

POLITICS' EYE ON NEW YORK AS KEY STATE

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

BY RAY TUCKER Times Staff Writer

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. Curry 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 153, or 108 short of the necessary 256.

Walker Trial Important

The five border state—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 course also worries the Roosevelt people. It stood by Smith at Chicago, and 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 west 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 burglary 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.

WIFE TO SUE 'PLUNGER'

Mrs. Jesse Livermore in Reno to Ask Divorce.

By Times Special RENO, Nev., Aug. 17.—A divorce is the next episode in the checkered career of Jesse Livermore, the "boy plunger" of Wall Street.

Dorothy F. Livermore has arrived to file suit. She is his second wife. Livermore ran a shoeing into millions and since has been broke and rich several times. He is said to have been on the short side in 1929-1930, and to have cleaned up a new fortune.

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 hoghead, 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 years 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 is hard to enforce them, but now, with radio police squads and motorcycle policemen, the children could be taken to their homes by the officers."

"Geckler said the law should apply only to children under 14. 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, city attorney, to commit 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 more funds and passing minor appropriation ordinances, the council today arranged to start work on 1933 county budgets.

Councilmen will meet with Charles A. Grossart, county auditor, Monday to discuss increased budget requests of thirty-three county officials, asking increases.

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-sixth 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 Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Despite an improved Republican morale in Pennsylvania, that ordinarily Republican state continues a 1932 battleground.

President Hoover carried Pennsylvania in 1928 by approximately one million votes, but Republican leaders will be happy if he carries it at all this year.

Indicative of Republican worry is the fact that Edward Martin, state chairman, and the regular Republican organization is preparing to fight in every Pennsylvania county.

Senator James J. Davis, Republican nominee for re-election, says he will make an active campaign. Democrats are running Lawrence H. Rupp, former grand exalted ruler of the Elks. Davis is ex-head of the Moose.

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 advisers.

In both cities the G. O. P. organizations, which usually enforce 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.

Pinchot Is Big Worry

Hoover carried Allegheny county (Pittsburgh) by 55,000 in 1928.

"Roosevelt will carry Allegheny county," Guffey predicts. "It is difficult to estimate the widespread dissatisfaction in Pittsburgh."

"I am convinced, further, after confidential reports from throughout Pennsylvania from men and women, who are not fooling themselves, that if the election were held tomorrow, Roosevelt would sweep the state."

Governor Pinchot is the Pennsylvania anomaly. There are widespread reports that at the proper time he will announce his support of Roosevelt.

Pinchot will not discuss this, but it is known that he is strongly opposed to President Hoover.

Youth Cut in Auto Collision

Cuts and bruises were incurred by Venard Trestler, 21, of 1020 West Thirty-eighth street, when his automobile was struck by a taxicab driven by Arthur Keller, 44, of 2218 North Illinois street, at Merrill and Alabama streets. Trestler's car was hurled to the sidewalk and the taxicab stopped after breaking a utility pole.

Taylor sank in twenty-two feet of water after swimming the width of the river twice. Witnesses to the tragedy told police. The body was recovered several hours later by James Clark and Donald Pittman, lifeguards at Rhodus park swimming pool.

William Taylor, 1150 Deloss street, father of the drowned man, said his son left the home of Mrs. Mary Bruder, a sister, at the Bates street address, last Thursday, and had not been seen since.

It was believed the drowned man had been employed for a few days on a building project.

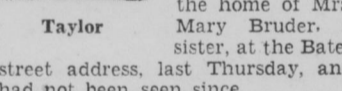
Survivors in addition to the father and sister are two brothers, Henry and John Taylor, both of 511 East St. Clair street. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

SPRINGER IS SPEAKER

"Topics of the Day" Is Subject of Governor Candidate's Address.

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. Franko, chairman of the research committee, delivered a report on rental conditions. H. H. Woods, president of the association, presided.



Taylor

EXHAUSTION BLAMED FOR SWIMMER'S DEATH

Young Man Sinks in 22 Feet of Water; Guards Recover Body.

Exhaustion was blamed by police today for the death of James Taylor, 24, of 820 Bates street, who was drowned Tuesday while swimming in White river near Kentucky avenue.

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Hubert C. Moor

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RICH MAN HELD FOR BAD CHECK

Bound to Grand Jury; Said to Own \$1,000,000 Realty.

Owner of property reputedly worth one million dollars, Charles W. Pearce, 534 East Maple road, a contractor, was held to the grand jury under \$1,000 bond Tuesday by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer when he waived preliminary hearing on a charge of issuing a fraudulent check for \$3,000. Charge was filed by C. A. Shoerluck, Cincinnati, who said the check was issued two years ago when he and Pearce were negotiating for purchase of a hotel in Cincinnati.

The Union Trust Company, on which the check was drawn, refused payment, asserting insufficient funds were on deposit, it is alleged.

BOOZE SLEUTHS HERE GET POLICE WHISTLES

And Dry Agents Try 'Em Out in the Federal Building.

Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!

Corridors of the Federal building resounded with a series of mysterious and continued blasts resembling the notes of a flock of bull-throated canary birds today, mystifying federal employees.

The secret was cleared up when it was learned the sounds came from vicinity of the federal dry agents' office, where the agents were trying out police whistles issued to them by John W. Morrill, deputy dry administrator.

Agents will use the whistles, in the future, Morrill said, to signal each other while on raids, to call for police assistance, and to signal suspected rum car drivers to stop.

McCloskey Has New Idea

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 17.—Eddie McCloskey, Johnstown's widely publicized mayor, today envisioned construction of 80,000,000 miles of sidewalk costing as many dollars as "smashing the depression" in Pennsylvania. McCloskey came here to interest the special legislative session in his plan.

BARBER-POLE CANDY OF OLD DAYS IS BACK

New Method of Display Increases Demand, Makes Jobs for More Men.

The old-fashioned barber-pole candy that was one foot long and a mouth-wide is throwing off its casquet of the past, and coming back into its own.

And to an Indianapolis man, Homer J. Williamson, of 541 North East street, goes the credit in the nation's candy industry for bringing the "big stick" back to swinging with a fervor as in the political era of Teddy Roosevelt.

Williamson evolved a carton, which he has sought a patent for, which displays the red-and-white sticks in all their proud length.

One look at the twenty-four sticks, twelve inches in length each, brings out the "I wanna stick" from depression's adolescents, Williamson says.

"We sold 50,000 sticks, as much as we formerly sold in two or three years' time, by displaying the patriotic candy in their true stand-up barber-pole style," Williamson says.

"It meant five days instead of three days' work a week in the slack season for our employees and the use of extra men," Williamson said.

Williamson is no business Pollyanna, and yet he attributes to the barber-pole stick of grandmother's day as one of the best spurs the candy industry has found.

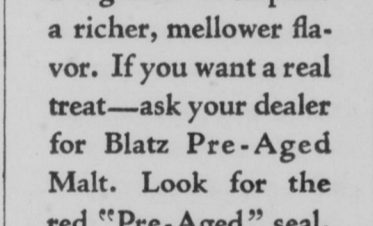
There's 25 to 40 per cent more sweets in the candy bar of today than in the bar of ten years ago.

"Size and weight of candy bars have been increased. Prohibition's



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demise won't help the candy business. The beer-drinker was never the eater of sweets. He got his sweets in a stein," Williamson said. Nor does the "sweethearting" of today compare with the love coos of twenty-five years ago.

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