name electors who would gather and without partisan consideration select the wisest and best man available—collapsed completely after the first two presidential elections.

Washington was such a man. But beginning in 1796, the electors have been chosen on a purely partisan basis, with absolutely no freedom of action with respect to the man for whom they should vote.

Only one has dared to violate his pledge, and that was an elector in the election of 1816 who voted against Monroe so history might record that General Washington was the only American ever to be chosen unanimously for the presidency.

Direct election of the president and vice president furthermore would assure every citizen of the United States an equal voice in their selection.

Such is not the case now. For instance, a Republican who lives in a state which is definitely Democratic, or vice versa, has no encouragement to vote. He knows beforehand that his vote will not count.

The state's electors are sure to be of the opposite party, as is the case everywhere in the South.

But if the popular vote, without respect to state lines, determined the election then every Republican would feel like voting in Dixie and every Democrat in Maine and Vermont.

Has not the time arrived then to purge the constitution of the whole confusing and cumbersome electoral college system?

The impetus must come from the people themselves. They should demand of congress that the necessary constitutional amendment be submitted to the states to provide for the direct election of the president and vice president.

RENO LICENSES
RENO, Nev., Nov. 13 (P)—Marriage licenses issued here over the weekend included: Fred A. Wilson, 35, Bonanza, Ore., and Myrtle B. Richards, 35, Garberville, Calif.

Klamath Falls, Ore., residents: Nick O. Hansen, 31, and Lena Rousseau, 32; Dave Carrell, 24, and Helen Young, 20; Ivan Vanhook, 24, and Leta Newby, 26.

Lester J. Hooper, 39, and Marguerite Redford, 21, both Klamath Falls, Ore.; Don Digney, 21, and Joan Redmond, 19, both Klamath Falls, Ore.; James L. Sutton, 21, and Valera Bridges, 18, both Klamath Falls, Ore.; William Pennell, 38, and Helen Muscatell, 29, both Klamath Falls, Ore.

George M. Lawson Jr., 22, and Vivian T. Hall, 21, both Klamath Falls, Ore.

Intervention and hemisphere solidarity are incompatible—Laurence Duggan, state department Latin America specialist.

Dance with Sam Crawford and his 14-piece band. Army Wednesday.

A sick spinal column is as evil as any Fifth Column—Harold J. Reilly, president, New York physiotherapists.

Preparedness here is a sort of vaccination—Dr. Hans Simons, New School of Social Research.

Now Playing! "SAFARI" MADELEINE CARROLL DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. \* AND \* "TREACHERY ON THE HIGH SEAS"

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—No matter what else happens, business is going to expand. Everyone should soon be making money, more money than in many a year. Expansion should continue gradually until it reaches a pitch 12 or 18 months hence which will represent the highest productivity attained in the history of man.

The defense program has hardly started. Only \$500,000,000 was spent in the first quarter of the government fiscal year covering July, August and September. That amount will be doubled for the second quarter, October, November, December. In the coming third quarter, I think it will be around \$1,500,000,000 and in the fourth nearly \$2,000,000,000. But this is still only the beginning—about \$5,000,000,000 for this fiscal year.

The next fiscal year, starting in July will be the big one, doubling the outlay again, to \$10,000,000,000. By July, expenditures for defense alone should be running about \$600,000,000 to \$700,000,000 a month and continue increasing until reaching nearly a billion a month.

How much acceleration this means is apparent in the fact that expenditures for this current November will be only \$300,000,000, which is less than a third of the peak planned.

END IN DOUBT
While these expenditures will go mostly into defense they will seep down into every crevice of trade in the country and bring an era of free-flowing money beyond all previous economists' dreams. The only thing that can stop it is a British victory. Any other kind of a peace in Europe would not diminish the necessity of rearming.

What happens when the spending is over is not clear. I have never found a spending theorist who could tell me what the end of the theory is.

Accompanying the movement, I believe there will be a gradual but equally extreme expansion of centralized government controls and a corresponding trend away from ordinary democratic methods. Business is destined to be regulated more and more to prices, profits, production, labor, finance. The nucleus of some control is already apparent in the regulations and powers of the national defense commission. But there are many more plans formulated by individual officials and economists within the government for controlling everything from excess bank reserves to employer-labor conversations.

The working theory of the government, I think, is that modern warfare is largely economic, that the factories are the front lines now, that the government is putting up the money and must go into production itself where private business does not handle the job satisfactorily.

As one nationally known economist (Babson) told his business readers in a post-election letter: "You're in the army now. You may not wear a uniform or work a machine gun. But you're in the army now."

BRITISH CREDITS
Discussions about amending the Johnson act for Britain alone and thus opening up credits to her are starting privately among responsible officials. British now have unfilled orders for more than \$1,250,000,000 in this country. They are planning another large aircraft purchasing program and developing a scheme to build shipyards in our ports. These two items may bring her commitments up to about \$3,000,000,000 (shipyards cost money).

That would take her pretty close to the limit of her resources on this side. She has a little more than \$3,000,000,000 in available dollar balances, securities, etc., which will be enough to carry her many months more.

But there is no disposition among interested officials to wait until the last minute to seek legislation. The matter will, I think, be laid before congress officially in January, while post-election fervor is still hot.

"CARRY" STICKS
Repeal of the "carry" restriction in the neutrality act is, however, a different proposition. It is true the Germans have caused the British much worry over a probable shortage of bottoms, and some pressure has consequently arisen to send our ships to Britain with supplies. But the navy objects strenuously to this. The ships would have to be conveyed. It would mean yanking some of the fleet from the Pacific. It would put us more inextricably into the war.

The British may ask for our "carry" ships, but probably only as a lever to pry credits loose.

SIDE GLANCES



"Hey! Someone walked off with my water jug!"

Sonja Henie Loses \$77,000 Suit

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (UP)—Denis R. Scanlan, St. Paul, Minn., promoter who claimed credit for Sonja Henie's rise to movie stardom, was awarded \$77,113.44 by a jury Tuesday in his breach of contract suit against the Norwegian ice skating artist.

Miss Henie's attorneys said the verdict, returned by a New York supreme court jury of five women and seven men, would be appealed.

6,334 Killed in October Raids

LONDON, Nov. 13 (P)—Air raids on the United Kingdom killed 6,334 civilians in October, the minister of home security announced Tuesday.

In addition, 8695 were injured and detained in hospitals. The ministry gave the following breakdown of casualties: Killed—Men 2791, women 2,900, children under sixteen 643. Injured—Men 4228, women 3750, children 717.

Courthouse Records (TUESDAY) Decrees

Dorothy L. O'Brien versus W. B. O'Brien. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Grounds, cruel and inhuman treatment. John Ebinger, attorney for plaintiff.

Lennie Dapp versus Daniel Dapp. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Grounds, desertion. Plaintiff awarded property settlement, return of maiden name, Lennie Mock. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Complaints Filed James F. Robbins versus Henrietta E. Robbins. Suit for divorce. Charge, desertion. Couple married Knobel, Ark., March 22, 1937. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Donald Kruchek versus Alice Esther Kruchek. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married Reno, Nev., August 31, 1940. F. O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court Robert W. Rhodes. Two charges of involuntary manslaughter. Took time to plead. Bond set at \$5000 cash or \$10,000 property on each charge. Committed to county jail.

John Pfaff. Knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check. Waived preliminary hearing. Bound over to grand jury. Bond set at \$500 cash or \$1000 property. Committed to county jail.

Thomas C. Sprull. Knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check. Waived preliminary hearing. Bound over to grand jury. Bond set at \$500 cash or \$1000 property. Committed to county jail.

Bernie C. Mitchell. Hunting migratory game birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$12.20.

Roy H. Ownes. Hunting migratory game birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$12.20.

Marion Donald Barnes. Hunting migratory game birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$12.20.

John Lester Jones. Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. Operator's license revoked for one year. Committed to county jail.

John Elmer Cox. Parking on highway. Fined \$25.

A new or special type of aircraft, costing \$180,000 for the first ship, breaks down to: jigs, dies and tools, \$35,000; manufacturing overhead, \$26,000; power plants, \$10,000; experimental and development, \$20,000; labor, \$39,000; raw materials, \$14,000; instruments, \$3200; engineering, \$29,000; power plant accessories, \$3500; and gas and oil for experimental flying, \$300.

BIEBER CHAMBER HAS LADIES NIGHT

BIEBER, Calif.—Half a hundred men and women attended the annual "Ladies Night" of the Bieber chamber of commerce, held in the evening of Armistice day.

The festivities took place in Firemen's hall and began with a dinner prepared and served by members of Mt. Lassen Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West. A band of nine Bieber high school students conducted by Miss Ruth Johnson played musical selections during the meal.

Thomas J. Durfee acted as toastmaster for a program in which most of those present were called on for brief remarks. James H. Ryan past commander and adjutant of Waller-Woodmansee post, American Legion, was the main speaker, recalling the sacrifices demanded by the World war of 1917 and urging renewed devotion to the preservation of American freedom.

OBITUARY

LELA VIOLA JOHNSON
Lela Viola Johnson, a resident of this city for the past three years, passed away near Worden, Ore., on Sunday, November 10. The deceased was a native of Dayton, Ore., and was aged 27 years 1 month and 23 days when called. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Wilcox of Centralia, Wash.; three brothers, Kenneth of Roosevelt, Wash., Floyd of Bickleton, Wash., and Velmer of Centralia, Wash.; a grandfather, Samuel Dixon of McMinnville, Ore. The remains were forwarded to The Dalles, Ore., on Wednesday, November 13, for final rites and interment. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

HOWARD IRVING JOHNSON
Howard Irving Johnson, a resident for the past 3 years, passed away near Worden, Ore., on Sunday, November 10. The deceased was a native of The Dalles, Ore., and was aged 27 years 1 month and 3 days when called. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Johnson; four sisters, Ida Goodman, Laverne Brandon, Norma and Patsy Johnson, all of The Dalles, Ore. The remains were forwarded to The Dalles on Wednesday, November 13, for final rites and interment. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

RAYMOND DALE MYERS
Raymond Dale Myers, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Myers of Tulelake, Calif., passed away in that city Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1940. He was a native of Merrill, Ore., and at the time of his death was aged 2 months and 28 days. Surviving beside his parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Welch of Denver, Colo., and Mr. J. S. Myers of Tulelake, Calif. The remains of little Raymond Dale rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

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CONGRESS EYES NEED FOR LIFT IN DEBT LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (P) Congressional support developed today for a proposal by Secretary Morgenthau to increase taxes and expand the government's borrowing authority to facilitate financing of the defense program.

Senator George (D-Ga.), of the senate finance committee, said he believed that an increase in both taxes and the present \$49,000,000,000 debt limitation was "inevitable."

The treasury secretary has said that he might ask congress to relax immediately the restrictions that permit \$4,000,000,000 of the present borrowing power to be used only for defense financing. He said the old \$45,000,000,000 limitation was "practically reached" and the treasury might face an embarrassing position later unless the congress boosted the authority to \$60,000,000,000 or more.

Coupled with discussions of the tax situation were renewed demands that congress remain in session instead of adjourning until January as the democratic leadership planned.

Representative Martin (R-Mass.), the republican leader, said that he believed "in this great crisis it would be most unfortunate" for congress to go home.

Martin, who indicated yesterday that he would retire from the chairmanship of the republican national committee within a few months, said that he believed the house ways and means committee should begin studying the tax problem now rather than waiting until next spring to work on a revenue bill.

Speaker Rayburn, on the other hand, said he believed the next problem of new tax legislation could be deferred until the next year.

George said the next congress would have to consider the question of widening the tax base and eliminating tax exemption on securities, asserting that to depend entirely on borrowing would lead only to inflation.

"The raising of the debt limit is inevitable," George told reporters. "Also, additional revenue must be raised in order to safeguard against inflation, with some changes made in the tax laws to bring about a sound national economy."

He predicted that the national debt would climb to about \$75,000,000,000 before the rearmament program is completed.

ALASKAN MARVELS AT 'NEW-FANGLED' WASHING MACHINES

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13 (P) George W. Elder bought a hat and marvelled at washing machines today.

The 68-year-old McCarthy, Alaska resident, making his first trip out in 62 years, said it was the first hat he had owned since going north.

But he was more impressed by the new washing machines than anything else.

"They're awfully new-fangled," Elder said, adding that in his home the wash tub "on Saturday night automatically becomes a bath tub."

He is en route to visit a brother and sister at Cairo, Ill.

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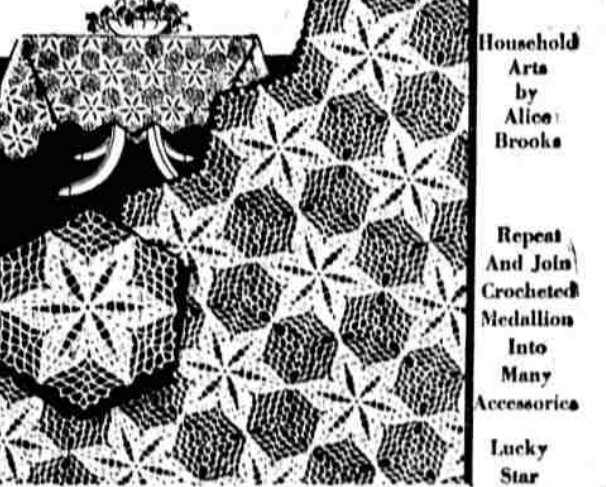
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You'll believe that it is a Lucky Star when you commence crocheting this medallion. Memorized in no time, it makes lovely gifts in string or finer cotton. Pattern 6820 contains instructions for making the medallion; an illustration of it and of stitches; photograph of the medallion; materials needed.

SUGAR HEIRESS ARRESTED TWICE

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 13 (UP) Dorothy Spreckles Dupuy, member of the wealthy California Spreckles family, was arrested twice for speeding by the same patrolman in the same section of the city Tuesday and narrowly escaped two days in jail.

She avoided jail by paying the second \$10 fine levied against her during the day by the San Jose police court. Her companion, identified as Bertha Oswald, 51, also barely escaped jail in a contempt of court charge.

When Mrs. Dupuy was arrested by Patrolman Arthur Philpott the first time for going 45 m.p.h. in a 25 mile-an-hour zone, she was fined \$10. She paid. On leaving town, she was arrested near the same spot on the Alameda highway, again by officer Philpott. This time, Philpott asserted, she was going 43 m.p.h. Fined \$10 again, Mrs. Dupuy said she would not pay.

"Two days in jail," said the justice of the peace.

Miss Oswald said: "This is a screwy deal and a bum decision."

"You'll go to jail too, for contempt of court," said the justice.

Officer Philpott testified Mrs. Dupuy told him, when arrested, that she could stop her car "within one foot" when she was going 45 m.p.h.

Mrs. Dupuy paid the second \$10 fine and the justice of the peace rescinded his jail order and freed both her and Miss Oswald with a warning against "contemptuous remarks against the court inside the court."

ADMIRALTY LISTS SHIPPING LOSSES FOR SEA POWERS
LONDON, Nov. 13 (P)—First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander, in a written answer to a question in the house of commons today, stated that the number of merchant ships, including fishing vessels, lost by "enemy action" during the first

12 months of the war was as follows: British, 406 ships of 1,611,842 tons. Allied, 103 of 474,816 tons. Neutral, 253 of 769,212 tons. Total, 762 of 2,855,870 tons. Crew members and passengers lost totaled 3327. The total saved was 15,635, total taken prisoner 1100.

He said "enemy" losses in the same period totaled 261 ships of about 1,269,000 tons.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (UP)—The Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL) Tuesday released nine carloads of lumber for national defense work from a Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. mill as lumber operators and union representatives left for a conference in Washington, D. C.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and the national defense commission called the conference in an effort to end strikes of AFL employees at 11 mills in Tacoma, Everett and Snoqualmie, Wash.

Strikers demanded a 74 cent hourly wage increase. The Weyerhaeuser mills signed a bargaining contract with the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) but AFL pickets permitted nine carloads of lumber to pass at the Snoqualmie Falls mill.

The IWA also announced signing of contracts with mills and logging camps at Shelton, Aberdeen, Everett and Ryderwood affecting more than 2000 men. Secretary-Treasurer Bertel J. McCarty said the contracts provided for wage increases of between four and five per cent, and for an eight-hour day and 40-hour week.

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