

## SULLIVAN CITES IMPORTANCE OF MAINE CONTEST

Nation Is Swayed by Result of State's Balloting, Writer Asserts.

(Mr. Sullivan Writes Three Weeks.)

BY MARK SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Gov. Landon's decision to speak in Maine before next Monday's local election, was unexpected. It was made by himself, and his announcement included the following words: "To participate in the first fighting repudiation at the polls of the kind of government this country had had for the last three years."

These circumstances justify the assumption that Gov. Landon realizes the importance of next Monday's Maine election to a barometer. Mr. Landon did not go to Maine for himself, but everyone

body concedes that he will carry Maine in the presidential election in November.

His going to the state on the eve of the election for Governor, Senator and other local officials is a recognition that the outcome of Maine's local election in September influences the national election in November— influences it not merely in Maine but in the country as a whole.

### Sees Psychological Factor

It is an indorsement from a high quarter, and in a striking manner, of the theory that in American presidential elections there is a psychological factor. The factor expresses itself as a tendency of some voters to take their positions on the side of the probable winner, as a tendency by voters and workers on one side to throw greater heart into the contest when they hope to win, a tendency by the other side to relax when they think they are going to lose.

This psychological factor exists in American elections and it tends to have more weight. It is reflected by the widespread interest in "straw polls" that has grown up during the last 15 years. The "straw polls" and the local Maine election in September are indexes, but they are indexes which not only indicate, but also tend to create that which they indicate.

The purpose of Gov. Landon and all other Republican campaigners is to roll up the highest possible Republican vote in the state. Mr. Landon's decision for the sake of the psychological effect throughout the whole country in November. The purpose of the Democratic campaigners is the same for their side.

### Should Be Effective

Will Gov. Landon's visit to Maine be effective? It should be. Its effectiveness depends in part upon the sound theory that the mere fact of a Republican presidential candidate coming to the state will help to bring the maximum number of Republicans to the polls the following November.

But the greater effectiveness of Gov. Landon's visit depends upon how deep it registers with a certain group of Maine voters. In Maine there are voters who think of themselves as Republicans, who earnestly wish Mr. Landon to be elected in November, who will themselves vote for Mr. Landon in November, but who, as respects this September election for local offices, contemplate voting for Democratic candidates.

It is this class of voters to whom Gov. Landon's visit must mainly appeal. The measure of his success depends upon the number of Maine voters who are led to reason somewhat as follows:

"Although I think the Democratic candidate for Governor (or Senator or other local office) is better than the Republican candidate, and although ordinarily I would vote for the local Democratic candidate, nevertheless my fundamental interest is in the presidential election in November, and my fundamental wish is that Mr. Landon be elected President. I realize that by voting Democratic in the September local election I would contribute to a psychological effect which would injure the chance of Gov. Landon's carrying the country in November. Therefore, I shall waive my personal preference in the local September election, and vote Republican then as a help toward making the country Republican in November."

### Democrats Are Popular

As it happens, there are many voters subject to this reasoning in Maine this year. Every one concedes that as to some local Maine offices the Democratic candidates are more popular than the Republican candidates. Every one concedes that there are many Republican voters and independent ones who are expecting to vote for Democratic candidates for local offices, though they expect to vote for Gov. Landon in November.

Maine is likely to be pleased with Gov. Landon. Personality still counts. Inspite of the access to men, power and voices that has been brought by the talking picture and radio, there is still hunger for a direct look at the man himself. Wherever Mr. Landon and Mr.

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## CIVIL WAR SURVIVORS OF 'LOST BRIGADE' HOLD REUNION HERE



Survivors of the Persimmon Brigade gathered yesterday at Fort Friendly here for their annual reunion. The members of the brigade, lost for several days in Tennessee hills during the Civil War, cut off from supply trains, subsisted on persimmons—thus the name.

They are: Front row (left to right) Charles W.

Roosevelt appear immense crowds gather. The personality that Maine will see in Gov. Landon is one particularly adapted to appeal to that shrewd, sure-footed state.

The point of view of Maine about the conduct of public affairs, and about the individual's conduct of his own affairs, is largely identical with the point of view of Gov. Landon, and the things he stands for in this campaign.

### MOTHER KILLS MATE TO ESCAPE TORTURE

By United Press  
CHICAGO Sept. 10.—A frail mother of three children, displaying a scarred cross on her back, told police today that she stabbed her husband to death with a Boy Scout knife to escape his tortures.

Mrs. Edna Smith, 38, was arrested as she fled the scene of the stabbing clad only in a blood-stained white topcoat—crying "he's crazy, he's crazy."

Neary was the body of Clarence W. Smith, 40. He appeared to have fallen while pursuing his wife around their parked automobile.

Recently, she said, Smith had a psychiatric examination but was released.

### FAIR CIRCULARS FLAY TOWNSEND

#### But Candidate Defends His Issuing Invitations to Exposition.

Political handbills, bearing a stamp that they are sponsored by the "Farm Section of the Indiana Republican Committee," have deluged the Indiana State Fair this week.

The handbills, with the caption "Townsend Fair Fair, Free to Some, Free to You" charged that "hundreds of invitations were issued by the Lieutenant Governor to persons in the state and that each invitation was good for two admissions."

The handbill charged the State Fair was being used for "political gain."

A reprint of the invitation was on the handbills.

Mr. Townsend, candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket and fair board head, laughed when questioned about the invitations.

"Sure I issued some invitations.

Lindley, Bloomingdale; Daniel Murry, brigade president; Samuel Fullton, Chrisman, Ill., first vice president; James South, Gosport, Ind.

Back row (left to right): James W. Clark, Indianapolis; Samuel Martin, Salem; A. R. Royster, Indianapolis; Henry C. Rogers, Rockville; James W. Birch, and James Kinney, both of Indianapolis.

They went to county agents, 4-H Club and vocational leaders as well as farm bureau executives. They were sent out regardless of politics. That's been a custom of the fair board for a number of years," he declared.

Members of the fair board, some of whom are Republicans, said that fewer invitations were sent out this year than previous years.

#### WARD CLUB TO MEET

The Tenth Ward Democratic Club is to meet at 8 o'clock tonight at headquarters, 2203 E. Michigan.

For the first campaign rally, Clarence Jackson, head of the state gross income tax division, is to speak.

## Machine to Obtain Power From Sun Gets Too Hot, Test Fails

But Inventor Is Oblivious to Smiles, Starts New Research.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—For 20 years Dr. Charles G. Abbot experiments with a mighty engine to draw power direct from the sun.

Whenever affairs of the Smithsonian Institution permit, he tinkers with mirrors and tubes and boilers, seeking solution of a riddle which puzzled the alchemists of the middle ages.

If he can turn the heat of the sun into power under control, he can revolutionize the life of the civilized world. He can close the world's coal mines, make obsolete the dams, and give every man his own private power plant. The possibilities are almost limitless.

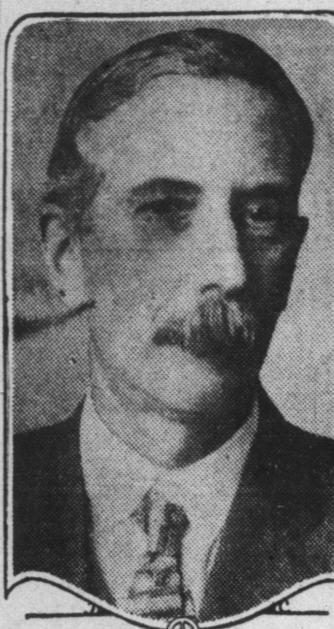
Quietly the gentle Smithsonian secretary works in his laboratories on a stove whose flame is 92,000 miles away. With many an astronomical calculation and man a tug on his graying mustache, he devises a solar cooker, which he installs at his retreat on Mt. Wilson, in California.

#### Roasts Beef, Bakes Bread

A big, concave mirror collects the sun by clockwork, collects its rays and concentrates them on his well-insulated oven. This roasts Dr. Abbot's beef when he is in the West, and bakes his bread. The oven works so well that a little sun goes a long way. Mrs. Abbot can use it to cook at night, thanks to its heat storage feature, and she never gets a bill for her electricity.

From oven to engine is no great step for Dr. Abbot, although it takes him nearly a decade to make it. (We must skip these years of toil and look now at the finished product.)

It is a fantastic appearing device which Dr. Abbot sets up behind the ancient red turrets of the Smithsonian. Essentially it consists of three curved aluminum mirrors,



Dr. Charles G. Abbot

which collect the heat of the sun and focus it on annealed glass tubes.

#### Generates Steam

Through them circulates a sticky black fluid which will not boil, even at 350 degrees centigrade. As this liquid becomes hotter and hotter, it bubbles through heavily insulated pipes to an ordinary steam boiler.

There it turns water into steam which, in turn, sets an engine to chugging and proves to a skeptical world that Dr. Abbot knows what he is talking about. He grooms this machine and tests it in every conceivable way for its unveiling.

Three thousand scientists attending the third World Power Conference came to see for themselves an invention which may change all their present concepts.

Anxiously Dr. Abbot scanned the sky. The temperature was near the

100 mark. Dr. Abbot pulled his battered straw hat over his eyes and went out to welcome the visiting scientists. A radio broadcaster stood by with his microphone.

#### Hotter and Hotter

The fluid became hot, when-Shift—an electric pump burned out. Dr. Abbot could not turn off the sun. He could not repair the motor at once. Hotter and hotter became the pitchy heating element until finally it melted a soldered joint.

The liquid dripped in round, black blobs on the grass. The demonstration was a failure. Some of the scientists were sympathetic. Some snickered when they were out of Dr. Abbot's hearing.

Reporters wiscracked about the machine getting sunstroke. The audience walked away, smiling.

Dr. Abbot didn't notice. He hurried into his workshop for some more research. After 20 years, another few hours don't matter. Today he is on top of a ladder, fixing those joints so they won't leak. If any one wants to laugh, he may. Dr. Abbot won't hear. He wouldn't care, if he did.

## BUTLER FRESHMEN ARE TO BE GUESTS

Freshmen at Butler University are to be guests at a smoker Friday from 7 until 9 p. m. in the Butler campus club. The event is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, national scouting fraternity.

Speakers are to be President James W. Putnam, Coaches Paul D. Hinkle and Herman Phillips and Professor Charles H. Walters. Gray Burdin, a graduate student, is to preside.

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