

GERRYMANDER AGAIN STROLLS ACROSS NATION

Thirty-Two States to Face Redistricting Problem This Winter.

By Science-Herald Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The gerrymander will prow through the land this winter as he has not done for twenty years.

This strange creature, first given a name in 1812, has been a part of American life ever since, whenever a reapportionment of representatives or other legislative officers was to take place.

This winter thirty-two states, including Indiana, must rearrange their congressional districts as result of the new census and the reapportionment of congressmen, and most of them in turn have already, though the re-districting can not take place for about three months.

Twenty-one states must combine some of their present districts with others, to eliminate twenty-seven congressmen; eleven states must create new districts for twenty-seven congressmen to represent.

In all, however, the problem worrying each politician is how to group districts strategically so wets or dries, Democrats or Republicans, may profit by the change.

Minnesota Has Puzzle

For instance, Minnesota must be so divided that there will be one district less and one less congressman hereafter. Representative Kvale, the state's one Farmer-Labor member, comes from a district that is almost in the center of the state. It would be logical to redistrict by adding a little of this Kvale district to each of the others.

But each of the other members of the Minnesota delegation is determined that he shall be elected. Kvale was re-elected last fall by the biggest popular vote given any Minnesota congressman. Each of his colleagues fears that Kvale will move into his district, when the reapportionment is made, and proceed to defeat him for office.

Missouri now has sixteen congressional districts and she must compress these into thirteen. Part of the state is very wet, part very dry. One side of it is Democratic, the other Republican. Democrats now are in control of the state legislature, and if they can they will divide the state into districts in the proper manner they may be able to split up and separate groups of Republicans that they will be in a minority in nearly every district, though there now are ten Republicans and six Democrats in the house of representatives.

Bad for Democrats

On the other hand, Missouri's Governor is Republican and if he should veto the Democratic legislature's reapportionment bill, Missouri's congressmen would all be elected at large, in which case they would probably all be Republicans. Theoretically, the only element entering into reapportionment is the requirement that each district contain approximately 280,000 residents, but there's not a state in which the problem will be as simple as that.

The last time Maine was reapportioned, a strange, pipe-shaped district was created, running from north to south, then east to the coast, then north again, so it might include every Democratic community in the state.

This year, the pipe probably will be broken, and the Democratic districts distributed around among the three others, for Maine loses a congressman. But even while the Democrats were massed together, the district never elected a Democratic representative to the house.

Dates Back to 1812

The Democrats will not fare well in Wisconsin, either. In that state the Progressives will be given opportunity to trench themselves more securely by the change in districts, and the loss of one congressman. The delegation in congress already has caucused to discuss the problem, and its one Democratic member seems destined to lose.

All of which maneuvering goes by the name of gerrymandering and has since 1812 when Massachusetts with Elbridge Gerry as Governor, passed a bill dividing itself into fantastic-shaped senatorial districts so Democrats might triumph in the state elections over Federalists.

FIND BURIED BABIES

Explorers Bare Evidence of Sacrifices in Ruins.

By Science Service

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Numerous jars containing remains of babies, found at the ancient Babylonian city of Kish, suggests that children were sacrificed to the gods in that city. Small dogs buried with some of the children indicate that these pets also were sacrificed so that they might protect the babies in the future world. These discoveries from the ruins of the city are described by Henry Field, anthropologist of the Field Museum of Natural History, in a statement from the museum.

Field, who was with the Field Museum-Oxford university joint expedition at Kish for some time, states that during excavations in the Babylonian levels, approximately 2,500 years old, numerous burial jars containing children, were unearthed. The majority of the babies were girls.

PRISONERS CELEBRATE

Day of Freedom Given Law Violators on Coast.

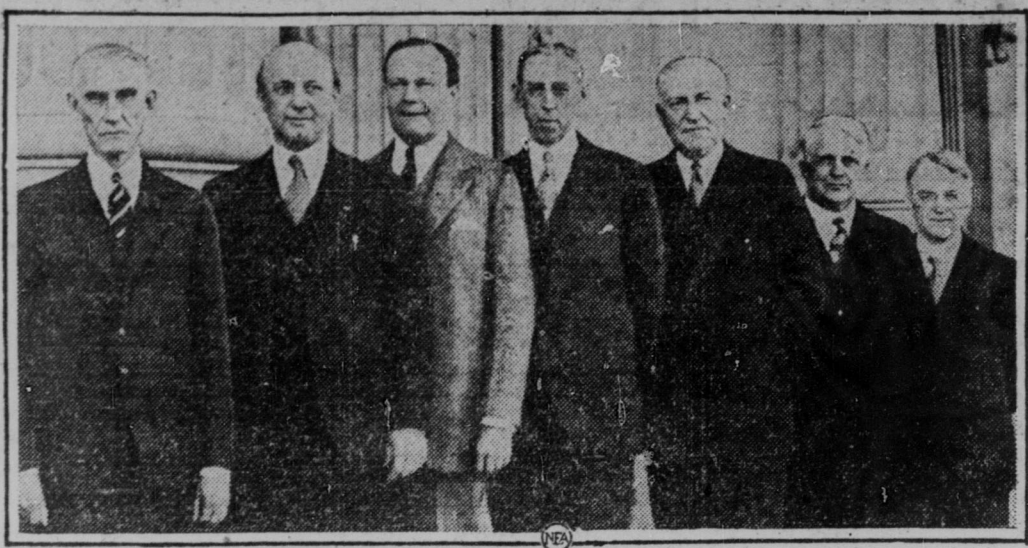
By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—One hundred liquor law violators, prisoners in the city jail, had a day of freedom to spend with their families today. They were released Wednesday night on instructions from Police Chief Roy Steckel upon their promise to return to their cells tonight.

Al G. Barnes Married

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 25.—Al G. Stonehouse, known professionally as Al G. Barnes, formerly owner of a circus by that name, was married here Wednesday night to Mrs. Harriet Goldsborough, Denver society woman.

Senate's Seven New Members Pose



Here are the seven new members of "the most exclusive club in the world," as the United States senate sometimes is called. Left to right are Senators Ben Williamson, Kentucky; George D. McGill, Kansas; Robert J. Bulkley, Ohio; William E. Brock, Tennessee; Robert D. Carey, Wyoming; James J. Davis, Pennsylvania; and Dwight W. Morrow, New Jersey. Only Brock ever has been in the senate before, he having served part of a previous term.

Times Readers Voice Their Views

Editor Times—In your issue of Nov. 26, in the editorial, "The Stalin Interview," among other things the writer said: "Recognition of the dictatorship of Russia by the United States would carry with it no more of the stamp of approval than does the maintenance of diplomatic relations with the equally repugnant Mussolini dictatorship."

Does the writer mean to say that Mr. Stalin is dictator of Russia? Did he (Mr. Stalin) not make it plain that it was an impossibility for any man to become the dictator of Russia?

Does not the testimony given by these men on trial for treason prove his statement? Mr. Kalinkov says, "A man reared like myself never could understand why lowly workers should rule. I was unfit to submit to the proletariat."

Is not this a government of, for and by the people? Who has a better right to dictate and rule than all the people?

You speak of the be-damned attitude of Russia toward the United States, while in fact it is the other way. The world at large has a be-damned attitude toward the Soviets. Talk about dictatorship, poor suffering Cuba now is held by a rank dictator with a huge army trying to hold down the pressure of a starving people forced to endure a complete embargo against the marketing of their only crop (sugar). This to allow the sugar trust to exploit American millions. According to Mr. Lyons' report in a recent issue of The Times Russia is prosecuting. She is coming to the front faster than any nation ever born. Poverty, crime, insanity, and suicide are practically gone, or greatly on the decrease.

A great many people of late are giving up the erroneous idea that the Russian people are being led by a few mediocrities, or common convicts, as our own dear blind leaders would have us believe.

Thank heaven, the time has come for the redemption of humanity. While we suffer the fear of want in this land of the fearful and home of the slave, where multiplied millions are living in poverty and want, and the hungry starving hordes are bowed, bruised and broken under the heel of the most tyrannical dictatorship that ever existed. We see the dawn of the new day, and it inspires us with new hope, and it is this that enables us to bring joy out of bitterness and blessing out of despair.

We remember how poor suffering humanity has tried so many times in ages past to throw off the galling yoke of slavery, only to be persecuted, persecuted, condemned and slain.

The time of reckoning is at hand. We sincerely hope it will be brought about by peaceful means, but however it comes, we will welcome the blessed year of jubilee, and kingdom of peace.

All the prophets from Daniel down to the present time tell of the day. Why shouldn't we rejoice and be glad, even in the midst of gloom?

JOHN H. FRICKE.

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Editor Times—A few days ago a letter appeared in your paper in which the writer stated that the children of working mothers would be better off if they did have to wear a few patched dresses. I am one of these and let me tell you that it would mean more than a few patched dresses if I stayed at home "in my place."

Through an accident my husband was crippled some years ago and at first I did try to earn a little at home, but it was only a drop in the bucket. Now I hold a fairly good position and make as much as my husband, with hours that enable me to be home when he is not. My children are well fed, comfortably clothed, and are being educated. If I stayed home, I couldn't possibly make ends meet, let alone buy clothes.

Does this man think we working mothers are doing so for a thrill? Don't we have to give up the social side of life because there are so many, many things to do when we are home, to say nothing of the companionship of our families and we never have a minute we can call our own?

Another thing, our children are small such a few short years, don't we realize that they are cheated out of being with them when they are home? But, any way, I think it is better to give them a fair chance in life by fitting them for it with an education and I know that children who are not at least respectably dressed are the ones who want to leave school because they are shamed by the other children.

I think that if one can do more for their children by working outside, that is the thing to do and I will say this that my children are as well trained as many whose mothers are at home all the time.

As for my husband, it does make things harder for him than if I were home, but he feels as I do that it is better to have things as they are and live comfortably than to barely exist and after many years of married life we are happy.

I know other mothers who work also, not for luxuries, but for necessities, and to give their children more than they themselves had. So don't think, Mister, that we are working because we want to or

haven't enough to do at home, but because we were forced to do so.

No one knows better than one who has tried it that there are many things that have to be neglected when one tries to hold down two jobs. Also that our Sundays have to be spent in doing the thousand and one things that we never catch up with, but I take my hat off to any woman who will get out herself, rather than force her children out too soon.

ONE OF THEM.

Editor Times—Why did the married woman start working in the first place? In nine cases out of ten it was because our lords and masters persisted in mismanaging our financial affairs until it was the only thing to do to keep our heads above water and still hang on to a few shreds of pride.

How many working women have husbands who practice the theory that they make the money and have the right to spend it as they see fit. Father works hard all week and is entitled to recreation, gets his pay and proceeds to spend his share of it, which too often takes too large a percentage.

Then mother gets what is left to pay the grocery, coal, gas, lights and often payments on a home. Then where is the money to pay for Johnny's shoes, or Tom's new suit, to say nothing for expenses for the rest of the family, unexpected illness and the dozens of other things?

A very small per cent of working women are buying luxuries. More of their money goes for necessities for the family than mother gets for herself.

Father, after his day's work, eats his supper and reads the paper. Mother hurries home to cook supper, wash the dishes, make preparations for two or maybe three meals the next day, and somehow manage time to keep the house clean and maybe do the family washing.

Do you think any woman is going to do all of that if it isn't necessary?

ONE WHO WORKS AT A JOB NO MAN WOULD HAVE.

Editor Times—After reading Mrs. Walter Ferguson's editorial, "Under the shadow of a giant grain elevator, a woman with a babe in her arms stood begging for bread," I must say, her reasoning is somewhat puzzling to my poor dull brain.

I agree with her that in reality we have no overproduction of anything, but an under-consumption. When people have no money with which to buy, they can not consume, and the reason they have nothing to buy with is because four-fifths of the product of their labor is taken away from them in the form of interest, rents, profits, salaries, taxes and fees, which keep the poor in a constant squeeze.

The picture presented here is sure a sad one. I can not see anything beautiful in it.

The writer says "The woman who stood near the elevator, however, does not worry me much, she will not suffer long." Let's not forget she had a babe in her arms.

Again she says "People do not starve in small towns." Don't they? Have you really never heard of it? I know of some now who haven't enough to eat. One does not necessarily have to die to starve, but if they starve long enough they will die.

With all due respect for the lady editor, I must say entirely too few people have the "feeling" they should for the downtrodden.

How do you know she will not suffer long? She evidently was suffering or she would not have been out in the cold wind begging bread.

Again she says: "Out of this unexplainable period of depression may come a blessing for America." We certainly have waited long and patiently for the blessing, but how can one think this period of depression is so unexplainable when there is nothing more easily explained? Perhaps it would have been better to say, A thorough explanation is not altogether permissible.

I want to ask what will become of the poor farmer who has produced the present supply of foodstuffs when the millions of city workers "grope" their way back to the farm? Right now he is pinched beyond endurance, has had to sell his product below the cost of production, and that very thing has reduced millions of them to peasantry and pauperism.

Yes, "farmer's independence" is wonderful. I happen to know some of them who haven't enough feed for their stock to take them through the winter, and want to sell to prevent starvation. Yes, what a great joy it is to realize every time the cow moos, the chickens cackle and the pigs squeal it's to remind the independent farmer they must be sold to pay the spring installment of taxes.

Farming, an honorable vocation indeed, but with all of the honor and independence, there are many who would jump at the chance to change stations in life with any well-to-do city dweller, and trade even, too.

If Mrs. Ferguson or any one she may know of who would like to make the change, I'm sure I could negotiate a deal, and they could keep their souls, and I'm sure after they have enjoyed their independence and daily grind from twelve to sixteen hours a day, on

a diet of turnips, onions, wild grapes and persimmons, they will be amply able to understand and clearly explain the present period of depression.

W. H. SCHREIBER.

Overheated Flue Causes Fire

An overheated flue in the dining room of the University Club, 450 North Meridian street, early this morning gave firemen a busy half hour. Damage was approximately \$200.

Struck by Auto; Injured

Ralph Wurd, 2717 Shelby street, suffered minor injuries today when he was struck by an auto driven by William V. Covert, 2006 Roosevelt avenue. The accident occurred in the 2400 block Shelby street.

CHRISTMAS AT MARATHON JUST ONE MORE DAY

Dancers Stumble, Stagger and Trip Toward New Endurance Mark.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—It wasn't much of a Christmas for the thirteen marathon dancers who have stumbled around the Merry Gardens ballroom since August 29.

All of the eight men and five girls wept a little when a tenor sang "Silent Night" and "Come All Ye Faithful" from the orchestra platform. Bernice Randall, 17 years old and a decided blond, sobbed openly and threatened to go home.

Frank Miller, 54-year-old ex-distance runner and a veteran of fourteen marathon dances, was the only satisfied competitor. "I'm glad to be here," he said. "On the outside I've got four divorced wives and in here they can't bother me."

Miller's fifth wife, also divorced, brought her little daughter Dora and they exchanged presents with the former husband and stepfather.

But there was no home and family touch for the other dancers, several of whom admitted their families do not approve of marathon dances, and they might not hang up their stockings and there was no getting up this morning to see what Santa Claus brought. They hadn't been to bed.

At 11:04 tonight, the dancers will have set another record, the former one being 2,831 hours, 4 minutes and 29 seconds. The master of ceremonies referred often to that fact during the long Christmas eve.

Every time he spoke of the new record—and also when they passed out Christmas presents to the dancer—the spectators applauded half-heartedly.

Globe Trots by Air



An aerial tour that will take her completely around the world is being made by Mrs. Victor Bruce of London, famous British aviatrix. Having flown from London to Shanghai, she then shipped her plane across the Pacific by boat; this photograph was made as she prepared to resume her flight at Seattle, bound for New York.

Next spring she will fly to South America, ship her plane to Africa, and fly north to London.

YULE IGNORED BY RUSSIANS; NO VACATIONS

Pupils Stay at Desks in Schools; Workers Toil in Factories.

By United Press

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—Soviet school children went to school today, taking little notice of Christmas. Children who ordinarily would have been free today will take their day of rest Sunday.

Only about one-fifth of the population was not working today, and those not at their jobs merely were taking their regular day of rest under the Soviet working system.

Roman Catholic, Protestant and the modernized "Living Church" worshippers went quietly about their observance of Christmas, although there were desultory anti-religious processions in the streets, displaying the usual banners. Most of the anti-religious meetings consisted of popularized science lectures.

Most Muscovites seemed indifferent toward Christmas.

BURIAL RITES SET

Mrs. Margaret Ann Welch Died Wednesday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Ann Welch, 529 North Colorado avenue, who died Wednesday afternoon, will be held Friday at the First United Lutheran church. Mrs. Welch was the wife of Russell E. Welch and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Geisler. Husband, parents and three sisters, Francis Mae, Marjorie and Carol Lee Geisler, survive.

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