

Election

Good Eve. Ever-body! -

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(throughout America may have been)
Today's elections ~~are~~ of a minor variety considered in the usual

course of things, but they have an inevitable importance as reflections on nineteen forty-four. In New York State, Republican Senator Joe Hanley won an easy and uneventful ^{and to some a surprising} victory over his

Democratic rival Lieutenant-General William Haskell. As early as ten p.m., New York time, Haskell conceded Hanley's victory. Of

course, in the background stands ^{dynamic} Tom Governor Dewey, who made Hanley's

cause his own. ^{Hanley showed surprising strength in N.Y. City - which normally goes heavily Democratic}
Nor was President Roosevelt absent from the general conversation

about the election. People were inclined to take the contest at the polls as a test for nineteen forty-four, and you can make your own guess about what it means - - this Republican victory scored in New York State today.

In New Jersey, Republican Governor Edge had a decided edge over ^{with the Reps winning both houses.} the Democratic candidate at last reports, ^{in Philadelphia,}

Republican Bernard Samuel won a decisive victory over Democrat

William C. Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to France. ⁱⁿ Kentucky, ^{Donaldson,} the Dem. can. for Governor ^{seems to be well in the lead.} Democrats ^{things were pretty close in Kentucky.} Hartford, Connecticut ^{are ahead in Virginia.} Hartford, Conn.

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for the first time since 1933
~~and election name is~~
elected a republican Mayor, ~~in Detroit Mayor Jefferies lost out~~

~~to candidate Fitzgerald still pouring in.~~

Normally, all of these ballot box compilation^s would be of mere local importance - - save for the all-increasing importance of that coming year of nineteen forty-four.

Wilbur's remark was: "The country is tired, very tired of the present National Administration."

Nat. Com. Chair, Harrison Spangler, said in Wash. tonight that the election returns show the "light of the New Deal has flickered out." He says that next year will have a Rep. President and Congress.

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Pacific

~~Good Eve. Everybody~~

Today American Marines were swarming over mountains on the Island of Bougainville in the South Pacific. After their surprise landing at Empress Augusta Bay, as reported last night, the leathernecks are driving fast ^{a force of more than} against [^] thirty thousand Japanese troops on the Island.

From Australian sources we hear that this speedy Allied thrust has cut the enemy ~~forces~~ in two - - driving a wedge between [^] twenty-five thousand Japs south of Augusta Bay and [^] five thousand [^] north [^] of the bay -

The Marines are making a lunge eastward, straight across Bougainville - - their objective being Kiata airdrome. Upon reaching that point, they will have outflanked the strategic Buin area, with its two ace airfields.

"What I need is airfields," stated General MacArthur today, in discussing the new invasion.

And our South Pacific commander taunted the Japs, dared their fleet to come out and fight.

This thought was echoed in Washington by Secretary of The Navy Frank Knox, who today stated: "We have been hoping for a long time that the Jap surface forces would come out." And he added: "We have failed to find them in force anywhere."

Add Pacific

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and continue with the following:)~~

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The latest is that the Japs have come out with warships to interfere with the invasion of Bougainville, but these were only light cruisers and destroyers. Tonight's bulletin from the Navy indicates that there was brisk fighting between small and speedy craft. The Japs were driven off, their squadron of cruisers and destroyers retiring to the northwest - - that is, in the direction of the fortified island bases where the heavier squadrons of the Japanese fleet are lurking.

Lead Russia

The midnight bulletin from Moscow tells of heavy German losses in the Soviet capture of the important city of Kakhovka, ~~that place is on the Red Army of the river~~ ^{on the} Dneiper, ~~and~~ ^{with} thousands of Nazi troops were literally driven into the stream. The Moscow bulletin tells of thousands of Nazi troops struggling hopelessly in the swift current of the Dneiper.

Another German force was annihilated on the Nogaisk steppe after being encircled along the shores of what is called the Sivash Lagoon, which translated means; the Putrid Sea - - an expressive name.

All of these actions are to be related to the question of that important peninsula - - the Crimea. *And / today →*

Russia

~~Today in Russia~~ → the Cossacks, ~~of the Soviets~~ ^{the} the horsemen of the Steppes, rode down into the Crimea. This followed ^{ing} the smashing of the last German defenses on the Isthmus of Perekop, the narrow neck that leads into the ^{Crimea.} ~~peninsula~~. So now the Germans in the ~~Black~~ ^{Black} Sea Peninsula appear to be definitely ~~trapped~~ ^{trapped} - - ninety thousand of them. They have not been evacuated, although the Hitler generals apparently had time to draw them out. Today dispatches from Berlin denied that there had been an evacuation from the Crimea and predicted heavy fighting, "wild battles."

At the same time, Berlin reports that Red Army units have crossed the narrow water from the Caucasus to the Kerch peninsula, and have landed on that Eastern neck of Land in the Crimea. So, it would seem that the Russians are coming in from two directions, through the narrow isthmus and across the narrow water - - for one of their pincer movements.

Italy

Tonight Allied artillery dominates the little Rommel line from a point near the middle of the Italian peninsula all the way to the sea. This artillery domination is a result of the seizure of two groups of mountains - - called Massico and Matese.

Twenty six hundred foot mount Massico is near the sea, and today British troops of General Clark's Fifth Army made a four mile advance - - more of a climb than an advance - - and battled their way up the steep slopes of the mountain, gaining the crest. From this elevation allied cannon are now in a position to rake adjacent sections in the little Rommel line.

The story is pretty much the same farther inland where the Matese range rises steeply and climaxes with a sixty-seven hundred foot pinnacle called Mount Miletto. American troops of the Fifth Army stormed their way forward and upward, and gained control of the greater part of the Matese range.

As a result of these two successes on high ground, we are told that the little Rommel line is in a tottering state - - "Very severely shaken and a little unhitched," says the Allied communique

It is admitted that the strategic advances announced today were

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made at the cost of considerable numbers of casualties. And, at the same time, we are warned that, while the Rommel line seems to be more or less cracked, the Germans are nowhere in full retreat, but are resisting with power and determination.

~~The Allied going is made rougher, by that factor which we have been hearing about day after day - - the weather. Today's bulletin speaks again of - - "torrential rains."~~

On the side of air action, United States warplanes struck into the far distance today. Flying fortress and Liberators, winging from Mediterranean bases, hit a great Nazi aircraft factory near Vienna - - a plant where Hitler's Messerschmitt fighters are built. All of which is along the line of the expectation that the invasion of Italy means a series of air blows against industrial Germany from the south as well as from Britain in the North.

It was disclosed by the Navy today that one of our topnotch cruisers was damaged in the landings at Salerno - - the Savannah. That warships sustained a direct hit from a German aerial bomb, which smashed a gun turret and set it on fire. Last night at movie-tone news reel, we worked on pictures of the Savannah, and these

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show the blast on the cruiser. You see the Savannah belching clouds of smoke - - and looking like a mighty serious case. But there was heroic fire fighting and the blaze was put out. And today's Navy story tells us that within twenty minutes the damage was under control and the Savannah was once again firing salvos at Nazi positions on shore.

Italian Politics

The news about the Italian political situation indicates that King Victor Emanuel and Crown Prince Humbert are likely to renounce their Royal rights -- though not immediately. A dispatch from Naples states that an abdication will most probably occur some time after the Allied capture of Rome.

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~~This follows word of a decision made by Liberal leaders with whom the premier, Marshal Badoglio, negotiated for the purpose of forming a cabinet that would be representative of all Italian political parties. Among the leaders were Count SPALKA, once Italian foreign minister and long an critic of anti-Fascism. Also - - Benedetto Croce, the eminent philosopher.~~

The representatives of the various parties told Badoglio that they would not serve in any ministry as long as Victor Emanuel remained king and Humbert remained crown prince. On the other hand, they didn't insist on abolishing the monarchy or the royal house of Savoy. They said they would agree to recognize crown prince Humbert's young son as King under a regency. Likewise, they would okay Badoglio as the head of the government - - with a boy King and a regency.

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fact that these two royal personalities for so many years passively supported, or at least tolerated, Mussolini and Fascism. No such objection, of course, applies to the son of the Crown Prince, who is a lad of six. Moreover, Victor Emanuel has always been considered weak, and Humbert is regarded as having no excessive amount of brains - - being more or less of the gay, ~~and~~ good-time Charlie ^{type,} ~~kind~~ of a philanderer. I hear, however, from an informat who knows something about Italian matters, that the boy prince is esteemed to be a precocious little lad, with a lively intelligence and much promise.

~~The demand of the liberal parties for the abdication of the King and Crown Prince was conveyed to the King by Badoglio himself, and it is easy to understand that it was a painful task for him. The old soldier has always been governed by personal loyalty to Victor Emanuel. Today we hear that when he went to see the King he told those about him "I wouldn't wish this job on my worst enemy," said he.~~

They say that Badoglio, ^{in advice} ~~advised~~ Victor Emanuel to abdicate in favor of his small grandson, ^{waged him} ~~but~~ not to do so until ~~the~~ Rome ^{is} ~~was~~ captured,

- - the King restored to his capital, the Eternal City on the Tiber.

And the King and Crown Prince are reported to agree with this.

On the other hand, we hear that the whole Royal problem is more difficult because of the enthusiasm displayed for the King and Crown Prince at Naples. United Press correspondent Reynolds Packard informs us that Crown Prince Humbert received hearty cheers when he passed through Naples recently, and that the great Italian city is plastered with pictures of the King and the Crown Prince.

As a sidelight to all of this, we have some glimpses back in to the past - - the days of Nazi-Fascist brotherhood, those times of the gaudy Hitler-Mussolini meetings. A dispatch from Naples today gives interesting details revealed by Marshall Badoglio. He, as the chief of staff of the Italian army, accompanied the erstwhile Duce to a number of those meetings with the Nazi Fuehrer. And today he states that when they went in to see Hitler, the Italians were invariably searched by the Nazis - - searched for weapons.

Here is Badoglio own narration: "Every Italian," says he, "was searched before attending the so-called discussions - - including myself. It was," he goes on, "incredible, when I arrived with Mussolini, to be suddenly searched for hidden weapons." And Badoglio gave the impression that even Mussolini himself was frisked for a gun by his ever-trusting imitator, Adolph.

Badoglio goes on to give some vivid confirmation of a thing we've heard about a lot, what a meeting with Hitler was like - - Der Fuehrer doing all the talking. "Hitler's conferences were ~~speeches~~ monologues," says Badoglio. "He would take a deep breath and then keep going for a three-hour steady harangue."

"What," Badoglio remarks, "did Mussolini say? He just listened," the Marshall answered. It must have been hard for the Duce, who was one of the great spicers of his time. But then Hitler had not only the jaw bone, but also the most guns; - - so Mussolini listened."

As for Badoglio himself, the last time I saw him ~~was~~ when I interviewed Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia, ^{in 1937.} Badoglio was coming out from an audience with the Duce as I went in. Even then it was understood that Badoglio and Mussolini were not friends. But the Marshal, hero of the First World War, was still a power in Italy, and the Duce could not disregard him.

German Disturbances

Here's a late bulletin from Stockholm which amplifies previous stories of discontent in Nazi Germany. The Swedish story tells us that a state of emergency has been declared in Berlin and several other German cities because of what the Swedish story calls "Serious Disturbances."

Wounded

The first wounded American soldiers from Nazi Germany ^{have} arrived in the United States. This is the latest from Washington, which tells of fourteen disabled Americans landing by plane at the National Capital. They are the first Americans to be repatriated from Germany under an agreement for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners - - an agreement which involves many more British wounded,

Foreign Minister Molotov - - as announced yesterday.

Resolution

The debate on the Senate resolution for post war cooperation produced a new idea tonight. Senator Carter Glass of Virginia suggests - - let's adopt the Moscow declaration. Senator Glass, who was a League of Nations man twenty-four years ago, thinks the Senate should declare its post-war attitude by voting in favor of the document signed by American Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, and Soviet Foreign Comissar Molotove - - as announced yesterday.

Coal

The scheduled meeting of the United Mineworkers policy committee was called off today, delaying a solution of the coal crisis for at least another day.

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C I O

The C I O today passed a resolution calling for the repeal of the Little Steel Formula. That formula, severely limiting wage raises, has had plenty of opposition, and now the C I O comes out strongly against it.

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DOG

Now here's a mathematical problem - how much is two hundred and ten divided by seven? The answer is - ask the dog. At least that would seem to be the answer according to a lawsuit entered at Minneapolis today. A lady is suing for money which, she claims, is due her for teaching ~~some~~ arithmetic to a canine student.

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sweet-home and a hound who could divide two hundred and ten by seven. By the way, what's the answer? You figure it out, fellows I'll have to ask the dog.

Today Mrs. Laube explained that she accomplished still other marvels in the higher animal education. She related how one day a canine pupil of hers right out of his own mind, spelled out the word "Newspaper." She didn't say whether the dog went ahead and read the morning paper. Another time the bow wow astonished her by saying right out loud the word - "clothespin." Why the dog should be interested in clothespins I don't know, since a dog ordinarily doesn't wear clothes.

Most remarkable of all, that particular mental prodigy of the animal kingdom knew the names of the Wagnerian Operas. Maybe he wrote them, as some unmusical people might suspect.

All of this, however, doesn't amount to so much. Mrs. Laube states that she will not reveal the real intellectual wonders performed by dogs she has educated because it would in her own

words, "sound fantastic." ~~That's okay with us because we can't~~

~~went anything~~ ~~this treatment~~ ~~anyway~~

Ansbro end this with something real -

vital to all of us. Oh. George. This is some