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Today's primary
~~The election~~

returns from five states leave us not much wiser than we were before. How you interpret those returns depends upon your own inclinations. The consequence is that both Republicans and Democrats are cheering. And apparently both of them have reason.

Of course the most peculiar situation of all was in Michigan. It is seldom you will see such a situation in which one party is seriously interested in the primaries of their opponents. I am referring of course to the case of Senator James Couzens of Detroit. Although a Republican, he was one of the staunchest supporters of President Roosevelt and the New Deal. In his campaign he made no bones about it. In fact, he made no campaign. He had announced beforehand that he didn't care particularly whether he was renominated or not. That if the voters wanted him, all right, and if they didn't it was all right with him. But he wanted it clearly understood that he was for Roosevelt and if they didn't like it they had better not renominate him. Apart from that he made no effort whatsoever to hold on to his

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RETAKE

~~Senatorial toga~~ Republican voters took the hint and handed the nomination to his rival, former governor Wilbur Brucker. So there you have ^{an interesting} ~~the~~ picture of President Roosevelt's Administration defeated in a Republican primary. ^P However, the New Dealers are exulting over a victory in another direction in Michigan. Frank Murphy, High-Commissioner of the Philippines, ~~was~~ nominated by the Democrats for Governor. ^{The flaming haired} ~~Mr.~~ Murphy returned from his job in the Philippines at the special request of ^{his chief} ~~President Roosevelt~~ to run in the campaign. However, there's ^{most} one significant thing in those Michigan returns. The total vote on the governor-ship question for seventeen hundred and thirty-two precincts is some hundred and twenty thousand. The total of the Republican vote for eighteen hundred precincts is more than a hundred and seventy thousand.

So far as Senator Couzens is concerned today's primary ends a career in the Senate that has lasted fourteen years. His independence, his indifference to the opinions of people who didn't like his actions, his forthright

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be interesting if that historic name reappears on the rolls of the United States Senate. Massachusetts Republicans nominated him by a majority of over three hundred thousand votes. ^{He} Young Mr. Lodge is only thirty-three and is only some twelve years out of Harvard, from which he ~~ga~~ graduated cum laude twelve years ago. He is of course the grandson of the late and famous Senator Lodge. His first ambition was to be a newspaper man. When he left Harvard he was a junior correspondent in Washington and worked for awhile on the New York Herald Tribune. But even the hard-boiled experience he acquired as a reporter could not prevent the family predilection for politics from cropping out eventually. Four years ago young Mr. Lodge got himself elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. And ^{now we see} ~~this is~~ his next step.

For the rest the primaries in Massachusetts were victorious affairs for Governor James M. Curley. He made his campaign as the original Roosevelt man. The Democrats nominated him for the Senate by a majority of more than a hundred and forty thousand.

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All this [^]while the ~~the~~ excitement of the Republican victory in Maine has not yet subsided. For two days there ^{has} been gossip that the Democrats would dispute their defeat. Governor Louis Brann who lost out in the race for the Senate came to New York today to talk things over with Chairman Jim Farley. As a result of his conference it is announced that the Democrats will demand a recount in Maine. But that wasn't all Governor Brann had to say by long shot. He took down his back hair and talked quite freely. "For one thing," said he, "if somebody had given me as much money as the Republicans spent in Maine I could have elected a Chinaman ^{to the} ~~Senate~~ [^]." A reporter then asked him if he thought Governor Landon's visit to Portland was the cause of his defeat. "On the contrary," he said, "it helped me." And then he ~~had~~ added:- "Didn't you notice that I had a big lead in Portland? And that was where Governor Landon talked."

A new movement was started in Maine today. Up in Portland they are clamoring "let the President appoint Governor Brann Secretary of War." ~~That would do a great~~

~~deal to effect the effects of the Republican victory. That~~
~~cabinet post of course was made vacant by the recent death~~
~~of Secretary Burns~~ The politicians think that if the

President took Governor Brann into his Cabinet it would have
a strong effect on the ^{Maine} Presidential vote in November.
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FARMS

A new idea ^{to help the} ~~that ought to console~~ people who live in the ~~same~~ "dust bowl" of America comes to light from an unexpected source. Its author is Dr. Walter B. Pitkin, once a professor, who has now turned farm expert. Yes, ^{Walter} ~~I mean~~ the same Pitkin who made ~~quite~~ a sensation and a young fortune a few years ago with his book, "Life Begins at Forty".

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Dr. Pitkin has been making a tour of the drought area in the northwest. And he has come back from it with a novel theory. His recipe for those stricken states is irrigation. What he proposes is a chain of a thousand lakes along the course of the Missouri River, ~~the~~ lakes that will assimilate the flood waters of the big rivers to serve as reservoirs in dry periods. ^H Professor Pitkin was commissioned to undertake this tour of inspection by the FARM JOURNAL, of which he is editor. The money to finance this novel and tremendous project, he says, can be easily acquired. The scheme can be financed by the money that will be saved by the prevention of the usually disastrous ~~the~~ annual floods. He points out that in many parts of this country we are in a state of ~~reorg~~ reorganization. The west, he says, must not only take up

irrigation on a larger scale. We must also restore the buffalo grass that our great-grandfathers found on the prairies when they came. Big scale farming, he declares, has been a mistake. "What we need", he adds, "is farming on a small scale." In other words, break up the huge agglomerations of agricultural land which have been responsible for a good deal of the misfortune in the middle and northwest. Twenty acres, he decrees, is plenty for a farm.

SPAIN

Seven years ago, Uncle Sam came to what was thought to be an epoch-making decision. "We have finished for good-and-all taking any part in European troubles. So why keep warships in European waters?" This step was ~~held~~^{hailed} as a decided advance in our foreign policy. But, alas, it was premature!

More than a month ago, when the QUINCY and the OKLAHOMA were first dispatched to Spain, rumors arose in Washington that ~~the~~^{our} European squadron was about to be reestablished. The rumors were contradicted in several places. Denials were issued at the White House, at the State Department, at the Navy Department.

But an admission came today that those denials in turn were premature. The Spanish Revolution has forced Uncle Sam to reinstate ~~the~~^{his} European squadron.

In making this admission, the government announced^s that for the time being the European squadron ~~was~~^{is} on a temporary basis. It will consist of four ships, - the light cruiser RALEIGH, the destroyers KANE and HATFIELD, and the coast guard cutter CAYUGA. It will be under the command of Rear Admiral Arthur P. Fairfield, who will hoist his flag on the RALEIGH this coming Friday. The

RALEIGH, incidentally, was the last ship of the former European squadron to be brought home in Nineteen Twenty-Nine.

As for the rest of the news from Spain, it seems definite that the Rebels are getting nearer and nearer to Madrid. After a five day rest, they are hemming in the government forces closer and closer. That is indicated by the fact that the principal fighting is now going on at a place only forty-six miles southwest of Madrid.

And the red Government forces say they are ready to blow up the far famed Al-ka'zar, in Toledo where 1750 rebels & their families have been standing siege.

FLIGHT

There's a saying in aviation that the surest way of breaking up a friendship between two men is for them to fly across the ocean together. This adage has been proved all over again in the case of Richman and Merrill. While they were still in England, there were intimations of a coolness between the star singer and his pilot. Richman, however, indignantly denied it and was full of rage against the English newspaper men who started the report. Harry was evidently most anxious to give the impression of harmony and to let the world go on thinking that his plane, the LADY PEACE, had not belied her name.

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But ^{now} when a reporter and cameraman ^a from the New York DAILY NEWS reached Musgrave Harbor, ^{Newfoundland,} the fat was in the fire. The special plane ~~xx~~ of the DAILY NEWS was the only one to get through to the place where Richman and Merrill were forced down. And what a story Tom Cassidy ~~xxx~~ did get for his paper! He found Merrill fairly exploding with anger and disgust at the crooner. One of the principal causes of the pilot's emotion was that Richman had dumped five hundred gallons of gasoline into the broad Atlantic. That was enough gas, Merrill said, to get to Atlanta, let alone

New York. Cassidy then asked him why they landed spank in the middle of the marsh. To that Merrill replied: "Ask Mr. ~~Merr~~ Richman. He's the mastermind. He has been the mastermind throughout." And he went on to explain: "And that's why we were almost sunk in the drink at one time. I was nothing on the trip," said the veteran pilot. And he added sarcastically: "Mr. Richman made all the decisions. It was his ^l fight, his show. All my arguments, based on my experience in flying, were pushed aside."

Merrill went on to say that they could easily have landed on the

beach at Musgrave Harbor instead of in the middle of the marsh ^{and}

~~It was~~ ^{it} was Richman's fault ~~he said~~ that they got stuck in the bog.

The crooner, on the other hand, ^{declared} ~~said~~ he had dumped ~~the~~ ton and a half of gasoline into the ocean because it was the only thing to do. He declared the engine was failing, that the plane had slowed up, and they were in serious danger. That, he said, was why he dumped five hundred gallons of fuel. And that's one of the points that Merrill disputes.

It's an old, old story, this one of people returning from a spectacular flight and not being on speaking terms.

Though the world did not know it, when Wiley Post and young Gatty flew around the world together, they got back to New York hating each other. The quarrels between Lincoln Ellsworth and Roald Amundsen ^{on one side,} and the Italian, Nobile, on the other, became historic after they had flown across the North Pole. When Roger Williams and ^{Lon} Yancey flew from New York to Rome, their friendship outlasted their flight by ^{just} a few short hours. Pangborn and Herndon finished their round-the-world flight disliking each other heartily. The unwritten story of the New York-to-France expedition of Admiral Byrd, Bert Acosta and two other companions, is still a

subject for mirthful rehashing wherever aviators foregather.

I know a yarn or two about the first Round-the-world flight.

^{And-}
In fact, I should say that the only exception to the

truth of this adage is afforded by Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh.

^{They're}
married. And married people never quarrel.

~~So Dick Merrill and Harry Richman can console themselves that~~

~~there's nothing unusual about their present relations.~~

there they are, still up ~~the~~

Incidentally, ~~they're still~~ on the beach at Musgrave

~~Richmond and Merrill~~ ^{glooming at each other}
Harbor. With the help of local fishermen, they've got the LADY PEACE

out of the swamp and on to the beach. She's not badly damaged.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacher left St. Johns, Newfoundland, early this

thru the Newfoundland fog.

morning in a motor vessel, ~~he is~~ taking ^{along} ~~with him~~ gasoline, propeller blades and other parts to repair the stranded plane.

It's expected that the repairs won't take long and that they'll be able to return to New York in the LADY PEACE, ping pong balls and all, in a couple of days. Whether wounded feelings will be as easy to patch as the ^{plane} ~~ship~~ is another question.

DISASTER FOLLOW HURRICANE

From the frigid seas of the North Atlantic, comes a grim story of ~~real~~ disaster; ^{tragedy} a tragedy ~~not only~~ of the high seas, ^{but} of the scientific world. Down from the Arctic regions came a fierce storm whipping up the waters of Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland. In those waters was a famous ship, the exploration vessel whose French name means "Why Not." Aboard it was a party including several of Europe's most famous scientists. Among them was Dr. Jean Charcot.

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That storm caught the "Why Not" in its icy grip, ^{and} drove it aground off Myra on the western coast of Iceland. Though she was a staunch little vessel, the veteran of many an Arctic exploration, that gallant little craft was ~~broken~~ pounded to pieces by the heavy surf of Denmark Strait. With one exception, every man aboard her, crew, scientists and all, perished. Just one sailor floundered his way through the spume and breakers to ~~the~~ shore. He fell amid the rocks exhausted. ^{TP} A party of Icelantic fishermen ^{brought him too -} picked him up, ~~and~~ applied restoratives. But as that sailor spoke only French, the icelanders could not make head or tail of his ~~x~~ story. It was not until he was taken to Reykjavik,

the capital, that the truth of ^{the}~~that~~ ~~tragedy~~ tragedy became known.

^{The Arctic}~~that~~ storm is still raging. More than twenty fishing vessels are

tossing in those furious waters, in ^{grave}~~the greatest~~ danger. ^{right}

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