

POLITICS' EYE ON NEW YORK AS KEY STATE

45 Electoral Votes May Be
of High Importance, Due
to Democrats' Hopes.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—New York's great importance in the presidential election this year has led national politicians to center attention on events there involving such prominent Democratic personalities as Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith, Tammany leader, John F. Curley and Mayor Walker.

It generally is believed developments before election may indicate whether it will be Republican or Democratic.

New York has forty-five electoral votes this year as a result of reapportionment, and this batch may prove more important than in the past because of the Democrats' bright hopes of victory in normally Republican territory elsewhere.

It is pointed out that these forty-five electoral votes, together with those of the south and any two other doubtful sections, will elect the Roosevelt-Garner ticket.

The "solid south," which generally is conceded to the Democrats, has 113 electoral votes. With New York, it would give the Democrats 158, or 108 short of the necessary 266.

Walker Trial Important

The five border states—Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri—have forty-five.

The three middle western states—Indiana, Illinois and Ohio—have seventy-seven.

The northeastern states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey—have forty-five.

Western states where the Democrats are hopeful—Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming—have forty-three.

This tabulation shows how large a bloc New York has, comparatively, in the electoral college.

The most important factor in the Empire state is held to be Roosevelt's disposition of charges against Walker.

Though the Governor says he will not consider political consequences in making his decision, his advisers greatly are concerned. Some think removal would mean the loss of New York, although others say it would be compensated for by strength gained throughout the country.

If court proceedings by Walker serve to postpone any action until after election it would be welcomed by many people in both camps.

Attitude Important

Smith's attitude is almost as important an influence. Many of his followers feel he was given a rough deal at Chicago.

They particularly resent the part played at the convention by William G. McAdoo, Smith's ancient enemy.

The Roosevelt people hope Smith will take the stump for the national ticket, but have had no word from him yet.

If he stays silent, it may cost the Democrats thousands of votes in New York and New England.

Tammany's cause also worries the Roosevelt people. It stood by Smith at Chicago, and it is siding with Walker now. How far it would carry retaliation against Roosevelt in the event of the mayor's removal, is not known.

The Democrats' prohibition repeal-and-modification plank makes a greater appeal to wet New York than Hoover's personal declaration for state control under federal supervision.

C. H. MERZ, RETIRED POLICEMAN, IS DEAD

Left Force in 1919 After 21 Years' Service as Officer.

Four weeks' illness resulted in the death Tuesday of Charles H. Merz, 69, retired policeman, in Methodist hospital.

Mr. Merz was the father of Charles C. Merz, president of the Merz Engineering Company and a former race driver. Mr. Merz retired in 1919 as a patrolman, after having served twenty-one years on the police force.

He was a member of Marion camp No. 3558, Modern Woodmen of America, and of Center camp, No. 1397, Royal Neighbors of America. He was born in Ohio and lived in Indianapolis forty-six years.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

ATTORNEY COMPLETES 5-DAY CONTEMPT TERM

City Lawyer Freed After Serving
Out His Jail Sentence.

Samuel Blum, attorney, completed a five-day jail term Tuesday, having been sentenced Friday by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer for direct contempt of court.

Sheaffer said that the attorney interfered with a prisoner in the courtroom.

Blum was in court Friday with a client Paul Hornack, 30, Brevort hotel, who with Frank Ellis and Bayne Nichols, were accused of a safe blowing at Brownstown. They were ordered into custody of Sheriff W. K. Stewart of Brownstown. Later, Sheaffer charged, Blum told Hornack not to leave the courtroom.

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By Times Special
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Barrel of Vinegar Starts 1,000,000 Gallon Trade



Miss Grace Shipley

Started Thirteen Years Ago, City Business Grows by Leaps.

Peanuts are peanuts when they are at one end of this machine. But by the time they get to Miss Grace Shipley, 1842 Brookside avenue, they're peanut butter. What happens in between—that is the business of J. H. Erbrich, who started by making a barrel of vinegar and now manufactures more than a million gallons yearly, and seven tons of peanut butter every day.

Two barrels represent the growth of the business enterprises of J. H. Erbrich, Indianapolis' food manufacturer.

The first of these is an ordinary hogshead, with a capacity of about 100 gallons, in which he made the first batch of vinegar in the back room of his neighborhood grocery store thirteen years ago.

The other is a giant 20,000-gallon vat in which Erbrich vinegar now is prepared for the market.

Erbrich, who left the grocery business when his vinegar trade became more profitable, now makes, besides vinegar, mustard, potato chips and peanut butter. In addition, his plant at Thirty-second street and Monon railroad, roasts peanuts.

Erbrich is proud of his products. He is proud of the machines he has developed to manufacture his foods.

But he is prouder of the fact that he never has reduced salaries. "We have had no depression here," he says. "And we have found no reason for cutting wages. I have tried to give everybody who works for me a just salary. I think that accounts for a great part of the growth of the business."

Decision to Be Delayed on 9 P. M. Curfew Law

Must Wait Completion of New City Budget; Burk Hits Geckler Views.

Plan of a committee representing the Indianapolis Federation of Civic Clubs to meet with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan for discussion of the "curfew" method of clearing city streets of children after 9 p. m., received a temporary setback today when it was learned that the meeting would be postponed until completion of the 1933 city budget.

Sullivan now is engaged in budget conferences, and probably will devote the remainder of the month to the work.

J. Ed Burk, chairman of the committee, in a statement made at his home today, where he is confined, recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident, took issue with Juvenile Judge John F. Geckler's statement Monday that the revival of the old law is "too drastic."

"Nine at night is late enough for any 14-year-old boy or girl to be on the street," Burk said, in challenging Geckler's belief that the "dead line" should be extended to 10. "It isn't like it used to be in the days when the old law was written," Burk said. "It was hard to enforce the law, now with radio police squads and motorized policemen, the children could be taken to their homes by the officers."

Geckler said the law should apply only to children under 16. The committee plans to ask that the limit be set at 14, in the belief that children over that age know how to conduct themselves."

DEFY FLUNG AT COUNTY COUNCIL BY ATTORNEY

Resolution Will Be Ignored If
"Justified," Clarke Says.

Resolution adopted by the county council instructing Charles B. Clarke, county attorney, to consult the council before acting on legal matters will be ignored if "justified" by circumstances, it appeared Tuesday in a near-clash on the subject.

"I'm willing to help this council," Clarke said, "but I shall not take an appeal at county expense when such appeal is not justified."

He declared an appeal in the case of Robert Hathaway, county weights and measures' inspector, "would have made the council ridiculous and made a fool of me."

After providing for borrowing \$265,000 poor relief funds and passing minor appropriation ordinances, the council today arranged to start work on 1933 county budgets.

Raymond S. Springer, Republican candidate for Governor, spoke today at the luncheon meeting of the Apartment Owners' Association at the Washington.

His subject was "Topics of the Day," R. A. Franke, chairman of the research committee, delivered a report on rental conditions. H. H. Woodsmall, president of the association, presided.

Asserting "juvenile court has had enough money for traveling expenses," the council denied request of Juvenile Judge John F. Geckler for a \$500 additional appropriation.

Bound Over on Alky Charge

Tom Marano, 1517 West Twenty-eighth street, arrested this week by police on a charge of possession of ten gallons of alcohol, was bound over to the federal grand jury today, following hearing before United States Commissioner Fae W. Patrick.

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PENNSYLVANIA SCENE OF HOT BALLOT DRIVE

1932 Battleground Despite
Improved Morale of
Republicans.

By LEO R. SACK
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Despite an improved Republican morale in Pennsylvania, that ordinarily Republican state continues a 1932 battle ground.

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Widespread Dissatisfaction

Widespread unemployment and prohibition dissatisfaction is cutting into normal Republican strength in Pennsylvania.

Republicans there vigorously opposed the straddle prohibition plank adopted at Chicago. Political leaders are now trying desperately to "sell" President Hoover's interpretation of the platform.

Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are the Republican trouble centers, according to Pennsylvania officials.

In both cities the G. O. P. organization, which usually enforces strict party regularity, are having difficulty keeping their voters in line. Hoover carried Philadelphia by 144,000 four years ago.

"Al Smith got 276,000 votes in Philadelphia; Roosevelt will get largely in excess of this figure," Joseph F. Guffey, Roosevelt Pennsylvania manager, advises Washington friends.



Hubert C. Moor

A Marshall (Ill.) coroner's jury has accused Hubert C. Moor, Robinson (Ill.) school teacher, of the slaying of his wife Monday in their car near Marshall. Moor formerly lived in Indianapolis.

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